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# MUSIC AND ITS MISSION

Its Spiritualizing Influence.

About Good and Bad Music.

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erogeneous lot of words thrown together and none, I presume, will gainsay this without regard to symmetry, or a control ideas that appeal to our rected chain of ideas that appeal to our results in the street of t reason in any assumed literary production, could hardly be termed an essay, veteran, and it is only a few weeks since and yet an immense amount of so-called (and honestly imagined by many well-meaning persons to be) good or classical music, possessing neither "rhyme nor reason," is constantly being placed before the eyes and ears of the good-natured public merely, it seems to me, as a matter of commerce. Even if sounds like words are thrown together, in a strict accordance with the rules of grammar and harmony, unless melody predominates, satisfactory results cannot be realized. Music is not only a distinct language, and a language all its own, but it is undoubtedly the most subtle and powerful of all the mediums through which the human heart can be reached to its inmost core. The poet has well drawn a strong line of demarkation between the power of music and the power of language when he says:

"Music! oh! how faint, how weak,

Language fades before thy spell:
Why should feeling ever speak
When thou can'st breathe her soul so

In their well-meaning efforts to im-prove the general musical taste, our critics are prone to forget that one most important word which should be connected with all real musical compositions. That word is melody. No matter how symmetrical or beautiful a human body, it would be a rather uncanny livening strains he immediately pranced Mr. Beecher's prophetic words should continued by the soul was wanting out most the floor accompanied by a tions. That word is melody. No matter thing to love if the soul was wanting. Out upon the floor, accompanied by a wooden-legged veteran who had not yet musical progressions, a la Wagner, ceased weeping over the tender strains quently met with kind woods and kind.

Mr. Beecher's prophetic words should be realized. During my entertainments for the masses, above alluded to, I frequently met with kind woods and kind. Beethoven, etc., but if the soul (melody) of "The Last Rose of Summer." Beethoven, etc., but if the soul (melody) of "The Last Rose of Summers of the composition is absent it is more to be deplored than a good old Cremona heart and the jolly risibilities was not violin minus a bow, for in the violin the here fully demonstrated, and all in the others, who had music in their heart and the poly risibilities was not heart and the jolly risibilities was not here. Thurlow Weed and others, who had music in their heart and the jolly risibilities was not heart an tone, although inanimate, is only slum- space of five minutes, we may look in and souls. I recollect on one occasion bering among the innumerable mole- vain for a more hearty endorsement of on meeting Henry Ward Beecher at the cules of the wood and strings, and needs the marvelous power of music, and esbut the magic touch of the master to pecially the wonderful effect of the awaken its hidden mysteries, and the violin in its sentimental or merry moods. majority of our so-called classical musical compositions do not possess even who make a business of using big muthe merits of this wooden box. The sical words, of the true meaning of compositions of the above-mentioned which they know comparatively little, musicians have only been successful in exact proportion to the number of real which electrified and made happy more melodies contained in them. In vain than half a hundred warm-hearted, inhave musical societies and influential telligent and educated war veterans bad lovers of the art endeavored to make a music. It seems to the writer, however, scientific progression of sounds palatable | that the amount of real happiness which to the human ear. A recent experience | was called forth from the sweet tones of here in New York City which has cost the dear old violin on this occasion nearly a half million dollars has amply could hardly have been produced by proved that without melody no music so-termed "classical" music. After dincan for long hold the attention of the ner I was again requested to divulge great public. Some of the Italian some of the many secrets which lie operas have run for hundreds of nights sleeping among the molecules of an apin succession, making tens of thousands parently inanimate combination of wood of hearts supremely happy through and strings, and I now selected music of their soul-stirring melodies, and a movel a different order. I shall not say music ment is now on foot in New York City, of a different order of merit, but simply and in fact, has already been in-augurated, to once more establish meldi-nary technical ability to execute. The

instinctively yearn for melody in music. which are mostly as devoid of true melody as a dry bone is of meat, have long efforts, many of the veterans showering since passed into oblivion. To be sure, compliments upon my somewhat maritan occasional composition of one of the orious display of violin gymnastics. old musicians is brought to the front, Again I changed tactics, and, selecting but as a merchant said to his daughter a well-known melody from the opera of (a student in our institution a short time "Martha," I first played it upon the G since), "a little of such so-called music string, giving the effect of the baritone is quite sufficient, and goes a great way." Many of the readers of THE ody in the soprano clef, and ended by PROGRESSIVE THINKER may call to mind the famous remark of that blunt This brought forth such remarks as but sensible old Englishman, Dr. John- "How sweet," "How charming." Our son, when, upon listening to some of the so-called classical music, he was reminded not satisfied with such every-day addifficult. "Did you say difficult, sir?" out: "No, gentlemen, you have not any rejoined the old lexicographer. "Why, sir, I wish it were impossible."

Lord Byron wrote:

"There's music in the sighing of a reed;

but ears: Their earth is but an echo of the

a single musical critic, even among our their musical judgment should be recog- lowest places of amusement, is the multiplication of \$20,000, and that at such a gathering, all sic, the jolly rollicking tunes that sing of \$20,000,

gently analyze a musical composition, and more especially the department of orchestration. Every professional instrumentalyst knows this is true. Yes, "true, 'tis ity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true." This experience which I have related is in no wise exceptional.

Music is indeed a subtle force with

THE GREATEST GOOD TO THE GREAT-

EST NUMBER." People talk a great deal about good music, bad music, classical music, new music, old music, sweet music, etc. Shakspeare even takes musicians to task for furnishing sour music, and in the following terse words suggests an admirable lesson:

"How sour sweet music is When time is broke, and no proportion kept,

So is it in the music of men's lives."

plied to the art of music, from pure love of its potent effects as the ground, but the experience of more than half antury among concords, and discords gwell, has, as my friend, Ole Bull, often marked, "taught me some tings." Jewy Bentham, by the change of one word in the above-mentioned proverb, has perhaps, made it dovetail a little more apropos when applied to one word in the above-mentioned about good and bad music cannot a little more apropos when applied to change the immutable laws of nature, and the music which produces the summum bonum of human happiness is it seems to me, when the dear old cynic made this change he must have indeed

MUSIC IN THE CHURCHES. Many years' experience in the realms of the 'divine art" has convinced me that a mere combination of musical sounds that do not touch the human soul cannot be called music. A heterogeneous let of words thrown together veteran, and it is only a few weeks since I experienced this effect to a remarkable degree. During my late visit to Pennsylvania I was invited to attend a banquet at the home of General John P. Taylor, who, at the head of the First Pennsylvania Cavalry, performed such wonderful feats of valor during the late rebellion. After retrinent speeches by prominent G. A. officers, I was invited to give a the sife my quality in the shape of a few pieces upon the famous old Cremona violin presented to me by Ole Bull. The first piece I played was "Yankee Doodle," with a long string of variations, and the effect produced was exactly as I anticipated, as it evidently set old chords vibrating, as well as called up old and sacred memories. A few moments later a past commander of the military forces of Pennsylvania, and the editor of a prominent public journal, requested me to play the old Scotch melody, "My Ain Kind Dearie," with similar results. Then cama requests for Secries of musical favorites, which each old soldier designated, and which was a

great privilege for me to gratify. One warm-hearted veteran asked for "The Last Rose of Summer," and tears flowed freely before this beautiful melody was completed. The spell, however, was suddenly broken by an old farmer, Would-be leaders in all musical fads,

would undoubtedly pronounce the music effect produced upon this same as-The true-hearted among humanity semblage by the change was of a different character. Instead of touching the has been abundantly proven within hearts and heels of my hearers, the past century. The old fugues, music now touched their heads, and applause of another kind greeted my I now introduced the same mel-

by a friend at his elbow that it was very jectives, and in his enthusiasm screamed

I now made still another switch-off. and played what would be termed by There's music in the gushing of a rill; modern musical critics a strictly classical composition, and before I had half finished it, my hearers began to modern musical critics a strictly light their cigars and crack their jokes quietly, and as I finished the last note, I fear I had destroyed much of the spell And Byron was right. But I fear that produced by my previous exertions. I stant attendance? The great mass of gling children of want and adversity he would hardly have written, "There's will leave it for the intelligent reader to young men and boys in every large city will have the privilege of listening often music in all things," if he had listened decide which, according to the above will go somewhere for recreation, and to the to some of the modern musical vagaries, statements, was the good, and which no appeal to conscience can counteract velent classical music; even prowas the bad music. I must ask the in the potent fascination of spirited music; ders with a smile when it is mentioned by would-be musical critics, the major but when we reflect that many of those have, of course, their allurements, but ity of whom know as much about music present at the banquet represent the all of these would fall flat without the and musical performances as a landsman linest blood that flows through the veins enlivening notes of the violin and other. knows about a ship, and I regret to say of Pennsylvania's greatest heroes, it instruments in the orchestra. The great Rhows about a single musical critic, even among our their musical judgment should be recog- lowest places of amusement, is the mu-

is, to me, pertinent, especially when applied to the art of music. I am aware bly no instrument can successfully un-

Again Shakespeare, that great master of the vagaries of the human heart comes to the front with the following

pithy words: 'Preposterous assi that never read so

far, To know the cause why music was or dain'd! Vas it not to refresh the mind of man

After his studies, or his usual pain?" Take away the musical element from our churches, and our most eloquent clergymen would be at a loss for another medium so efficacious as music to open the

hearts of the people to their teachings. In an autograph letter which I/received from Henry Ward Beecher about the time I was giving my series of "The People's Dime Entertainments," in the great hall of Cooper Union, he remarks: Your enterprise is a noble one. The philosopher's stone was to change all metals to gold. Is not music that masterful spirit? You are about to change musical notes into bricks, and will erect a castle not only in the air, but out of ter from Mr. Beecher, I was endeavormen in an undertaking which I have always had near my heart. It was to exect the labits of decency and self-ways had near my heart. It was to exect the labits of dine entertainments in the great half lost fishermen in my native town, Gloulest fishermen in my native town, Gloulest fishermen in my native town, Gloulester, Mass. The undertaking has never yet been consummated, but that it was to exect the following a few other prominent who called the first meeting in this city children were murdered by Missouri mates, the habits of all creatures, and mobs in cold blood." On page 123 and even the enterprises of man in this convention at Chicago, but the was in cold blood." On page 123 and even the enterprises of man in this city children were murdered by Missouri mates, the habits of all creatures, and mobs in cold blood." On page 123 and even the enterprises of man in this city children were murdered by Missouri mates, the habits of all creatures, and mobs in cold blood." On page 123 and even the enterprises of man in this city children were murdered by Missouri mates, the habits of all creatures, and mobs in cold blood." On page 123 and even the enterprises of man in this city children were murdered by Missouri mates, the habits of all creatures, and mobs in cold blood." On page 123 and even the enterprises of man in this city children were murdered by Missouri mates, the habits of all creatures, and mobs in cold blood." On page 123 and even the enterprises of man in this city children were murdered by Missouri mates, the habits of all creatures, and mobs in cold blood." On page 123 and even the convention at Chicago, but the world world part in this city children were murdered by Missouri mates, the habits of all creatures, and mobs in cold blood." On page 123 and even the convention at Chicago, but the world provide mates, the habits of all creatures, and mobs in cold blood." On page 123 and even the convention at Chicago, but the world provide mates, the habits of all creatures, the habits of all creatures, th tle doubt. When we reflect that between two and three thousand fishermen from that city alone have in a few years been swallowed up in the ocean while uently met with kind words and kind-If the lier acts from such men as B. T. Bab-

Parker House in Boston, grasping me by both hands, he enthusiastically remarked, "I see you are preaching better than the ministers in the Cooper Institute." "Yes," he added with a laugh, "the boys and girls will listen to your fiddling when they won't to our chin music." He then went on most eloquently to speak of the power of music, and how much strength it gave him at his church and Friday evening prayer of music to soften the heart and prepare t for receiving tender and wholesome truths more than the clergy, and Mr. Beecher's stupendous intellect grasped the subject in its most important bearings. Scarcely a day elapses that some of our pupils and friends do not speak of the beautiful music to which they have recently listened in some church, and these remarks especially apply to the Catholic churches.

advocate of congregational singing, I do not forget the fact that the paid professional singers in our church choirs constitute the loadstone which attracts the large assemblages. Barnum (the showman) frequently used to remark, "I first touch the people's hearts preparatory to touching their pockets;" and Barnum did not hesitate as to his methods of touching people's hearts when he wished to manipulate their shekels. He well understood the magical power of music, and still better another power which is as yet only comprehended by the wiser ones. I refer to the power of printers' ink. Per example, let us take the recent fad over that musical meteor which appeared last season in the American horizon. I refer to the pianoist Pade-While we admit that he was an exceptional pianist, yet we have pianists right in our midst who are in every way his equals, and several who are his superiors, and yet our American coadies unhesitatingly bowed to the fact

well as other professions, "Many their fortunes owe, we think; To the magic power of printers' ink." MUSIC IN THE THEATRES.

for it is a fact) that in the musical as

What would be the fate of theatrical ventures if the orchestra was not in con-

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The lowest rates of admission to first-class theatrical entertainments are too high for the majority of the people. Music is indeed a subtle force, with therefore they have the choice of pat effects which can be produced by its ronizing low variety shows, or depriv-mysterious agency that are well-nigh endless, and I may add here that possi-moral grounds. or for purely practical moral grounds, or for purely practical reasons, it might be urged if juveniles remained home altogether it would be better for their present and future welfare, but, as well might we argue that if a coming tornado would blow in a different direction no damage would be done. Sermons are plentiful, and of ectures there are not a few, in which warnings and denunciations are hurled against the many moral afflictions under which society is laboring. If people do not know about the curse of intemperance, of bad company, and other kindred vices of a city, as woll as of their frightful cost and terrible results, it is not from want of information. There is "line upon line and precept upon precept." If good wishes were curative, no one would be sick. If prayers were always answered, our jails, state prisons reformatory schools, etc., would lack for tenants. It is no doubt wisely providen-tial that whatever we wish to have (that worth having) we must work forboth the science that cures the body and the reform that cures the soul. As there are always plenty of sinners to be converted, so there are tens of thousands who rarely, if ever, visit refined public entertainments, because they the cause, Mr. Hull suggested that it have around them an air of exclusive would be a grand opportunity to call a ness to which this class has not been accustomed. A few men are reached, but mer, while the fair was in session. not the masses; a few women, but not the wives and daughters of humble me-chanics: a few children, but not those whose line of life is below that of others, who while being no better than them-selves, have been born to better privi-carry out their impressions. This comleges. certs of a public character, are held at gate convention of Spiritualists to be At the time of receiving this let-om Mr. Beecher. I was endeavor-chance offered for a cheap entertaining to interest some of our prominent ment is where no one can go without men in an undertaking which I have also some sacrifice of decency and self-

Watson, the well-known violinist, dent, but as chairman of the committee, in having conceived and carried out a and myself as secretary of the committee scheme of cheap entertainments for the of five." people. Much has been said and writ- If there is any difference in these ments, but this energetic manager and have the benefit of it, but this is unimment when it is offered at a paltry price. | tention to article five. Hitherto it must be confessed, cheap tentiously good without being vulgar or our courts as much. startling, is interesting and promises Now read Bro. D. well for the endeavor now so auspicious | above: ly made to furnish the public with amusements that are within their means. enormous gain with us; nor does the in- body of a similar character. While I am a staunch believer and nocuousness of the performances weary

time is not far distant when the strug-

"Tide of music's golden sea, Setting toward Eternity." 255 W. 43d street, New York, N. Y.

Political offenses in Germany and France are punished by imprisonment in

The Rhode Island Penitentiary has 124 convicts, and is run at an annual loss

# ORGANIZATION.

The Views of One of the Leading Lights in Ohio.

His Statements Merit Careful Consideration.

TO THE EDITOR:-Please allow me space in your valuable paper to make a give me all needed information. I asked few statements in reference to Bro. him if there was any law in Michigan Dimmick's sweeping annihilation of our facts stated in the October number of the Spiritual Advance. We have no determined the Spiritual Advance. We have no determined to the Spiritual Advance. We have no determined to the Spiritual Advance. sire to act as judge for our people; but I answer was: No, not unless they first claim the right to state facts, and thon let the readers render the verdict for State." themselves. As many of your readers did not receive the above number of the Spiritual Advance, we will just state our case briefly, and make but little reference to his criticism, because it is not to the point. While I was in the secretary's office the day preceding the Chicago convention, I intorviewed Bro. Dimmick, and in the course of conversation I asked him how this National movement was started.

He replied in the following or similar words; others being present and heard

the same: "Some time last winter, Moses and went well until three thousand dollars Mattie Hull were filling an engagement were at stake. Then the committee on in Washington, D. C. One evening, during conversation with a few friends of found by the best legal advice that they would be a grand opportunity to call a State Grange, as it was not chartered convention at Chicago during the sum-under the laws of Ohio, and the matter ties present. They proceeded at once by selecting Milan C. Edson, president, Robert A Dimmick, secretary, and three carry out their impressions. This committee made a call for a national deleheld at Chicago, Sept. 27, 28, 29." Read his correction:
"1. It was not Mr. Hull, as you state,

who called the first meeting in this city watson's different all ments.

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Brother Edson, as you state, as presi-

ten about the necessity of such amuse-terms, Bro. Dimmick surely should

entertainments have carried with them ligious Association, located at Mantua you first receive a charter from the arise from causes creating effects, which an offensive odor. Scores of places ap- and at Ashley, Oltio, was organized in state in which the difficulty arises. But effects conjoin, occasioning other causes peal to the poorer classes with question- 1889, and incorporated in 1890, under this is enough to settle the question for able exhibitions, and they have been the general corporation laws of the state ever. Now we wish to call the attention doubt the manœuvering of all living frequented by boys and roung men who of Ohio, with power to organize and es- of our readers to the question as to creatures are likewise so controlled; yet have been unable to pay for better tablish auxiliary or branch associations whether it is a religious body. amusement and who were said to have no in every county in the state, also to issue taste for better. That there is a decree certificates of stock to its members, etc. question, 'Is your society a religious inon the part of the million for the chaste These associations already have a large stitution?' Yes, Brother King, it is delights of good music, and the gentle membership and a fair show of reliable the aggregation of many religious socistimulus of honest and edifying enter-stockholders, and have a goodly num-eties, and conscientiously we can say it. tainments may be seen every Thursday ber of branch associations, all in a har-While we shall not attempt to decry night at the Cooper Institute, when the monious working condition, and all large hall is filled to overflowing with have an equal right under their charter National, but confined to your state, we to give satisfaction to all living and respectable people who greatly enjoy to elect their speakers and ordain them, refer you to the declaration in the act of thinking creatures. the fine music and monologues. The as much so as any other religious body incorporation, which distinctly states From any known general satisfaction evinced by these in the State, and I taink they are reimmense audiences at what is unpre-spected by the railroad companies and

Now read Bro. D.'s reference to the Now, let us look at the dates of this

"5. You refer to other bodies styling themselves National, one of which is October, soon after I returned from the The cheapness of the thing does not your Religious Stock Association. We convention. It was published in the frighten respectability, which is at an disclaim any intention to make this a October issue of our paper, and I say

the uncultivated. Prof. Watson and exposed yourself. You have not appar- was adopted September 29, by the conhis musical artists have conscientiously ently respect enough for the societies vention at Chicago. But further on we endeavored to provide wholesome de you are trying to get within your grasp, find that on November 1st they did inlights for the masses, and no one can to call them by their right name. The corporate, under class number 2, as a observe the thousands of eager, pleasant idea of societies of Spiritualists acreligious society, nearly a month after faces lit with genuine satisfaction at a knowledging their right to exist from a my article was in print. I am heartily tender ballad or flushed with admira-central society—to establish a veritable glad that they did so.
tion at a violin solo, without feeling pope to determine their status before Some have inferred that Bro. Dimkindly toward the man who has so un- the world and before the law! To pay mick profited by our statements, for most selfishly secured to them so much en-joyment. The "Dime Entertainments" 25 cents per head of membership! What let me ask a question—did the convenare Prof. Watson's patent, and he should a privilege it would be to have such a tion desire it to be so? If so, why did rean the royalty, as he is entitled to pope; but all valuable privileges are they not refer to it in their preamble, whatever legitimate fruits may come of whatever legitimate fruits may come of costly, and this is no exception; \$10.00 constitution and objects? Now, readers, his planting and watering this wide dotomain. So far, Prof. Watson's "Dime ety, and 25 cents per head each year, is Entertainments" have met with a success that was wholly unexpected, and it suggest the remembrance of the time have done. If ever there was a move-like the remembrance of the great was a move-like the great is only just to say in conclusion, that the and manner of the adoption of the great ment of any kind whatever that ema-arrangements at the Cooper Institute constitution claimed by Bro. Dimmick's nated from the spirit world, this organhall are of the most satisfactory kind, circular as being equal, if not of far and the dime patron with his children from the dime patron with his children find that they are treated with a courtesy and attention by the attendants the Constitution of the United fact that the numerous documents that the rest last can be included by Dro. Juminical in the constitution claimed by Dro. Juminical in the spiral works, we therefore sing:

Mind and matter, we therefore sing:

Mind and matter dwell together—

Without either can be neither—

Without either can be neither—

tesy and attention by the attendants the Constitution of the United fact that the numerous documents that that are utterly lacking at some of our States. It was reported at 10 o'clock at have been put forth from first to last, most costly and pretentious places of amusement.

The New York Herald, New York without debate or considered when every one source, and without any exercise of any mind and matter onward tread. From World and other large dailies, as well as was tired and anxious to proceed with a study or will power of my own, and many other public journals, were filled programme of entertainment. No one these have originated with me, except mensity of space, down to atoms beneath at the time with sentiments like those felt like taking any time or giving the such as have come from Brother Bar our vision grandly onward is the race. above quoted, and I sincerely hope the matter proper consideration. It was rett, our president." hurriedly pushed through, a dead cock in the pit. These facts every delegate ers." knows who realized the situation.

under the laws of our land this National the convention. If I am not mistaken, Association of Ohio has the same legal that convention spent nearly one day right to issue charters in other States and a half on your antedated docutant you have and no more so has the Ments, when your prepared constitution National Spiritual and Liberal Associations and the whole tion of Floridathe same right; but we business referred back to the convenclaim that neither of the three National tion, new committees appointed and a

and they all say emphatically, you must first secure a charter under the laws of the State in which you propose to issue

your National charters.

An incorporated insurance company of Indiana has recently been forbidden doing business in Ohio, it being decided as unlawful, Last August I in terviewed the secretary of the State of Michigan, stated my purpose to him as being that of organization. He courte-ously conducted me to the head clerk's office, introduced me and requested him to

I then asked him how other religious bodies proceeded to become, as it were, one. He said the Disciples, also the Methodists of Ohio charter in Ohio; the same sects charter in Michigan, then form an alliance which gives them legal recognition in either State.

In 1886 a few persons secured an act of incorporation and received a charter at Washington, D. C., as "Patrons of Husbandry," and are known as the National Grange. This society issued a charter to the Patrons of Ohio, to be known as the State Grange of Ohio. Everything could not sue in the name of their daring to run the risk of a trial. For committee, Mantua, O., or the Master of the State Grange of Delaware, O.

One more point: We read in "Gleanings from the Rostrum," by A. B. French, on page 122, in referring to the persecutions of the Mormons in Mis-

Van Buren, and Congress seemed to be impressed with the justice of their

"9. Yes, we can truly reply to the that the object is for the purpose of religion-to promote religion, morality,

matter. Our article, that Bro. Dimmick is criticising, was written the first of nody of a similar character." now, as then, that the word religion did Bro. Dimmick, here is where you have

Pre-eminent-meaning "above oth-

Well, so is the Pope the pre-emi-Now as to our claims: We insist that his documents, some of which antedate Associations have any legal right to is new constitution framed, which was lawyers and judges in different States no desire to block the wheels of pro-year 5,546.

gress, or stay the tide of Spiritualism. My time and my means have been largely used in the cause. I work for what seems right and just, and when your association has for its basis true American principles, it will find no stronger adherent than myself.

D. M. KING. Mantua Station, O.

MIND AND MATTER.

Cogent Thoughts in Reference to Them.

Matter, self-existent and eternal; possesses inherently every principle in the Universe. Mind is a counterpart thereof and both in Nature are absolute necessities, for without mind there would need be no such principle as matter; neither is the dominant principle, since one alone is a cipher, while both united are the Universe.

Out of nothing nothing arises, while from something, something must for-ever exist; consequently it is evident that nothing tangible was ever created, and in no way can ever be ultimately

In whatever form material may assume, the results of evolution call for to correspond with the developments whereby everything assumes its proper sphere in accordance with the condi-

compensation.

All the operations of nature are most definitely systematized and the sum- under the laws of Ohio, and the matter This was compromised, the committee not thing attends every other of its class or kind, and the conditions attending any further information apply to F. A. one planet in its formation, are equivalent to those attending all others in like stages of development, and through all gradations down to infinitessimal atoms, all are favored to their sufficiency, perfectly corresponding with what is due.

In considering planetary conditions, we reason from our own world as a sound; "Hiram Smith testified that the sample one, and the clements, species, three or four hundred men, women and children were murdered by Missouri mates, the habits of all creatures, and

and harmony of their axial and orbital revolutions, as well as the principles claims, but affirmed they were powerless to aid them, inasmuch as Missouri was a mineral kingdoms, are clearly portrayed to aid them, inasmuch as Missouri was a mineral kingdoms, are clearly portrayed sovereign State, and fully empowered to to our understanding as being those of deal with its own citizens." Now, if the perfection, to the utmost minutiae, yet President and Congress of these our being unable to appreciate the ex-United States are powerless to aid a istence of any intellectuality above that religious association, when it has not of man, we are naturally prone to cononly been insulted and persecuted. mass of the people will eagerly patronize a clean and enjoyable entertainment when it is offered at a paltry price.

In and four, as they are nothing to the case but murdered, what can your society, under your charter, granted to you by the volition of thought. From our best the laws of the District of Columbia, do researches, we are forced to the concluresearches, we are forced to the conclu-"5. The National Spiritual and Re- to protect mediums and speakers, unless sion that all of the operations of nature that does not affect in the least the volition of thought which guides the actions of every creaure of life.

For some great purpose the Universe exists, and to that purpose all materiality is appropriated, yet while the problem of the origin or the end admits of your Religious Society, organized as no solution, the evolutions seem to work

From any known laws, we know of no way of adding to or taking from the least particle of matter belonging to the illimitable ocean of space, and we are prone to believe if it were possible to have weighed the Universe in the aggregate a million years ago, and also today, the difference would not "stir the scale or rock the beam;" and from this we would infer that all the power of thought in existence at any period, is exactly equivalent to that of any other period, so all the power of intellectuality which is possessed by any creature or individual must have been drawn from something else, otherwise it would of necessity had to arise from nothing, which is an absurdity.

It is evident that mind is quite as precious a principle, if not more so, than rude matter, and since we have seen that not a particle of matter can be an-nihilated, it stands to reason that the grandest fruits of materiality should in

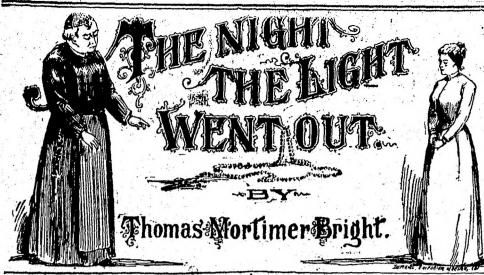
no way ever be rendered extinct.

The idea of mind existing without matter dispenses with the necessity of matter ever existing. If an infinite mind could exist without matter, so might a finite one, but as we are prone to think that mind is the essence of matter, we therefore sing:

From eternity behind us to eternity worlds sublimely rolling through im-From beyond the orbs that twinkle, to minute worlds 'neath our sight, on the business runs in order, mind and matter nent head of Romanism. He speaks of still unite. Without one wherefore the his documents, some of which antedate other? What is substance without thought? Worlds unnumbered known to nothing are equivalent to naught. Wherefore thought o'er naught to labor? What accomplishments are made? What a barren, idle heaven without elements for aid, FRANCIS D. LACY.

Nirvana, Mich.

sue a charter outside of their own State. adopted the following day. Now, Bro. Kansas City, Mo., has 150,000 popula-I have solicited the advice of eminent Dimmick, do not get vexed. We have tion and 185 police. Total arrests last



The Perpetration of a Crime.

CHAPTER I.

I had just returned from a trip to the distant city of C-, and, as I boarded the uptown horse-car. I heaved a sigh of contentment, as I then felt nearer home (or, rather, nearer the cosy room in a boarding-house that was, temporarily, home to me), and I flung myself into a seat and patiently waited till my street was called by the conductor. When it was reached, and I alighted from the car, I was surprised to find myself in almost total darkness. To be sure it was night, and there was no moon till early morning, but at the corners of the three streets that cross the avenue stand tall electric light columns, that had heretofore been unfailing in illuminating the adjacent neighborhood; yet they were all shrouded in darkness, and why-why? Ah! that was what puzzled me; and that query persistently haunted my brain, repeating itself with added emphasis, until I would fain have banished the gruesome thoughts that came to my mind in answer to the "why?"

"What an opportunity for crime!" I mentally ejaculated. "No light, nopolice, and few pedestrians. Well, I at least shall remain indoors, and renew my acquaintance with my favorite author and unfailing entertainer all was noiseless. When the last two figures the incomparable Dumas."

novel I had long wished to read, having heard emitted by the "bull's eye." Gradually it so much of the enforced exile and life of neared the school building and then paused. apprehension led by the author in consequence A queer, squeaking sound fell upon my ears, ministration or by congress. of too openly portraying the lives and methods which were now strained to catch the slightest of a certain sect of religionists; so I borrowed sound (for I had opened my window so that the book and repaired to my room, expecting nothing could escape my vigilance). It cona literary feast, in which I was not disap. tinued for nearly five minutes, then a sharp pointed. I sat enthralled, eagerly devouring double jar-as though a scaffolding had struck "The Wandering Jew," and noted not the the ground. Scaffolding! The thought froze flight of time. On and on my eyes sped over my blood. What, oh, what were they doing? any party that will give it power, and for the the closely-printed pages, which seemed to I nearly screamed in the intensity of my feelgradually fade from sight.

from my chair. Whether it was the influence figure shrouded in inky robes, being strapped haunting query that yet echoed in my overwrought brain, I cannot say; but certain it is that thoughts began to come to me, throbbing with life, and all, seemingly, strongly tinged with trath, and I became a listener, as it were, repeated within my brain:

heaven, and yet continue in the lusts of the all was still as death. flesh; gratifying their desires with cruelty and hellish craftiness when gentle methods fail.

killed by poison." To say that I felt terror-stricken is putting it none too strongly. There was goose-flesh all over my body, and each particular hair stood off at a sharp angle. I tried to walk to the window, but from dread, or the uncanniness of the whole thing, my body seemed frozen to the chair-my will was paralyzed! Once, twice, my efforts to rise were unavailing; thrice I tried it, and still my body refused to obey the behest of my volition. By a mighty bound I finally gained a standing posture, and moved forward slowly, for after such a superhuman struggle to gain control of my body, and after such repeated failures. I knew not at what moment it would again rebel, and leave me helpless. I found I now was supreme, so I turned the gas to the least blue spark, and stealthily opened the inside shutters. All was still and dark without; neither in the church, the school nor the convent gleamed the least hint of light-all was silent and seemingly deserted. I laughed softly to myself, for surely I saw nothing to substantiate the sensational whisperings that had come to me as I sat in the chair before the gratefire. My blood began to flow naturally again, and I felt warmer, and, consequently, braver

"Begone, ye demons of night!" I exclaimed. in a low tone, for not having spoken, I felt the completion of repairs—frescoing and re- America's sending a diplomatic representative uncertain as to the pitch at which my voice modelling-to the cathedral on the farther side to the Vatican." would sound. "You have stirred me up with of the same square. I correctly conjectured Government officials do their work under a a pretty lie, and no thanks to you for it."

full, shaved and proceeded to retire. Just hind the school and adjacent to the cathe- Romish priesthood. I am familiar with facts then I heard the sharp thump of a patrolman's dral), or to the improvised chapel to mumble which plainly convince me that the papal mace against the brick building across the prayers for forgiveness for their participation power in many of our departments here exceeds way, and from sheer desire to behold a human in what had transpired that night. being-to make me feel less alone-I peered been removed from the schoolyard fence, though had seen caused every mouthful to choke me. called attention to the regular monthly visits "Twas a moment of triumph that showed me yet be high fence divided the women's building Several present remarked my extreme pallor of so-called nuns and sisters of charity, who

from the public yard). I decided to watch the light as long as it could be seen; so hastily donning my trousers and dressing gown, I took a seat close to the window. The light was flashed over every foot of that yard, into every corner, then the patrolman (for such I deemed him, though his form was not visible) came to the gate way, shut the slide of the lantern and stood still, as though intently listening for footsteps. Hearing none, he opened the slide a very little (as if to indicate the pathway to himself and yet almost obscure the light from possible onlookers), and moving towards the woman's gate, gave a low whistle and passed into their yard (which I had always thought was never entered save by men of the Order, or those who came with produce); he went down the steps leading to the basement door. and there he whistled twice, softly, but in rapid succession. The door was swung open by one whom I could not see (though my room being second floor front I had a good view of the entire court by day, and by night, too, when the electric light shone). Soon there emerged through the doorway eight dark-robed figures—whether all men, or all women, or both, I could not determine. They walked steadily and with measured tread, as I could see by the light that shone behind them from the basement room or hallway; but, of course,

ings, for a horrible presentiment had possessed A shiver passed down my spine, and I expe- me. The light was increased for a few seconds rienced a racking shudder that nearly shook me and in that time I had a glimpse of a prostrate of the personality of the author infused into to a scaffold which had, indeed, been lowered the story or the knowledge of the proximity of from the school building, left there by the occupied an entire square), or because of the bricks (for the next day I saw it there, and later saw the painters, or men in painters' garb, come and remove it—as though the plan had been abandoned). The creaking commenced tomed light, both at the street-corners and mid. safely reach the top floor. When the noise regularly made to some of their institutions.

Report? I'll wager he reported nothing that press notice, take this: ers came forth, though I watched till early is confirmed that the Vatican has instructed mass began in the basement of the school Archbishop Satolli to influence Catholic memmass began in the basement of the school Archbishop Satolli to influence Catholic members a higher pay.

building, which was used as a chapel pending bers of Congress in Washington in favor of Sometimes I was tempted to give it up, and go,

from my window. I did not see the man, but called me to rational life again, and to calm to express their judgment as to the way in I saw the searching flash from his dark-lan my fevered brain I went out for a walk before which their government is being perverted by tern as he walked around the small court that breakfast. I ate sparingly, for my seat faced sectarian interference? Some time ago I had a lay between the buildings (for the gate had the school building, and the memory of what I talk with a member of the Cabinet. in which I

and nervousness, but I passed it off lightly, solicit money, during the business hours, from saying that my long ride in the train and a nearly all the clerks of the different divisions, forth before dawn.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



It is Winding Its Poisonous Coils
Around Washington, D. C.

Its FangsAre Sinking Deeper and Deeper.

The Arnold Publishing Co., of Boston, has So you're the chaplain! You needn't say what sent out many interesting and instructive tracts, but none have been filled with more meat than the following under the heading You've come to say that my sin is great, yet "Facts from Washington:"

The statements published in this number of The Envelope Series are furnished us by one who, as a resident of Washington, knows whereof he affirms. They could be greatly multiplied, but are sufficient, it is believed, to passed out, the house door was softly closed. | call the attention of patriotic men of all parties But I'did not, as I found in the parlor a and I saw only the fitful flash of the small ray to a condition of things that the next presidential election should make impossible of continuance, if it is not corrected by the present ad-

> These facts are not sent out for the purpose of stirring up sectional strife, or awakening partisan feeling, or religious bigotry, but that Protestants may see that Romanism here, as in Italy, Germany, and France, is a great political machine, and that it allies itself with time that such party will further its interests.

The greed of public moneys has ever possessed Rome; and in every country where she has directly or indirectly ruled she has built up her influence both by public funds and by impoverishing the masses, with the well-known result in such Catholic lands as Mexico, Italy a certain group of buildings, owned by the painters who had, presumably, hoisted it pre- and France, of being in the end stripped by same sect (they were directly opposite, and paratory to brightening up the dingy gray government of her ill-gotten gains for the publie good.

The Roman Catholics have twelve million dollars' worth of property in the city of Washington, largely secured since the civil war. again, and ever and anon I could hear the Fully two thirds of this represents contribuagain, and ever and anon I could hear the Fully two thirds of this represents contribuyour "Sin no more," "Trust in the Lord."
stretcher (for it was such, in reality) strike tions by Protestants, gotten from government When for days and days you are turned from to a statement that seemed phonographically against the wall, and my heart echoed the sup clerks by a system of beggary with more pressed groan I heard uttered by those who yet or less of coercion in it, and from the "The reason for the absence of the accuss stood below, waiting until the burden should government by appropriations which are way the square opposite your windows, is that ceased, the light passed down the steps into All of the Protestant holdings in this city do a crime is contemplated, and light (ever the the basement of the school, followed, I sup- not approach in value half of this amount. enemy of vice) would thwart the designs of pose by the eight ghouls (such they seemed to This immense ecclesiastical power has now bethose who would pose as deputed saints of me); then the door was closed and bolted, and come a menace of frightful proportions. There is in this city one Presbyterian, one As death? Was that prostrate form really Lutheran, one Episcopal, and one Methodist They are all dry now! They say I'm hard, bea corpse, or ——? I shuddered with appra church of fine architectural proportions. Then Turn down your gas, and peep from your hension! The upper windows were opened, there is one Baptist, one Congregational and window, and you can see for yourself what will then a grating sound as the stretcher was lifted one Episcopal church, large, but plain, and be done. They have taken precautions that in, and once more quiet reigned without. I without architectural ornamentation. The will deceive even those who may be abroad at felt convinced that there would not be any reason, for this paucity and poverty of the this hour; but you have keen eyes, and can sleep for me that night, or rather morning, for Protestant churches is found in the fact that witness what Eugene Sue wrote of, and for I saw by my watch it was quarter of four the members are mostly government clerks of which he suffered the torturing fear of being o'clock. I heard the chime of a town clock, small incomes. There is no city in the counsomewhere, and it seemed to vibrate within me try, of equal population, with so many vast so strained had my nerves become in wit marble and granite Romrn Catholic churches. nessing the barrowing spectacle. I dressed of almost cathedral pretensions and proporquickly and resumed my seat by the open win- tions, costing from a quarter of a million to a dow. I had before been too excited to feel the million dollars each. Satolli and his retinue raw winter air-for it was then the dawn of are referred to in the daily press of this city the 20th of December. 1891. but in the calmer as the papal legation. This is by Roman If justice to me had been justice to him, and covmood which succeeded, I knew I had been im- Catholic direction or approval, of course, as prudent to take no thought of my own health, nothing goes into the press which has not the so I put on my heavy top-coat previous to re. approval of the Roman Catholic church. The suming my self-imposed vigil. I also took a Civita Cattolica, the organ of the propaganda mild toddy, and ate the remnants of the tooth in Rome, interprets the reception of Satolli, He joined the church, and he's preaching now, some lunch which thoughtful home folk had the place given Cardinal Gibbons and other provided; thus fortified, I could with comfort Romanist prelates in the Exposition, and eswatch as long as necessary. I was determined pecially the late letters of President Oleveland If they dealt with me as they dealt by him, mayto see who came out of the building before or to Leo XIII., as an indication that the Amerafter daylight, and I scarcely removed my eyes ican people are becoming more favorable to from the places of egress. At half-past five, the Roman Catholic theory of government, was rewarded by seeing three nuns come and the European press refers to the presence from the door at which the procession had of Satolli as to the presence of a papal legate. passed from my view; they quickly went to The effort of the Vatican is to have relations their building; later, the patrolman came with this republic as an independent power. Christ wasn't a woman—he couldn't know the with members of the family, kept watch. around from the rear of the school and wended and they may be expecting the president to his way homeward, or to his station to report, favor this. As an example of European

occurred that night, except what happened on his regular rounds in other quarters! No oth-spondent of the Central News says: 'The report Nor work to get it, nor sheltering from the

that the rest of the night-owls had been men, Jesuit surveillance that puts the whole govern-So I closed the blinds, turned the gas on and had later repaired to their own house (be-mental system practically under the eye of the that of the heads of the departments themthat of the heads of the departments them a love-tune hummed on those lips of lies.

The clang of the rising-bell, down stairs, reselves. Have the American people any right. It lay at his feet, with its pinched white face salled me to rational life again, and to calm to express their judgment as to the way in

hearty lunch in the night must be my excuse, contrary to the rules, plainly posted, forbid as I was not accustomed to such innovations ding all persons from entering the different When accused and accuser stand face to face, he in the calm routine of my life. As there was rooms for such purposes during these hours, no need of my being at the office that day—it I said to him: "Mr. Secretary, I am perfectly The rest? Oh, nothing. They hunted me, and being Saturday—I returned to my room after candid with you; I want to know if you will with virtuous lawyers' virtuous tears To a virtuous jury convicted me; and I'm senpurchasing a morning paper. Casually, after answer my questions, and I wish to use pubscanning the main items of news, I turned to licly what you say. How is it that every the column of death notices. I think there was month these nuns come into your department in my mind, at the time, a half-defined thought and go into almost every room and to almost that among those advertisements I would find every desk? Here is a department which gets mention of the figure that had been carried two million dollars annually. The clerks are two million dollars annually. The clerks are or ambition, or earthly trust, expected to pay money over to the nuns. Is as dead as dungeon-bleached bones in me-How is this?"

(Spiritualists, read carefully these astounding statements in reference to the Romish Octopus at the National Capital. They will be continued next week.)

## THE BETRAYED.

A Sad Picture of a Wrecked Human Life.

To THE EDITOR:-In a late issue of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. in an article entitled Am I repentant for the last act, the last on earth "Desolate Christmas," was a sad picture indeed. I was reminded of a somewhat similar From the long-drawn misery of life, in the early picture described in a poem, which was handed me about two years ago, by a gentleman residing in the Indian Territory, who represented No, I'm neither a fiend, nor a maniac—don't look himself to be the father of the author of the said poem, and which you will find herewith Did I not love it? Yes, I loved with a strength inclosed, and which you may, if you think best, publish in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER-De Soto, Kansas. JAS. B. ABBOTT.

THE BETRAYED.

you've come for; I can guess; You've come to talk about Jesus' love, and re-

greater the mercy of Heaven will mete, If I, like Magdalen, bend my head, and pour my tears at your Savior's feet. Your promise is fair, but I've little faith; I relied

on promises once before| They brought me to this—this prison cell, with its iron-barred window, its grated door! Yet he too was fair who promised me, with his tender mouth and his Ohrist-like eyes; And his voice was as sweet as the summer wind

that sighs through the arbors of Paradise: And he seemed to me all that was good and pure and noble and strong, and true and bravel had given the pulse of my heart for him, and deemed it a precious boon to crave.

You say that Jesus so loved the world he died to redeem it from its sin: isn't redeemed, or noone could be so fair without and so black within.

trusted his promise, I gave my life; -the truth of my love is known on high; f there is a God who knows all things—his prom-

ise was false, his LOVE was a liel t was over soon, oh! soon the dream-and me he had called "his life," "his light," Ie drove me away with a sneering word, and you

Christians said that "It served me right." was proud. Mr. Chaplain, even then; I set my face in the teeth of fate, And resolved to live honestly, come what might Yes, and I prayed that the Christ above would

help me to bear the bitter cross, And put something here, where my heart had been, to fill up the aching void of loss.

t is easy for you to say what I should do, but none of you ever dream how hard s the way that you Christians make for us with

work with cold politeness, or open sneer, You get so you don't trust a far-off God, whose creatures are cold, and they so near,

You hold your virtuous lives aloof, and refuse us your human help and hand, And set us apart as accursed things, marked with a burning, Cain-like brand.

But I didn't bend, though many days I was weary and hungry, and worn, and weak, and for many a starless night I watched, thro

cause I never weep or moan!
You can't draw blood when the heart's bled out; you can't find tears or sound in a stone!
And I don't know why I should be mild and meek; no one has been very mild to me. You say that Jesus would be-perhaps! but Heaven's a LONG way off, you see.

That will do: I know what you're going to say, "I can have it right here in this narrow cell. The SOUL is slow to accept Christ's heav'n when his followers chain the body in hell. Not but I'm just as well off here, -better, per-

haps, than I was outside— The world was a prison-house to me, where I dwelt, defying and defied,

don't know but I'd think more of what you say if they'd given us both a common lot; ered our names with an equal blot:

But they took him into the social court, and pitied, and said he'd been "led astray;" In a month the stain on his name had passed, as a cloud that crosses the face of day

just as you are, the love of God, and the duty of sinners to kneel and pray, and rack in another room began to flicker and humbly to kiss the chastening rod.

have more faith in a Just Above.

dreary wind and the howling street.

Heavenly pity won't pass as coin, and earthly

like others, the easier way; But I didn't; no, sir, I kept my oath, though my baby lay in my arms and cried, And at last, to spare it—I poisoned it! and kissed

'd never seen HIM since it was born (he'd said that it wasn't his, you know); But I took its body and laid it down at the steps

its murdered lips when it died.

of his door, in the pallid glow Of the winter mornings, and when he came, with

hadn't closed them; they were like his, and so was the mouth and the curled gold hair, And every feature so like his own—for I am dark,

there was a passion I could feel,

When I saw him bend o'er its meagre form, and starting backward, cry out and reel! If there is a time when all souls shall meet the reward of the deeds that are done in the clay,

will cry out so in the Judgment Day!

tenced to stay here for twenty years.
Do I repent? Yes, I do; but wait till I tell you of
what I repent, and why: repent that I ever believed a man could be anything but a living lie! I repent because every noble thought, or hope

as dead as my child in its murdered dust! Do I repent that I killed the babe? Am I repent

ant for that, you ask? answer the truth as I feel it, sir; and leave to others the pious mask.

Am I repentant because I saved its starving body from Famine's teeth? Because I hastened what time would do, to spare

it pain and relieve its death? Am I repentant because I held it were better a grave should have no name Than a living being, whose only care must come from a mother weighed with shame?

Am I repentant because I thought it were bet-ter the tiny form lay hid rom the heartless stings of a brutal world, un-

in my power to save

death and the painless grave?
I'm GLAD that I did it! Start if you will! I'll repeat it over; I say I am GLAD!

as if I were going mad!

that you, sir, can never feel; It's only a strong love can kill to save, though itself be torn where time cannot heal. You see my hands-they are red with its blood!

Yet I would have cut them bit by bit, And fed them and smiled to see it eat, if that would have saved and nourished it! 'Beg!" I did beg,-and "pray!" I did pray

God was as stony and hard as Earth, And Christ was as deaf as the stars that watched or the night that darkened above his birth? And I-I feel stony now, too, like them, deaf to

sorrow and mute to grief;
Am I heartless?—yes;—lt—is—all—CUT—OUT!
Torn! Gone! All gone! Like my dead belief. Do I not fear for the judgment hour? So unre-

pentant, so hard and cold? Wait! It is little I trust in that; but if ever the scrolled sky should be uprolled And the lives of men should be read and known and their acts judged by their very worth,
And the Christ you speak of shall come again

and the thunders of Justice shake the earth, You will hear the cry: "Who murdered here? Come forth to be judged, fulse heart and eyes, That pulsed with accursed strength of lust, and loaded faith with envenomed lies!

Come forth to the judgment, haughty dames, who scathed the mother with your scorn, And answer here to the poisoned child, WHO decreed its murder ere it was born? Come forth to the judgment, ye who heaped the

gold of earth in your treasured hoard, And answer "guilty" to those who stood all naked and starving, beneath your board. Depart, accursed! Iknow ye not! Ye heeded not the command of Heaven:

"Unto the least of these ye give, it is even unto the Master given." Judgment! Ah. sir, to see that day, I'd willingly

pass through a hundred hells!

with a sickle born of steel and Flame Aye! tremble, shrink in your drunken den, cow-ard, traitor and Child of Lie!

The unerring avenger stands close to you, and the dread hour of parturition's nigh! Ayel wring your hands, for the air is black! thickly the cloud-troops whirl and swarm! See! yonder, on the horizon's verge, play the

lightning-shafts of the coming stor VOLTAIREINE DE CHEYRE.

SPIRIT INCENDIARY Twenty-five Fires Start in One House.

To THE EDITOR:—Strange things are reported at "Hopkinton, Mass. Mrs. Fisher Hemenway, of Ash street, is not a believer in ghosts, but the mysterious fires that blazed up in her house one night and kept the family hustling with fire pails and paralyzed the fire. hustling with fire-pails and paralyzed the fire department chief with wonder, have left her in a dangerously uncertain frame of mind. The first fire started directly after tea was served. It blazed up behind the stove and was quickly extinguished. Shortly after an apron behind the door went up in a flash of light, and the family had not recovered from its surprise when some towels hanging on a rack in another room began to flicker and smoke. Then a newspaper lying on a hassock A in the spheres. Price 20 cents. in the sitting-room began to disappear. It be I'd credit your Christian love; in the sitting-room began to disappear. It fithey'd dealt with him as they dealt by me, I'd started to burn from the middle, as if a spark had dropped on it, and finally began to blaze. don't know, but sometimes I used to think that The household was thoroughly scared when I don't know, but sometimes I used to think that she who was told there was no room
In the inn at Bethlehem, might look down with softened eyes through the starless gloom; Christ wasn't a woman—he couldn't know the pain and endurance of it; but SHE,
The mother who bore him, she might know, and Mary in Heaven might pity me.

Still, that was useless; it didn't bring a single mouthful for me to eat,
Nor work to get it, nor sheltering from the bed down one flight. All the bedelothes were destroyed and the bedstead ruined. The mysterious blaze would spring up before the eves of the watchers. Two pillows on a table, which the women of the household were working on, began to smoke and then up came the flames and the pillows were destroyed. Early in the morning three or four fires were found in the barn. Since 11:50 in the forenoon the fires—there have been twenty-five in noon the fires—there have been twenty-five in all—ceased. No trace of matches or anything else that would lead to the belief that plained by memerism. An invaluable work. Price, an incendiary had been at work have been found. Verily, mysteries will never cease. Hopkinton, Mass.

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"What do they tell you regarding the death

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"Wait a moment," said I, "there is one

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#### EXPERIENCES OF A WEALTHY MAN.

The experiences in the Spirit-world of ness men in earth-life, furnished us much food passed through the change called death. They for reflection. I remember a spirit who came have proven their identity to me, so that I to us a short time since, and accosted me as have confidence in them, and in that which follows: "Why do you not speak to me?"

to address me first?"

to me. If I approach them, they stare laws of nature as they come before our obserstraight at me without appearing to see me, or vation here, that I cannot doubt the truth of own. When you find them doing as you did they seem to gaze right past me; and when I that which they impart to me." accost them, they make no reply, but turn on their heel and walk away. And strangers, and subsequent conditions of the individual? too, whom I address, turn away without notic. Is there any 'change in the twinkling of an ing me. I was curious to see if you would eye'?" speak to me, and as you said nothing for some time I began to think that you were going to but the stepping-out of the man, the mind, treat me as the others had; but you did and the spirit from the mortal body, which, swer when I spoke to you."

I asked why it was that people had treated for further occupancy. That the spirit takes him in the manner which he had described, with it into the Spirit world the knowledge and ing ones. Press forward in the work that is and he replied: "Well, I don't know just why ideas which it has gained in earth-life; and given you to do. You will ever find those it is, unless it is because they are envious of that its condition, as I have before stated to my position in life. You see, I am a rich man you, depends upon the life which was led in and people seem to be envious of me. I guess the mortal." that's all."

"You say that you are, a rich man, and that hell? of God and the Devil? of the atoning the reason people treat you so coolly is on power of Christ? of the Judgment day? and account of their envy. Now, is there not some of eternal punishment?" other reason? How did you come by your "They teach us that heaven and hell are riches? Was there anything in connection conditions of mind, and not locations. That would cause people to look upon you with an unselfish devotion to the good of humanity, eye of disapprobation? My motive in asking by forgetting self and laboring for others. these questions is not that of curiosity, but a That hell is the condition of mind consequent desire to get at the truth of the matter, so upon an earthl-ife on exactly opposite lines; that I can assist you, if possible. It seems to where one has striven for self-gratification, me a sad thing for a man to be in the posi-regardless of the needs or rights of others. tion in which you find yourself, and now let We are taught that there is neither personal us look into the matter with a view of bring- God nor personal Devil. That no one can ing about a better state of affairs."

atone for your sins or for mine, but ourselves. "You seem to be a fair kind of a fellow," That we must outwork our own transgressions. he replied, "and I don't mind telling you that That punishment is not eternal; being an out-I have been a little sharp at times, in driving working of the law of cause and effect, it is a bargain with others, and there have been very plain. You do a wrong deed, knowingly, and women whose mental abilities are equal and held these two slates between my hands and literary taste. The sentiments will and women whose mental abilities are equal and held these two slates between my hands and literary taste. debt a little hard, perhaps; but I am not the last a time comes when you will meet that to theirs, and whose judicial powers are not for Mr. Campbell to put on two rubber bands especially please Spiritualists, as a whole. only man who has done those things, and there occurrence in your memory with a full conis no good reason why people should make sciousness of all its wrong. You ask, how such a fuss about it all of a sudden. I began can I make restitution? How can I undo that life a poor boy, but I was determined that I which I have done? Then will the way be would not always be poor. So I commenced made clear to you. Then will those come to to save and accumulate, and as I grew older you who have love in their hearts, those who and possessed more my cravings for wealth understand the laws of being. They will teach increased and my scruples grew less, until I you that in working for others you can lessen would stop at nothing to gain the coveted the load that you bear; and as you earnestly (Speaking to another spirit.) strive to follow out their teachings, peace will of here! I don't want to see you! Turn those happier. The degree of your happiness will eyes away. Will you turn them away, I depend upon the earnestness and strength of your efforts in overcoming the errors and

"What is the matter now?" I asked. "Do mistakes of your past life." you recognize those eyes? Why is it that they trouble you?"

the teachings which your friends have given "I don't like to have her look at me like you. They seem reasonable and right; and I that!" he said, and I won't have it, either. wish to set about undoing some of the wrongs Turn your eyes away, I tell you! Of course I of my past life at once. Tell me, pray, how know the eyes! I turned her out of doors can I undo the wrongs which I have done? once, because she couldn't pay the rent; but So far as I can, I am willing to restore to that is no reason why she should follow me those whom I have overreached that which around like this with those everlasting eyes. | belongs to them; but some have moved away. I had to have my rent, and if she could not and some are dead. I will go for my safe at pay she had to get out, that's all!" once and begin to make restitution!"

"Well, now," said I, "let us discuss another subject, and forget, if we can, for a right here whom you say you treated harshly. time, these unpleasant things. For several Begin the work of restitution by begging her years I have been interested in that vital ques forgiveness. That is a little thing to do. and subscribe for it; in fact the whole world have investigated sufficiently to convince myself that there is a life beyond the mortal, rank as sourcers and that there is a life beyond the mortal, rank as sourcers and that there is a life beyond the mortal, rank as sourcers and that the change which that the change which depends wholly upon our. life here; that, if the kinds of the circle is halded by my sister. These slates never passed for one for our fellowman, full of unselfish front to awaiting us on the spirit side of life a home awaiting us on the spirit side of life a home or the same time?

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clined to doubt its genuineness; but when I informed him that in harboring animosity, hatred or revengeful feelings toward others, no matter what the provocation may have been, we are wronging ourselves and forming a condition that will react upon us, and debar us from that happiness which can only come through a full forgiveness to all humanity, he was brought to a right understanding of the matter, and was glad to avail himself of that forgiveness which had been extended to him,

"Now," said he, "I will begin at once to undo the wrong which I have done. I have a sum of money in my safe sufficient to repay many small debts. I will dispose of my propwhom I have defrauded of larger sums. So, excuse me, please, while I set about the work at hand." I explained to him then that he had made

the change called death, but was for a long time unable to convince him of the truth of my statement. It was only when I called his attention to the fact that it was on account of his being spirit that his friends and acquaintances did not notice him—simply because they did not see him—and asked if he did not know that the woman who spoke to him was in spirit-life, and if she did not appear to be clothed like himself, that he began to realize that he was indeed in spirit-life. When he sat down and she entered the cabinet, that she at this office. fully comprehended the fact that he had no further control over the wealth which he accuraise ourselves, we find that our habitation in the spirit world is as dark and forbidding as mulated, and that he could not use it in outworking his earthly mistakes, he was greatly distressed. "You say," he interrupted, "that you

He prayed that we would inform him how he could rectify his past errors, and at my rethat you ascertained them? Who knows if quest one of the spirits of the band spoke to is one lady calling herself Jane, and says she him in substance as follows: "My friend, is your sister, and trying to make up to come trines teach that there is, but you must accept early in your earth career you became imbued out." My reply was: "Send her out; I should it all on faith, as they prove nothing whatso- with a love of wealth, and the powers it confers on earth upon those who possess it. You loved it, not for the good that might be wrought with it, but simply for itself; and mortal? I will tell you! I have in various you gloried in the knowledge that you possessed it. You were unscrupulous in its acquirement, and through the wrongs committed other persons as trying to come, and then those who have been considered shrewd busi- friends or relatives in this life, but who have in amassing your riches, you have builded to the laws of nature, it is within your power picture, and she wants me to say to you that genuine and true. And the author shows to undo all the wrong which you have done; they tell me. It is they who teach me of the though the unloading may take you a long I replied: "Because I was waiting for you conditions of spirit-life. They tell me of time. Follow closely the instructions that their own experiences and of the experi- will be given you from time to time, and falter "Well," he said, "I have found that none ence of others whom they have met or seen; not. At first it will be your mission to apof my former friends will recognize or speak and their teachings accord so well with the proach those who are still in the mortal, and who are possessed of a disposition like your

-enriching themselves at the expense of others-endeavor to impress them to pursue a different course. I will take you to a man away, I mentioned to Mr. Campbell what was who is sitting at this moment engaged in deep study, endeavoring to formulate a plan whereby he can add something to his already vast acquirements, without rendering an equivalent

value. Try to turn the current of his thought into a different channel, and thus help him to avoid adding another wrong to many precedabout you willing to extend love and charity. And as you see your past errors slipping away, one by one, your reward will come in the ever increasing happiness which you will enjoy." E. T. WASHBURN.

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#### The Psychical Congress.

To THE EDITOR:-I have perused with as with the accumulation of your wealth that a heavenly condition is produced by a life of the Psychical Science Congress, some of which seem to be important, while others, like that went to Mr. Campbell's, and soon after we that will not commend itself to all Spiritual of Oliver Lodge, F. R. S., in which the trance entered into the sitting-room, we sat down to ists. The successive chapters are replete state of Mrs. Piper and the automatic writing a table, he on one side and I on the other. with instruction, and we heartly commend of Mr. Stead is discussed, seem like maudlin He brought four slates, which he washed, and them to all Spiritualists, and all who would ingropings in the dark, and one is reminded of I wiped with a cloth until they were dry, and form themselves concerning Spiritualism and the scripture passage: "The light shineth in placed them on the table in front of me. He its teachings. Price \$1.50. For sale at this darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it then brought out a piece of prepared canvas office.

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To THE EDITOR: Agreeably to promise, I send you the following facts in connection with the getting of a picture of my sister, who passed away from this life some forty-six years erty as fast as I can, and reimburse some of ago. On Tuesday, some weeks since, I called ceived a very fine bouquet of flowers-roseswas afraid of marring it, so I asked the privilege of leaving it there until I should go home, on the following Saturday. He replied: "Very well, leave it here and welcome," On Wednesday evening I made arrangements

to attend a materializing seance which was to be held at another place in this city, with Mrs. Aber as the medium. I attended the seance, which was a failure, so far as materializations were concerned. Mrs. Aber said, when we didn't believe that we would get any results, for she was feeling very badly; however, she went into the cabinet and sat. Soon after she entered the cabinet a voice-not Mrs. Aber's -spoke, and addressing me, said: "Mr. Treat, here are a number of spirits who want to come out to you, and are trying to come out. Here be very glad to see her." Soon, however, the voice said: "She has lost the power and fallen all to pieces." Then the voice spoke and said: "Here's another, Harvey Mott, who wants to In This Our World. Poems by Charlotte come." I said that I should be delighted to see him. She also spoke of two or three said: "Oh, how funny, Mr. Treat; your sister has stepped back there and is sitting for her if you will go where you were, she thinks she such a broad sympathy with humanity and can give you her picture at that medium's." (I hadn't mentioned to anybody that I had young and old, might read it, for all would be been to such a place.)

I didn't go after my plate of flowers on the next Saturday, But remained over in the city until the following Monday, when I went over to Mr. Campbell's for my plate of flowers, preparatory to going home. After we had wrapped the package and I was about to start told me at the seance. His reply to the story was that perhaps she could get it; there was no way of telling but to try; some got them and same did not; and then he commenced promising me her picture for some time, and culcation and defense of Spiritualism.

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just the size of the slates, and after writing The Light of the Future, or The Evowhy should so much stress be laid upon my name on the back of it, I took the canvas, lution of Religion. A poem by Edwin A. the occasional gleams of light from the Lamp at his request, and rubbed it in my hands for a of Truth that flash upon the understanding of moment or two. I then put it on top of one men of science, when the world is full of men of the slates and placed another slate over it, ing considerable scholarship, much thought strained and distorted by years of study and to hold them in place. After holding these thought in some special line of scientific work. slates for perhaps one minute, in my hands. he To such, whose sound common sense and criti-said, "We'll have the other two slates put on." cal investigations have brought them a knowl I laid these two slates down on one of the for this information, hoping some kind theoedge of the truth of spiritualistic phenomena other slates and placed the other one on top.

and philosophy, who have learned to discrimand and held the four slates up for Mr. Campbell mystery will explain. I would like to know inate between the good and evil influences that to put the bands around the four. He then how many hands has the astral body. I atapproach us, or, as the Bible says, to 'try the said: "I wish you to put those slates on tended Miss Fay's seance here. A full three spirits whether they be good or evil," and to whom the communications from the spirit I did so, and at the same time Mr. Campbell ance. She took a position in a chair where spheres have been the means of great spiritual set a block of paints that he has resting on the the whole audience could see her. The the bush seem almost absurd, and hardly worthy of the space they occupy in the columns of a journal which claims to represent talked on subjects pertaining to the spiritual Miss Fay's claim that her astral body gives the advance thought of modern Spiritualism: philosophy, he being under control, as I un- this performance, led me to watch closely our If those men whose learning is fully equaled derstood, of spirits. At the end of the ten little home circle, wherein we have nearly as by their self-conceit would approach the sub- minutes he came to himself and requested me much done—not by a paid medium, but by ject and its mediums with something of the to lift the slates from the floor on to the table, sitting for development. In the center of our humility and common sense that was displayed which I did. In the course of perhaps a min. circle is a stand not near enough for any one by Abraham Lincoln in his treatment of Net ute, he requested me to take them out into to touch; thereon we lay flowers, slates, fans, tie Colburn, they might learn something of the other room, and on opening them, I found bells, etc. The bells are rung and thrown value to themselves, and in time the public on the two outside slates, nothing; between the out of the circle; flowers brought to different might be glad to hear the results of their inside slates was an oil painting painted on ones; sometimes the bouquets are untied and the canvas I put there, a perfect likeness of divided among those present; one very large my sister just as I last saw her, even to the bunch of flowers was pushed off the stand color and figure of her dress, which has a his- and we could hear it being dragged along the 185 Full-page Illustrations. with tory not necessary to relate here. This pic- floor until it touched the one it was for. The COPIOUS CITATIONS OF FACTS. Chcago, Ill. Every Spiritualist should have ture you saw a very few minutes after the guitar will play if left within the circle, and this paper. Every advanced thinker should painting, and I am under obligation to your chairs lifted and moved about. This occurs have investigated sufficiently to convince my. Being the only restitution that you can make subscribe for it; in fact the whole world excellent lady for sewing it inside of a box so at different parts of the circle during the would be greatly improved if it could be as to preserve it safe while carrying it home. same moment. We hold a light close enough

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#### Not, a. Hopeful Sign.

We have been told the time is rapidly no more; that bloody national contests us? shall and; that swords shall be cast into plowshages, and spears into pruning hooks, and that universal peace shall prevail the wide world over. Such will be a desirable consummation, which every good man desires. The churches have represented they were hastening forward that great event, and have renrobated all who would not join them for up to take stock, and to somewhat the piano and with both hands played, thwarting their ambition.

The public press has teemed with the statements that Catholics were arming grand march of progression, mental, things he heard, and a music teacher, and drilling in all the principal cities, which we hope is only to welcome the for the world is not half as bad as dem- called in to give her opinion of the return of the "prince of peace" in a agogues represent. An era of unpar-child's performance. She listened to graceful manner; but how will the world alleled prosperity is at our doors, and we him wondering, and declared that, while be shocked when told that this warlike have only to rise and welcome it. preparation is not limited to Catholics. but is already extended to Protestant churchas? ....

We find in the Lawrence, Kansas Gazette of the 4th inst., the following startling facts, which we have slightly abridged so as to occupy less space:

#### "THE BOY'S BRIGADE.

"A very interesting military drill by an ofganization few Lawrence people are aware exists, was held at the Armory last Monday. It was the regular meeting of the Boys' Brigade of the First Baptist church. The little fellows ranging in age from six to fourteen years last night can never again be called the prise. We were all mistaken, awkward squad. The young gentlemen and then: of Lieutenant Hansom, of Ft. Scott.

was started in Scotland by a wide awake and they really wished to hear from us minister, to interest the boys of his of our religion and to learn what the church, and keep them under Christian best religion is. There is no better influence. The plan succeeded so well, place in the world to propagate the that now some 62,000 boys belong to dif- teachings of Buddhism than in America. ferent regiments of the Boys' Army in During the meetings one very wealthy Europe and America.

national organization with headquarters rites. He is a man of great influence, in New York, and are rapidly increas- and his conversion may be said to mean ing both in numbers and efficiency all

'The boys assemble in the Armory and usually have a good romp during the early part of the evening. Then they fall in line and go through a Bible drill, something of a modernized catechism, and conclude the evening with a study of military tactics.

'The organization of the Boys' Brigade in Lawrence is due to the personal serves as a social adornment. Its lack efforts of Rev. G. D. Rogers. He began of power proves its weakness. The in September with a few little fellows meetings showed the great superiority in the Sunday school room of his church, of Buddhism over Christianity, and the but his regiment has outgrown its quarters. There are now 40 boys enrolled in the local company."

A national organization, with headquarters in New York, rapidly extending over the nation, with clergymen for generals, commencing exercises with Bible drills, followed by military tactics. which include the use of arms, under a competent military instructor. Boys from 6 to 14 years of age, regularly enlisted and disciplined in the art of slaughter! "Great God!" are these

tokens of peace? If sectarians will be content to fight can be devised to prevent their med. dling interference with civil govern-

#### ments. False Ureeds Foster Infidelity.

Is it not a fact that many Agnostics, the pagan doctrine promulgated by orthodox churches, of eternal after-death tortures? Had they been indoctrinated prison for merely burning a barn? into the teachings of Spiritualism, that with the decay of the body real incenwith the decay of the body real meeting to vice are ended; and that eternal progression onward and upward is will get a copy of our Christmas edition reach an octave with his tiny hands. the destiny of the race, very few would free, and also that remarkable story, have joined Col. Ingersoll in his grand "A Witch of the Nineteenth Century." march of "kicking hell." Better the ooth are very valuable papers, and will who would assert that one of the "old whole world should plunge into doubt we highly prized by every thoughtfu masters" is embodied in this little boy,

### A Cheerful Business Outlook.

Is it not possible we take too narrow a view of business prospects? The history of the world shows that trade and commerce have their rise and fall. A period of great prosperity is always followed by one of depression. The longer the prosperous period the more disastrous the prostration.

Capital has been concentrating ever since the war, and has been engaged to an unprecedented extent in manufactures. Every spindle, loom and forge has been forced to its extreme capacity, and the markets of the world have been glutted with over-production. The agclick of the shuttle, all tell their old-little boys of six years. time story. The artisan is again at his In the vicinity of one of the little

a change of the tariff laws, or the sus- by some of the idiosyncrasies of genius. pension of silver coinage in America, anything to do with the more complete in his third year, little Rubinstine gave coming when the people shall learn war business disasters in Europe than with unmistakable evidence of being extra-

> with the season, and be brisk with the moral, physical, political and religious; who was a friend of the family, was

> which has oppressed many of our read- expected to hear the like, and was anxers, and to aid in counteracting the periodical discouragements of political the parties they represent.

#### The Missionaries' Report.

There were ten Buddhist priests from this city, in September. They returned in St. Paul. The more he was taught home, and at a meeting held at Yoko- of music the deeper grew his fondness hama made their formal report. One for it, and he not only willingly but of the delegation told of the invitation gladly practiced from an hour to an to visit the new world, of their suspi- hour and a half each day. are quick to learn, and the progress cions, and their belief that it was a So long as the family affairs were made in military training has been so shrewd scheme of Christians to prose-rapid that the twenty who were present lyte them. "It was a wonderful sur-

were under the instruction last evening the western nations have come to realize the western nations have come to realize Some years ago the Boys' Brigade the weakness and folly of Christianity rope and America. | man from New York became a convert of Buddhism and was initiated into its more than the conversion of ten thousand ordinary men, so we may say truthfully that we made ten thousand converts at that meeting. Christianity is merely an adornment of society in America. It is deeply believed in by very few. The great majority of Christians drink and commit various gross sins, and live very dissolute lives, although it is a very common belief and serves as a social adornment. Its lack mere fact of calling the meetings showed that the Americans and other western peoples had lost their faith in Christian-

> ings of our superior religion." Now that is the missionary way of telling the story, and is no more exaggerated than it would have been had the conditions been reversed and Christians had visited Japan.

ty and were ready to accept the teach-

#### Conflict in Jurisprudence.

Down in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, a Brother Mills, who had "got religion," was telling in church his 'experiences" and how he did it. Wishand exterminate each other, allowing ing to demonstrate the great goodness outsiders to remain neutral, perhaps a of God in rescuing his soul from eternal Kilkenny cat-fight is the best plan which flames, he told of his burning a neighbor's barn. The sheriff of the county was present. He made note of the conlession, and it is said arrested Brother Mills, and marched him off to jail. The dear brother evidently supposed his regeneration and salvation from the burning pit wiped out all human penalties. perhaps a majority of them, have been The probabilities are he will spend prayer is to be strongly reminded of driven to occupy a negative position in from five to ten years in prison, during what has been written and painted of regard to a continued life, because of which time he will have leisure to make himself familiar with the conflict of What makes the case of this little draw and t mortal and celestial laws. But is it not boy remarkable is that neither of his with him. a shame to send one of the ransomed to parents are musical people, and, as far

### A Raré Offer.

# MUSICAL MEDIUM.

Rubin Demorest.

ONLY 6 YEARS OLD AND ALREADY A FINE PERFORMER AND SOMETHING OF A COMPOSER-HIS ACCOMPLISH-MENTS ARE A WONDER TO ALL WHO KNOW HIM-MUSIC IS HIS BORN IN-HERITANCE.

On the first page of our paper we give an article on "Music" by the great riculturist partook of the stimulus, and violinist, J. Jay Watson, of New York; his granaries have been filled to over- and we take great pleasure in suppleflowing. When the crash came, general | menting his interesting ideas with a deruin seemed inevitable. Old established scription of a musical medium or prodbusiness houses went down, factories igy in this city, as set forth by A. V. closed, sales were suspended, labor H. in the Evening Journal. It is a fact, ceased to be in demand, or else was only no doubt, that in no way more remarkaslightly rewarded, and lo, the panic. ble were the phenomenal achievements Consumption still goes on, though the of the child Mozart than are those of workshops are closed. A few months of the gifted musical prodigy, little Rubinrest, the supply is exhausted. The stine Demorest. In no sense an "Infant wheels of production are again set in phenomenon," this oremarkable child is motion; labor comes into demand; and a simple, hearty, rosy-cheeked little little later, the clatter of machinery, lad, whose extraordinary talent is as the roar of the furnace, the ring of the spontaneous as is his normal pleasure in anvil, the hum of the spindle, and the the childish play which delights other

easel, the author at his desk, and com- Chautauquan cottages at Fifty-fifth merce resumes its accustomed activity; street and South Park little Rubin while another long period of surpassing romps about with his two smaller prosperity has dayned on the country. | brothers, his golden hair tossed about Talk of tariffs, the over-production of his handsome, fair face and his blue silver, or the failure to coin it! Did eyes gleaming with good health and these bring on the financial disasters of frolic. Musically he is one of the won-1817, 1827, 1837, 1847, 1857, the regular ders of the present day, and as a human rhythm broken by the war, and changed being he has the sweetest and most to 1873, 1883, 1893? Had the prospect of exquisitely harmonious nature, touched

As it was with Mozart, when he was ordinarily endowed. His mother, who When spring shall return business is a native of the little town of Gonkowill begin to revive. It will increase peng, Sweden, which, by the way, was the home of Jenny Lind's family, has autumn. A year or so may pass before always been in the habit of playing and all the channels of trade, of commercer singing simple little airs of her native and of industry, are again fully opened; country. One day, to her utter amazebut it will soon come, and the country ment, her tiny son, who was then but will be enriched because of this backing two and a half years old, climbed up to change the methods of production. Let without missing a note, one of these the people take heart, and join in the airs. Soon he began to play other she had read of children who were simi-This to dissipate the general gloom larly gifted, she had never heard or

With seemingly no effort he learned bummers, in the mistaken interest of to read music, and his little fingers and when 4 years old he played before a Japan at the Parliament of Religions in delighted audience in the Opera House

ious to give him instruction.

prosperous he enjoyed every advantage live the day out." which it was possible to secure for him. Even when misfortune came fate was kind and musicians and others interested themselves in him, so that he still has the best of instruction, although he is now the sole support of his family. His father, who is of the well-known Demorest family of New Jersey, from repeated strokes of paralysis has partially lost his sight and is therefore unable to do any work. Proud and fond as both his parents naturally are of their beautiful and gifted child, they are wise in their treatment of him and he is wholly un-

spoiled. One of the little boy's most remarkable gifts is the ability, although in another room, to tell with unerring correctness any note struck off the piano, and also when a chord is struck he can tell at once of what it is composed. One day he had a small rubber band in his mouth and as he struck and snapped it, after the manner of children, it gave forth a delicate sound. Some one asked:

"What note is that, Rubin?" "That is F sharp," he answered promptly. A young lady who was pres ent stepped to the piano and, touching F sharp, asked Rubin to again sound the rubber and it was demonstrated that he was correct. Musicians say that the ability to so quickly and accurately determine tone and pitch is a very unusual natural gift.

Not only does this little boy, who was 6 years old October 26 last, read difficult music at sight and interpret classical music as if his soul were at one with the composer, but he also composes some charming little things. For example, one of his compositions he calls "The Music Box," and if one could not see the piano the deception would be per feet. Another is an exquisite little melody which he sings and plays before he goes to bed, not only for himself, but his two little brothers, as other children say their prayers. The little verse is:

'Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong to-day, Help me every day to be Good and gentle, more like thee."

His mother prepared this for him, and to hear him sing it as his evening

past few days he is greatly rejoiced, as

This case illustrates in a marked degree the claims of reincarnationists. and infidelity than indorse belief in the purgatorial fires of Catholics, or the hell of Protestants.

John G. Whittier on Immortality. The Inter Ocean publishes in its Sun-

day edition a lengthy biography of John held in Chicago, has caused a good deal Wonderful Qifts of Little G. Whittier, and many of his personal of speculation in regard to the religion Spiritualism in Other Parts letters hitherto unpublished, in which of the future. Indeed, as we understood we find the following paragraphs that it, this was one of the main objects of show clearly that the old poet's inspira- the Parliament. tional soul sensed the future of man, alown pen:

will more than compensate for the loss "I am very thankful that I can almost

forget age and infirmity in the con-templation of these lovely dawns and sunsets, and these still, warm, pictureful noons. Shall we have them or their like in the new life? If not, I for one must miss them sadly. But his will be

"I have heard Garrison talk much of his faith in Spiritualism. He had no doubts whatever, and was very happy. Death was to him but the passing from one room to another and higher one. want 'assurance doubly sure.' I wonder whether, if I could see a real ghost, I should believe my own senses. I do sometimes feel very near to dear ones who have left me-perhaps they are with me then. I am sure they would be

f it were possible. "Of one thing I feel sure: that something outside of myself speaks to me, and holds me to duty; warns, reproves and approves. It is good, for it requires me to be good; it is wise, for it knows the thoughts and intents of the heart. It is to me a revelation of God, and of his character and attributes; the one important fact, before which all others

seem insignificant.
"I have seen little or nothing of what is called Spiritualism; I do not think its

#### A Series of Remarkable Coincidences.

Mrs. Henry Loren and her son George died suddenly at Butler, Mich., Dec. 30. ligion of Truth. There is but one piety, The mother was 84 years old, the son the love of truth. There is but one only twenty years younger, and in their morality, it is the earnest desire of leading a life of truth, and the Religion of relations they were more like brother and sister than like mother and son. truth." The son was born on the same day of Now, we would like to ask Dr. Carus the month that his mother was married. What is truth? and what is the truth He carried out the coincidence by marrying on the same day of the month often commented on this fact, and the devoted son always maintained that the coincidence would not end with was the despair of many practical muscle George Loren's prophect. On the sicians. He was born in Minneapolis, morning of Dec. 30 the mother succumbed to the infirmities of old age and passed away at noon. To the surprise of all the son did not appear to grieve. He treated his mother's death as a matter of course. A neighbor volunteered to purchase a casket for the mother. George gave the directions. "And while you are buying a casket for mother," said he, "I want you to buy one for me, for I am sure I shall not lands must at death go down into a pit of lands must at death go down into a pit of Was

George Loren, feeble though he was, seemed to be far from death. But in the afternoon he took to his bed and early in the morning he quietly passed

In the Temple of Wisdom.

With empty hands and very poor, Watched my fair, flowery visions die Upon the temple's marble floor. 'Give joy," she cried. I let joy go. I saw with cold, unclouded eyes The crimson of the sunset glow

Across the disenchanted skies. 'Give me thy youth," she cried. I gave; And, sudden-clouded, died the sun. And on the green mound of a grave Fell the slow raindrops, one by one.

'Give love," she cried; I gave that too. "Give beauty." Beauty sighed and For what on earth should beauty do When love, who was her life, was

dead? She took the balm of innocent tears To hiss upon her altar-coal: She took the hopes of all my years,

And at the last she took my soul. With heart made empty of delight,

And hands that held no more fair things, questioned her: "What shall requite

The savor of my offerings?" The gods," she said, "with generous

Give guerdon for thy gifts of cost; Wisdom is thine to understand The worth of all that thou hast lost.' E. NESBIT.

#### The Ferment at Work.

Rev. D. B. Greiggs, of the Twelfth Presbyterian church, Baltimore, who gave his unqualified support to Dr. Briggs in his heresy trials, has been subjected to many annoyances by the elders of his church. He called a meeting of his congregation; to whom he communicated his grievance. They endorsed him by a very large majority, What makes the case of this little draw and take two-thirds of his church

As it is well said, "One swallow does as they know, none of their ancestors not bring summer," so one case like the above does not tell very largely of the disintegration process going on in the churches; but when we see similar movements in all parts of the country, it repeal obnoxious laws without production on the part of Spiritualists everywhere. ideas is in progress.

I am apt to think that men find their

The Religion of the Future.

The late Parliament of Religions,

Since the dawn of modern Spiritualthough his early training in the Quaker ism there has been a great change in faith did not give him much desire to public sentiment on this subject. We investigate the occult sciences, and do not affirm that Spiritualism was the know his deceased loved ones were primary cause of this change, though it merely out of mortal sight. We repro- gave it a very strong impetus. We duce the following paragraphs from his rather think that the old religious had run their course, and were fast losing never so beautiful as now, when I am ripe for the change now going on, and about to leave it. But, no doubt, the infinite possibilities of the future life only as front the guide of the local circle are also recorded. Here is one, received are also recorded. Here is one, received ers that "the world moves." Your mill receive the future life only as front the guide of the local circle are also recorded. Here is one, received ers that "the world moves." Your many of its members say that they year round: could not have held such a congress fifty years ago; and while we believe Christianity to be the most dominating re-

modes of worship. It is more likely that they expected the comparison of But his facts did not convince me. I tianity as to strengthen its position, Golgotha! How many spirits have been son, of both at home and abroad. In this they held in darkness? Brethren, far from were disappointed, as was seen by the unknown in Christendom, and which astonished the people who, until then, never knew their Eastern brethren, only as reported to be pagan heathen; and will be very loth hereafter to acknowledge the exclusive claims of Christianity or the impossibility of the salvation of the pagan world by its own religion.

gives a fair statement of the proceedings of the Parliament, but says:
"Christianity is undoubtedly still the

leading star. "The religion of the future, as the fruits have always been good; but the best things may be abused and counterfeited. I wish there was a possibility of knowing what it really is."

opinions presented indicate, will be that religion which can rid itself of all narrowness, of all demand for blind subordination, of the sectarian spirit, and the Phaylesaism which takes it for opinions presented indicate, will be that religion which can rid itself of all nar- records the same: of the Phariseeism which takes it for granted that its own devotees alone are good and holy, while the virtues of others are polished vices." He closes by

saying:
"There is but one religion, the Rethe Future can only be a religion of whom you were fond of, and I will cause

which he considers the summum bonum of religion, piety and morality?

Is it vicarious atonement: the great that his mother was married. They central and essential doctrine of evangelical Christianity, which distinguishes it from all progressive and reformatory movements, making it "the leading star" in the constellation of religions, to read music, and his little fingers these two great events of one's life and qualifying it to supersede all others, birth and marriage. Events justified as the "religion of the future?"

as the 'religion of the future?"

Is it true that the first sin of the first man so affected all his posterity as to make them guilty of it, and liable to the wrath and curse of God through all ime and all eternity? And is it that Jesus Christ, God equal with the father, suffered the penalty of their sins, that they might go free, and that all who do not believe and accept of this lands, must at death go down into a pit of fire and brimstone, and there endure the wrath of an offended and avenging God forever and ever? And are these doctrines reconcilable with the principles of science, with which Dr. Carus truthfully says: "The religion of the future

must be in perfect accord? Dr. Carus, and every other doctor, must remember that, to those who have been educated in evangelical Christian-Give me thy dreams," she said, and I, ity, the mere mention of it brings all these absurd, not to say blasphemons doctrines, to the mind, the unreasonaoleness of which has caused so many to leave the church, while many others hang on hypocritically to preserve their social standing.

Magdalen. 'Neither do I condemn thee: sin no

more!

store.

Spake Jesus to the one accounted vile; We know not with what wealth of gracious smile and gracious tone, to cheer her and re-

But angrily he called down woe on woe Upon the strict and solemn Pharisees. Flaunting rich robes, with wide phylacteries.

And praying publicly long prayers for

Who followed Jesus, braving hostile And poured out costly ointment on his

And kneeling, on his feet hot teardrops shed? Not Pharisees, but Mary Magdalen.

Courage, poor outcast, sorrowing for The pity of the Master is for you, Who knows as when in Palestine he

Whatever the disguise, the heart within. O, women, beautiful and pure and sweet,

sadly err, Nor pharisaic formalists prefer: Remember who, with tears, washed Jesus' feet.

GEORGE C. BRAGDON.

#### Uneasy Politicians.

No truer sentiment was ever promulwhat has been written and painted of the christ child.

What makes the case of this little draw and take two-thirds of his church former generation, when he said: "The got maudlin drunk at a seance here, and tion to the paper, and get him to subuneasy politicians; its safety from the wise adapted to any rostrum work whattranquil masses." If uneasy politicians ever have been ordained, so that they were eliminated from the body politic, can get half-railroad fare. If this goes then statesmen could revise, amend or on, there will be a general protest industrial institutions of the country.

Havana has 218,000 people, and 1,465

# IN FOREIGN LANDS.

of the Clobe.

Occurrences, Golden Words and

A. Luz (Curitiba, Brazil) is publishing some 'useful "Lessons for Children," and simple term. Some beautiful mess-

none of them feels more keenly now lar they come short of their ideals.

We do not think that the Christian actors in the Congress contemplated any great changes in their doctrines or great changes in their doctrines or modes of worship. It is more likely the surgiciance of hyperstrain and the confidence of the confi the sufferings of humanity. How much blood has been shed in the name of surance such knowledge affords is the religions to result so favorably to Christ in the name of the martyr of hope, with the compliments of the seareception accorded by the people to shows of a simulated sorrow. For us foreigners, especially those from the far the Christ, our earthly protector, our you be these representations, these moral liberator, is living. Let us re-serve our sympathetic griefs for the poor of the earth. Pray for them. Spiritualists, the story of the life of Christ teaches us charity, humility, resignation; it is but a symbol of the advent of the spirit of Truth. And now the time has arrived when humanity is ripe to comprehend those things which could not be revealed before, because the proper hour had not of liberalism, hoping to elevate the then come."

Sidi-Ahmed, a Coptic medium a Cairo, produced some very startling phenomena, in the presence of M. Martinet, a complete atheist, who thus

"The Egyptian went off into a deep trance and showed his astral body standing beside the physical. The skeptical Frenchman touched the icy The hand of the sleeping figure and held pory and slowly faded away and the mortal body gradually revived to consciousness. No cabinet was used.
"On another occasion the medium said

to me: 'Think of some one now dead him to appear.' I thought of an old fellow-student to whom I was much attached, who had suddenly passed away. The Egyptian again went into a trance, and I saw the vague outline of my old friend, who presently assumed solidity and consistence, and appeared the liv ing image of his physical self. Not "The Night the Light Went Out." only so, but he addressed me in these terms: 'Do not regret me, nor shed a tear, for I am more alive than ever. dead when he inhabits his sepulchre of flesh and blood. The day when he quits it he revives forever. That which is called life is death and that which is again slowly arouse from his deep

From that time the great atheist be-

comes through the organism of W. Stainton Moses: "How widely must man have diverged from the path in which it when it has come to pass that the whole human race ignores the existence of such an injunction, and shapes every mental an obligation. Human exist- given more than usual attention to State ence, indeed, is spent in such wise that each member of what should be one family, acts as if he were all-sufficient significant statement: family circle. And thus it is that the lies in the hands of the Italian mission world presents such a spectacle of distance in the hands of the Italian mission now flourishing in its midst." condition of mankind as it is disclosed

# of Spiritualism.

prospect.

There has been an abuse of this priv ilege on the part of those who have the legally-constituted authority to ordain Spurn not your sisters, though they ministers of the gaspel of Spiritualism. Those who can't get a license here, or glad to ordain them, for a small fee. If and the Christmas number of THE PROa person is entitled to be ordained be-cause a medium, regardless of other all new trial or yearly subscribers. Trial fitting qualifications, then this office, subscriber, thirteen weeks, 25 cents; one which should be regarded as one of par-year \$1.00. The Christmas number was danger to free institutions comes from is a cheat on general principles, has scribe. The new serial, "The Night the uneasy politicians: its safety from the been ordained. Mediums who are in no Light Went out," will prove a veritable

### Too Late for This Issue.

TO THE EDITOR:-Enclosed find a fivedollar bill which you will place to the oredit side of my account \* \* \* But, however hard the times are, we cannot get along without THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, our weekly welcome visitor. We look for its coming as regularly as Tuesday comes, and are disappointed when occasionally it fails to put in an apearance on that day. Not only is this the case with our family, but a number of our neighbors, and it is amusing to hear them inquire for it in a feigned constituting an excellent basis of in-disinterested, indifferent manner. It is struction in the elementary principles evident that the seed you are sowing is of Spiritualism, expressed in concise bearing fruit in every direction, in every possible manner, directly and indionly an incident in that change, as in Easter-time, but remains good the skeptical reader of yesterday is in many instances the dyed-in-the-wool believer "Why these funeral preparations for fact that the secular and religious press the anniversary of the disincarnation of are far more liberally disposed toward -aye, knower of to-day. It is a notable the Christ? For you, Spiritualists, the the question of Spiritualism, and its tianity to be the most dominating re-ligion represented in the Congress, yet hour of iniquity which has already case even a few years ago. "The mills none of them feels more keenly how far sounded, there goeth forth from the of the gods (spiritual) are grinding

> Yours truly, H. V. SWERINGEN, M. D. Ft. Wayne, Ind.

surance such knowledge affords, is the

We are glad to learn that such a distinguished scholar, physician and author as Dr. Sweringen is known to be, appreciates THE PROGRESSIVE THINK-

ER. The editor is willing that the chief honors for the results achieved by the paper shall go to its numerous contributors, and not to himself, his only object being to unselfishly labor in behalf masses to a higher plane.

#### War No More.

The movement inaugurated by the World's Columbian Commission, to take Governmental action for the arbitration of all international disputes, has received a new impetus. A gentleman in behalf of the Commission presented the memorial, signed by persons representthat touch until the astral became va- ing some forty different nations, to President Cleveland and Secretary Gresham a few days ago. The former will present the matter to Congress, while the Secretary of State promised to send a fac simile of the memorial to all foreign governments. This is a grand step in the forward movement, and it is sincerely hoped it will bring about that glorious consummation of events when war shall be no more. This of itself will be a grand finale of the great Ex-

## position.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, as its multitude of readers will admit, has The body is the tomb, and to say that a published some very fine and interestman is dead is an untruth. Man is only ing stories. We commence in this issue another which, we think, will be pronounced one of the most charming ever written. "The Night the Light Went called death is life.' After speaking Out" will hold the attention of the the phantom dissolved in vapor and readers with a fascinating power from readers with a fascinating power, from disappeared, leaving the medium to beginning to end, with its realistic descriptions of some ugly phases of the methods of a false and unscrupulous gan his wonderful evolution. Such evi- Church with its victims and dupes; and dence ought to convince the most stub- of the ways and means employed by good spirits and good men combined to evil-minded persons, and bring about

the triumph of justice and right. was intended by infinite wisdom and creative love that he should walk, Rome in America in the Van, A correspondent of the London Chronicle, Raymond Blathwayt, writing an inaction of its daily life and hourly con-duct in direct obedience to so funda- things in this country, where he has

and Church affairs, makes the following to himself, were an enemy to his "Rome in America is in the van of the brother man, and were intent only upon forward movement to a greater extent the pursuit of his own interests and than is generally imagined, and those gratifications, at the expense, and too who have studied the question with an often to the direct detriment and in- open and generous mind have no doubt jury of every person outside of his own that the future welfare of the republic

cord and confusion, of individual ambi- That "Italian mission" is Satolli and tions, of class antipathies, of national his priestly tools. Blathwayt is a Cathanimosities. For all these proceed from olic, and of course sees the salvation of the defication of self, which is the very antithesis of the Divine command, 'Little children, love one another.' Is it rule of the Pope. There is no doubt not time so terrible, so appalling a state that it is the intention to make the of affairs should be put an end to on American Pope as absolute as the your earth? Is it not time the power of Evil should be dethroned and that of Good be installed in its place? Can any reflective man survey the great field of an accomplished fact, but to reach the history, as it stretches away into a far wish of this indiscreet correspondent, distant past, or cast his eyes over the who has like a child innocently told the secrets of his superiors, the most territo the observer at present, without shrinking in shame and horror from the ble combat this country has ever engaged in will have to be fought to the bitter end-the destruction of Cathol-Licensing Ministers of the Gospel icism or of liberty. Why cannot Americans see this as well as foreigners?

## A Remarkable Offer.

"The Witch of the Ninteenth Century" was a highly interesting story, be ordained, per mbulate around the running though eight numbers of THE country until they find a society too Progressive Thinker. That story tion to the paper, and get him to subattraction.

### The Lyceum Guide.

Through unforeseen causes, the publication of the Lyceum Guide, that excellent work by Mrs. Emma Rood Tuttle, Mr. Dimmick, Secretary of the Na- was unavoidably delayed by those who police, who last year made 12,094 arrests. | tional Organization, Mr. Barret, Presi- had the work in charge. It will be

# CREED! CREED!!

It Steps to the Front.

Chicago's Office Holders Devotees of the Romish Church.

It is brewing-this Devil's broth of Creeds. The Romish Church is getting there in Chicago-temporarily, of course -but there nevertheless. President Cleveland is alarmed, and well he may be. A special to the Chicago Tribune says that Senator Palmer went to the White House one evening lately and had a talk with the President about the Chicago appointments. He did not glean any great amount of information as to the President's intentions. Martin J. Russell's appointment as Collector of the Port of Chicago is still hanging fire and there is a possibility some other man may be chosen for the place. If accredited report is to be accepted as ing a grand work, are of local interest only, evidence, the President is wavering because of a singular, if not to say new and novel point, which has been made against Mr. Russell. It is not asserted that Mr. Russell is unfit for the position on that he is incorreble of performing. or that he is incapable of performing its duties. The President's attention has been directed to the fact that John P. Hopkins, Mr. Hesing, and several other Chicago appointees are Roman Catholics and that Mr. Russell is also a member of that faith. This is the reason, it is said, the appointment has been delayed.

According to the statements of some men who know what is going on in the White House, a number of letters from prominent Chicago Democrats have been developments of the last municipal cam- last night and kissed you?" paign in Chicago, the complaint seems to find great weight in Mr. Cleveland's mind, particularly when another cir- of reasoning from cause to effect. cumstance is recalled, and that is the further fact that nearly every promidoubt of the truth of the statement that these things have caused the President to waver in his pronounced determinament adds great interest to the fight. and the outcome will be eagerly

That the fight now going on in the country between the Romish Octopus on the one hand and patriotic Americans on the other will continue with unabated fury, is now rendered self-evident. The A. P. A.'s are never discouraged; they never yield; in spirit they are invincible. A Roman Catholic, whether a Democrat, Republican or Populist, is invariably scratched by them. They are increasing in numbers daily, and will continue their grand Politicians, take due notice and act accordingly.

The Battle Cry of Spiritualism. Mighty spirits from the heavens are these experiences. He admitted the coming to our earth
Shouting the battle cry,-"Progres-

They have come to fight Truth's battles

and put its precepts forth, Shouting the battle-cry—Progression. CHORUS. The Truth now and ever, Hurrah for it!

in our van, Shouting their battle-cry-Progres-

All the sages and the martyrs who died in days of vore.

Dying for Truth and Progression, Now inspire us with the courage to bear the cross they bore, Shouting their battle-cry-Progres-

Repeat Chorus at the end of each verse. Noble heroes of all ages who fought for

rights of man, Shouting their battle-cry-Progres-

Are now coming here to aid us and lead the battle's van, Shouting their battle-cry-Progres

Great philosophers and thinkers who found out Nature's laws, Including the law of Progression,

Have enlisted in our ranks and espoused our sacred cause, Defending the cause of Progression.

With such spirits as our leaders we'll fight until we win, Shouting the battle-cry-Progression.

Yes, we'll wage Truth's righteous warfare until we conquer sin, Shouting the battle-cry-Progression.

We'll destroy all creeds and dogmas that chain the human mind, Shouting the battle-cry-Progression. And break every yoke of bondage that still on earth we find,

Shouting our battle-cry-Progression. We will give to noble woman her equal

rights with man, Shouting our battle-cry-Progression. Let her choose her own vocation and do anything she can, Shouting the battle-cry-Progression.

We will fight for rights of labor, and for the poor man's cause, Shouting the battle-cry-Progression. And we'll make his rich oppressor obey God's righteous laws,

Shouting our battle-cry-Progression. 'Gainst the demon of Intemp'rance we'll fight with might and main, Shouting our battle-cry-Progression.

And o'er every lust and passion we'll hold a tightened rein,
Shouting the battle-cry—Progression.

We'll crush every wrong and error that now afflicts the world, Shouting our battle-cry—Progression. And every cause of evil to destruction



Remember, everyone, that on account of our large edition, we go to press early Monday morning. Short items only will be inserted if received on the previous Saturday. We take pleasure in publishing the movements of lec-

Mrs. Richmond will be at 40 Loomis this month before she goes to fill her two months' engagement in Washington, D. C.

Richard Hodgson relates this instance: A woman dreamed that she went to her husband's berth-it was on shinboard-and saw another man in the pper berth over her husband, who ooked sharply at her. She thought she opened the curtains of the berth and coming in. kissed her husband. The next morning E. N. Berth a man who did actually occupy a berth Minn.: "The

Rousseau clearly foresaw and predicted the French revolution. Prophecies like these merely show the power

In the "Media" of Seneca there is passage which reads thus: "Time shall nent aspirant for the Chicago offices that the chain of the chain of things shall be released by the ocean; a re unfilled belongs to the Roman Catholic Church. There is no reasonable olic Church. There is no reasonable shall unfold new worlds, and Thule shall be revealed; the sea shall unfold new worlds, and Thule societies in need of a powerful test me
with such a mass of facts that they are lar's worth.' The sick Lowell gentlecompelled to acknowledge them. I have man is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informed that his dollar was rethe compelled to acknowledge them. I have men is informe cease to be the most distant country."

Written messages from the dead, Mr. Richard Hodgson explains as automatic tion to appoint Mr. Russell. This state-ment adds great interest to the fight. writing in most cases, where there was no question of a deceased person, but working. For instance, four numbers are repeated and fixed in the mind of a person thoroughly awake. The person is then hypnotized, and while repeating numbers from 1,000 to 1. leaving out numbers from 1,000 to 1, leaving out every third member, perhaps-anything to occupy the subject's mind-the subject unconsciously writes the four numbers which have been given to him be-fore being hypnotized. This, Mr. Hodgson declared, was another stratum of the Institute, fell asleep, and despite the efsubject's mind working, and he explained in this way much of the so-called messages from the dead which the recipients themselves are willing to swear they did not write.

Mr. Hodgson, however, did not deny that there may be truth in some of possibility of one mind affecting another through other than the usual

channels of sense. A story comes by mail from the far east, and tells once more of the wonderful things which happen to those who have their homes on the great waters The story concerns the big four-masted iron ship Lucipara. She hails from Glasgow, and recently made a voyage from Sharpness to Sydney, N. S. W. We will fight for it forever, with angels While sailing along between the Cape the continuity of life, that there is no of Good Hope and Australia the ship ran into a hurricane, or was overtaken by one about midnight. Suddenly the real man therefrom. We had C. E. on two occasions, which gave general was packed to the doors; many went. sea, which had been dangerously high, became calm, and to those on the ship it seemed as if the surface of the ocean had been subjected to an enormous could or ought to be expected, but sevpressure, by which the waves were eral who were present were not satisfied Spiritualists' Society of San Francisco, stilled. Without warning, the men that they were genuine; but Spiritualwe had the pleasure once again of listwere almost blinded by a sheet of flame, which enveloped the ship from stem to lous with him. If you can recommend stern, and reached half-way up the to us a medium who can give us such masts. This wave of flame surged back tests as Mrs. Foye gave once when I was and forth, fore and aft, for a few seconds, and was then snuffed out as sud- vinced. denly as it had appeared, leaving cap-

darkness. ladies, Mrs. Hammatt, of California, and here this winter." Miss Dr Lucy Barnicoat, formerly of Soston, late of Kansas City. They gave several lectures jointly, which were highly appreciated by those in attendance; Miss B. upon the general subject 1894, at 264 Miami street, Indianapolis, of Spiritualism (special tonics taken Ind., for engagements within the radius Miss Barnicoat gave personal sittings there, also public tests at hall; and I lady and a medium, as well as speaker. ized the Children's Progressive Ly-

First Society of Spiritualists of Buffalo, N. Y. His address for January will be 2261 Metcalf street, Buffalo, N. Y.

W. L. Scott writes: "Frank T. Ripley the well-known test medium, opened his and our people elsewhere are warned engagement for the First Spiritual against him.

Church of Allegheny, Pa., 68 Ohio street, on Sunday, the 7th, to large and appreciative audiences, both afternoon byschology will determine the mental and evening; in fact, at the evening laws exactly, the laws of the individual of the services we did not have chairs enough to seat them all. Strangers visiting in thick and of every human faculty. It was no blood. A few hours afterwards this neighborhood are invited to attend will compel men to live by these laws, our meetings, which are held at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. on Sundays, and 7:30 P. M. on

W. W. Howe is now secretary of the Grand Rapids Spiritual Association, in letters of business relating to said association should now be addressed to Mr. we shall know the secrets of beauty,

tention to the subject."

M. H. Van Buskirk, president of the First Society of Spiritualists of Buffalo, N. Y., writes: "On Sunday, December 1, Thomas Grimshaw concluded a very

street two more Wednesday afternoons rents, etc., raises the significant ques-

E. N. Beebe writes from Minneapolis, Minn .: "There has lately, unheralded, over her husband, said to him: "Why, appeared in our city, a most phenomegood many. He gives names in full, in the receipt of \$9.20, which has reand incidents with great rapidity, clear-lieved some of Viola's most pressing ness and precision; there is no feeling needs. She says: "The Chicago friend after clews, and what is more, every test is acknowledged. If persons, to appear smart, attempt to "try the spirit" too far, they are very quickly overwhelmed with such a mass of facts that they are word is informed that it came Saturday evening, Dec. 30, as also the dear lady's whose 'dry bones' were 'shaken a dolawith such a mass of facts that they are compelled to acknowledge them. I have compelled to acknowledge them. I have the spirit of the Societies in need of a powerful test medium, will find in Prof. W. L. Kuyler a letter telling me that if I had paid Viola wonderful instrument to convince the for her mediumship she would not now people; skeptical audiences are simply need help: Nobody has said that Viola astounded. His control, too, has the is a medium; on the contrary, she gave

notic influence of the successful orthodox revivalist was given on a recent Sunday night in the Methodist church at Evanston, Ill. While the Rev. C. E. Wilkinson was preaching, Frank Wilforts of the physician to awaken him, he orthodox preachers and orthodox ser-

is expected that the full edition of 3,000

will be exhausted. J. W. S., of Brodhead, Wis., writes: Winans here for one seance at my house, and materializations occurred at that time which perhaps were all that

A subscriber writes from Columbus, tain and crew groping about in intense | Neb.: "If we could have a good medium | at this place for a week, I believe it G. Thompson, president, writes from would add very much to the cause. No Liberal, Mo.: "We have just been vis- medium will do but the best. Any good some very striking tests, each one being ited by two estimable and talented medium will find good, profitable places

can cordially recommend her, both as a Association of Spiritualists in this city February 7th. Large audiences greeted ceum, and considerable interest is What Are They?" The speaker held manifested. Our good brother and sist that the "miracles" of Christ were not ter, Prof. J. M. Allen and wife, of the wondrous, when people understand nat-Spiritual Institute, have given the work ural laws. At the close of the discourse nuch encouragement and aid, for which two remarkable readings were given they have our hearty thanks."

Sunday, Jan. 7, Oscar A. Edgerly began a month's engagement with the comment and wonderment, especially by the non-believer. The Spiritualists of Indianapolis have recently been taken in financially by a man representing himself as Booth Bell, of San Francisco,

higher manhood, because its type will place of L. D. Sanborn, resigned. All then be clear to us. We shall have a new art and a new literature, because Howe, Hermitage Block, Grand Rap- Its standards shall be broader in propor-

five spirit faces, one being distinctly recognized by himself and his wife as in the Republican Journal, Belfast, Me., that of his son, and one as his father. "A wonderful picture" is mentioned will C. Hodge writes that the free advertising given by the Rev. Martin, who set out to demolish Spiritualism, "helped us to the largest audience of the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home he will continue to the season and I home a shelf in his drug store a cardboard box in which a chemical powder had been kept, and was about to the season and I home a shelf in his drug store a cardboard box in which a chemical powder had been kept, and was about to the season and I home a chemical powder had been kept, and was about to the season and I home a chemical powder had been kept, and was about to the season and I home a chemical powder had been kept. the season, and I hope he will continue a formation of dust particles which to pitch into us—it doesn't hurt us, and seemed to resemble the features of his amuses him; and only serves to call at- father, the late Dr. Richard Moody. As different people came into the store the box was shown them without explanation, and all who had known Dr. Moody exclaimed at once: "Why, it is a like-ness of your father." It has been sugsuccessful month's engagement with our gested that the box may have been set society. On Sunday, Jan. 7, Oscar A. Edgerly began a month's engagement graph and the picture thus transferred, with us. This being Mr. Edgerly's third but no such ploture has ever been in engagement here, he is no stranger to our people; he has been warmly welcomed to our rostrum. If the first Sunday of his engagement is any criterion of what is to follow, we know we shall be wifte hair and beard, the shirt front and the black cost all revealed. and the black coat all revealed.

C. M. Davis, of Denison, Texas, desires The Sturgis (Mich.) Society has set to ask the Texas Spiritualists how it cured the services of Mrs. A. E. Sheets,

have a friend to send it to, but I shall of the People's Church, president of the written and handed down to us through der rigid test conditions. Mrs. Harriet N. Graves, of Provi-

trance-into which she was thrown during illness—she made accurate predicing illness—she made accurate predictions as to the times when she would be Schermerhorn, Mrs. Coverdale, Mrs. well and ill.

W. E. Bonney, Cherryvale, Kan., remained in a comatose condition for saxy hours. He came out of his uncon- weeks in our little city. We have had on capital punishment. He said in subsciousness naturally, and now appears to be all right. We advise him to avoid orthodox preachers and orthodox ser. Price, H. H. Hutcheson and myself. Robert A. Dimmick, secretary of the Spiritual Lecturers Be Restricted. A jence. In the spring of 1885 an old gen-National Association of Spiritualists, discussion followed in which Bro. H. H. National Association of Spiritualists, discussion followed in which Bro. H. Hutcheson and myself spoke in antago-writes that 2,500 orders for the Conven-tion Reports have been received, and it limits to the ideas expressed by Mr. Bach in last issue of THE PROGRESSIVE cago to stay with his son, and gave his THINKER, while Bros. Price, Kessler name as Joseph Myers. She forgot his and Stimpson and Sister Frisby spoke in name Joseph. In 1886 the full name was favor of the restrictions proposed by given through a medium, and the spirit We are still on the lookout for a mediane. Mr. Bach. The discussion was carried claimed to be that of the old German um to visit Brodhead, who will demonstrate to the satisfaction of skeptics, on in a fairly temperate manner, and gentleman.

A subscriber writes: "Frank T. Riptor desired des seem to be on Mr. Bach's side of the lev lectured and gave excellent tests to argument. Mrs. M. R. Hutcheson, of a large audience, at the First Church of fell in, and you let down the bucket, and on two occasions, which gave general was packed to the doors; many went thought of it in many and many a year. satisfaction."

Mrs. R. Hughes writes: "At the meet ists failed to perceive anything suspic-uning to that earnest and impressive Reaker and medium, Mrs. M. Longley. Her subject, "The Old and the New," tests as Mrs. Foye gave once when I was was delivered in her usual masterly of the audience, skeptics could be con-manner and proved very interesting to the audience. Prof. Longley, assisted as nobody ever visits the schools, how is by his sweet-voiced wife, gave some good vocal selections. Harlow Davis, taught? The directors are Catholics; the well known platform medium, who one of them cannot read, and the other has just arrived from the east, gave two do not do much reading. fully recognized. He was followed by the veteran worker, Mrs. Hendee, who astonished many skeptics with her psy-chometric readings."

Do you believe in dreams? Such a question is occasionally asked and persons differ in their opinions in reference of Spiritualism (special topics taken Ind., for engagements within the radius from audience), and Mrs. Hammatt of one hundred miles of Indianapolis.

mostly in behalf of the Mediums' Home.

Geo. C. Stoll, of Indianapolis, writes:

Geo. C. Stoll, of Indianapolis, writes: Geo. C. Stoll, of Indianapolis, writes: tucky friend to the effect that he with twelve. Hawkes, guardian of groups: H. A. J. Hawkes, guardian of groups: H. A. J. Puls, secretary; Charles Hofstetter, the two months' engagement with the he awoke and the clock struck twelve. The surface of the control of the A few days afterward he received a letter from where his Kentucky friend had Our local society has recently reorgan-the lady, who in the evening delivered lived, informing him of his death, and ized the Children's Progressive Ly- a remarkable lecture on "Miracles, strange as it may seem, he had died at 12 o'clock on the same night that the tion and doing excellent work Doctor had dreamed of his demise.

Mr. J. Clegg Wright's lectures before low me space in your paper to report the the First Society of Spiritualists, New doings of the First South Side Spiritual-York City, during December, have been ist Society, who have entered upon the of a very high class intellectually and new year with the hope of making it a ethically, and have given great pleasure memorable one; their object is to place to large and increasing audiences. At before the people the best talent that the close of his work a unanimous and can be procured, men and women whose cordial vote of thanks was tendered him | presence lends an added dignity toward expressing high appreciation of his the noble cause they espouse; foremost work and bidding him Godspeed in his among them is Mrs. Colby Luther, well tuture fields of labor.

Richard Hodgson tells of a well-authenticated case of thought transfer-ence. A woman was awakened about 7 o'clock' in the morning by a violent blow will compel men to live by these laws, her husband returned from a sailing because it will make them plain to all trip and she noticed he kept putting his the field, and has won the admiration of the message before it is given. Somether the field, and has won the admiration of the message before it is given. Somether his field, and has won the admiration of the message before it is given. Somether field, and has won the admiration of the heads it makes me doubt; for if the inthe mould will then go forward, because the mouth. "You have because the mouth, because the mouth, and has won the admiration of the message before it is given. Somether field, and has won the admiration of the head it has been been said, because the mouth. "You have been been said, because the mouth, and has won the admiration of the message before it is given. Somether field, and has won the admiration of the message before it is given. Somether field, and has won the admiration of the head it is move independent of the hand, it persistent endeavors to exclude the strikes one that its movements would be a somether field. 'Yes," he replied. It turned out that tricksters, who by their neferious work not be known by the medium. Or can just about 7 o'clock he had been struck seek to block the paths toward progres we explain it by the sympathy which on the mouth by the tiller of his boat.

The Cleveland World gives a synopsis of a discourse by Mrs. H. S. Lake, pas- without saying a word of praise for each

John Y. Golerion states that he forwarded to R. L. Green, spirit photographer, a picture of himself, and on the photograph which he received appeared of.

chology will make education the chief function of government, by giving education a scope heretofore unconceived photograph which he received appeared of. Cora L. V. Richmond, her discourses and other labors. The discourses on the Sunday preceding Christmas were pronounced the most wonderful she ever delivered. "Did Jesus of Live, and Was He the Christ?" and "By Flood and Flame," were the subjects, which were treated with masterful skill and power. Mrs. Richmond is about to

> in Washington, D. C. A subscriber writes from Eaton, Ohio, that he thinks a good medium would do well in that place. The town has a population of about 2,000.

leave for a two-months' season of labor

Richard Hodgson gives this telepathic incident: A young woman whose flance was in Chicago, while she was in a disupon recovering consciousness, exclaimed: "The little devil! He's in bed with another man." A few days afterwards the young man wrote asking if his betrothed was well. "I thought she was in my room the other night," he wrote, "and stood at the foot of my bed." The New Orleans Picayune of Sunday,

A subscriber who has sent 45 Christmas numbers to different persons asked one of them how heilked it. He replied:

"O, it is grand! I have read it twice. I read it again, first." That Christmas Research Society, Dr. La Fietra, and the ages. Man, the spark of deffic light, issue is doing missionary work; 32,000 another member of the Society were law orders are still also present. Dr. Kent is thoroughly spirit return, Spiritualism claims preconvinced of the genuineness of the manifestations—which were given under rigid test conditions.

eminence over mind and matter, as having conquered death and the grave, lifted the human soul out of uncertainty as to its future, and linked the mortal received in which this statement has old man, you're a nice fellow; who was nal platform test medium, second to been specifically made. In view of the woman who went into your berth none I ever heard, and I have heard a least single the woman who went into your berth none I ever heard, and I have heard a least single the woman who went into your berth none I ever heard, and I have heard a least single the woman who went into your berth none I ever heard, and I have heard a least single the great and beautiful beyond." the great and beautiful beyond."

The Peoria Progressive Society met at the residence of Mrs. M. Hovenden, lowing named officers: Dr. George F. West, president; Mrs. Ellsworth, vice-president; W. Davey, secretary;

Mr. Wm. H. and Mrs. Adeline M. Glading, of Doylestown, Pa., finding it To the impossible to thank the many friends for their many tokens and loving remembrances to Mrs. Glading on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their wedding, are compelled to take this method of returning their gratitude happy faculty of keeping the audience freely of her dollars to mediums as long and heartfelt thanks. She was not aware that she had so many true and loving

Viola A. Arnold writes that many of the good people of South Chicago are waking up and carnestly investigating Mrs. Mowatt Ritche states in her au-tobiography that when in the mesmoric der's labor during six Sundays past has resulted in increased attendance and an Turbett and others have rendered efficient help. Dr. Schermerhorn last Sunwrites: "Sunday afternoon meetings day was controlled to voice the present Last Sunday a paper was read, 'Should Mrs. C. Lee writes some of her exper-

> away and could not get in. Bro. Ripley It brought up a flood of recollections of seems to be a great favorite here, and is doing a good work for this new socie-ty, and we shall keep him as long as we

can. Your paper is a favorite here. Lancaster, Ohio, appears to be a badly Rome-ridden place. A correspondent writes that he recently talked with one of the teachers, who ridiculed Spiritualism, ghosts; chews tobacco, swears, and teaching in such schools is a Jesuitic sham-as ever where Romish priests and Jesuits rule. If not watched and thwarted, they will turn the public schools into schools of Romish supersti tions and Jesuitic miseducation,

H. A. J. Puls writes that the Lyceum of the First Spiritual Church of Louis Miss Marshall, librarian; Mrs. Irish guard; Mrs. McAboy, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Fulty and Mr. H. R. Wardell, leaders. The Lyceum is in a flourishing condi-Mrs. J. F. Seybold writes: Kindly al-

of the principles of Spiritualism, she oc-And every cause of evil to destruction shall be hurled,
Shouting our battle-cry—Progression.

DR, DEAN CLARK.

Calcutta has 681,500 population and 2,873 police, who in 1891 made 47,802

This is the universal verdict.

And every cause of evil to destruction as they shall be broader in proportion of a discourse by Mrs. H. S. Lake, passion of the Spiritual Alliance, on "Medicine of the Spiritual Alliance, on "Medicine of the Spiritual Alliance, on "Medicine of the Spiritual Consciousness." office of this society. The fact of their office of this society. The fact of their



The Psychograph.

An Hour's Experiments.

would do to have a camp meeting, at would do to have a camp meeting, at some suitable place.

Anent the Winter Park Camp-meet in January. Mrs. Sheets can be engaged its future is carefully considered. It was written by Prof. Silas W. Edmunds, a subscriber, after care to attend funerals anywhere in the fully investigating the railroad rates of state. She will respond also to calls to lecture.

The Rowland writes of another major worlds, the mind of civilized and with the right conditions," and in fact I would be "astonishing," and in fact I had a "grand mission to perform," when the time came; yet I always seemed a damper on every circle I chanced to sit in, and the seance that engaged my presence had a Jonah. I was recommended to sit with a friend at the planchette, and for a series of evening gave an hour to meditation with hands on the little table, that moves so easily for some, and writes and draws as though possessed with a soul. The result was nil, and I gave over the bootless task.

One evening I called at a friend's for a social hour, and found the family engaged in a seance, having just become possessed of a dial planchette or psychodamper on every circle I chanced to sit

gaged in a seance, having just become possessed of a dial planchette or psychograph. A little girl of some twelve years was found by trial to be able to receive communications by its aid in, it must be confessed, an imperfect manner, although the mark of genuineness was upon all she received. The rentences in the process of Mohammedanism. The Religions register of the Parsec Religion. The Parsec Ribbs. The High Progress of Mohammedanism. The Religions of to-day were broken of the place of the parsec of Mohammedanism. The Religions of the Parsec Mohammedanism. vere broken, often disjointed, and there were interruptions and refusals to answer, which indicated that there were difficulties in the way of full control. It was suggested that I sit with her, each placing our right hands on the instrument. I laughed at the idea, in the light of my previous experiences, yet yielded, and for ten or fifteen minutes there was perfect quiet. Then the index began to turn and point to the letters. My surprise was great when the name of my brother was given, and the cause of his death. He had gone from California to Australia, and went to the gold fields. A letter came to us from a stranger saying he had been successful in gaining wealth and on the eve of starting for home had been murdered and robbed. Fifteen years had pussed since then and no further intelligence had been received. This was the first direct word from him, and at the time no one-was further from my mind. My curiosity was greatly excited, and I asked a long series of questions, as to rielded, and for ten or fifteen minutes asked a long series of questions, as to his family relations, etc., in order to identify him, all of which were correctly answered. Then I said: "If you are my brother, tell me, if you can, some ineident in our lives known only to ourselves."

There was a silence so long continued that we were on the point of taking our hands away, thinking the control had ceased, when the index moved and gave us this: "In the old pasture was a sweet le tree, under the we were drawing water with a sweep, 1 held me up until father came. this was true, although I had not our boyhood days, and I never felt quite so near the realm of spirit, or the identity of the communicating power more

forcibly. "Then you have not found such pleas ure in your new life that you have forgotten the incidents of the old?" I said. "They are recalled when I come to you," was the reply.
"Where are my father and mother?"

I asked. "They are not with me, having different pleasures, yet I see them often, and sister Sarah.

There was another point, freely given. for Sarah died when an infant, and had left only a faint trace in my memory. "Is she with them?"

"Yes, and has become matured as she would had she remained on earth." "Did you regret your sudden death?"
"Truly I did, for I had luck, and ex-

pected a good deal when I reached "Was the story of your murder true?" "Yes."

"ls your murderer yet alive?" "He is not with you; he is on this

side." "Do you meet him?"

"I have-not often." I might prolong this conversation to a

column, mostly personal inquiries and answers, when the force appeared to weaken and altogether cease. Since that time I have at least once a week sat with the instrument, usually

talking with this brother, and also with others. There was one thing that struck me at first, and that was, after the first word or two was given, I was conscious of what the answer would be, and now ] have become so sensitive that I know before the question is finished. By taking a pen and holding it with what is called a free hand, it writes the answer. I cannot otherwise than refer the initial of this development, which to me is

sion. Give him your sympathy and co- must exist between the spirit and the operation, in the good work, dear medium? I would like to know the ex-friends: I must not close this article perience of others, and certainly the

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Note that against war, against prestorant, or the Prestor, and the poor the Prestor and Park success that is not yet successful in accom- The daughters Miss Birdie, is musical director to hear him, many expecting that he would fails to outline the creed to which he would way that it never showed itself before. Never

officer, let them prove their appreciation by discovered a stand in the center of the room for prised, however, that this was not the case, I have learned that in order to be a true self so plainly as it does to-day. Are we to be doing their duty, and their reward will come of the room for prised, however, that this was not the case, I have learned that in order to be a true self so plainly as it does to-day. Are we to be spiritualist, a man or woman should become dumb, driven cattle? or are our eyes to be right if the proper time has arrived; but until um could get from it. I held the knife in my that there was not a single good devil in the to comprehend. Mr. Bach does not deny something is accomplished beyond the hand a moment, which, of course, gave it a whole lot. Will C. Hodge, of Chicago, who is that there are faults and wrongs among human been done in the way of raising and setting some wonderful tests with other articles there. aside a protective fund; in cementing all other | Finally she said: "An old gentleman comes, societies into one; securing recognition by points to this knlfe, and wants recognition." equal with that of other religious bodies; pro. ly, even to the style and color of his apparel, clusively from a Bible standpoint that the medium say that spirit-return is a fact, Mr. cution; securing to our healers the same rights forehead and said: "An old lady comes and one and the same in nature, and produced by from mentioning that, and then the whole under the laws of every state, to practice their wishes to entrance me. I cannot allow her to the same laws and under similar conditions, thing is gone to the ground. profession without fear of molestation by med- do so, as I will not do justice to the other ar- and that whatever explanation would suffice in Does Mr. Bach honestly believe that the ical quacks, and many other very important icles if I do, but will describe her." She the one case was equally applicable in the advice given by advanced spirits through our able human systems or institutions, and not able human systems or institutions, and or institutions able human s ical quacks, and many other very important ticles if I do, but will describe her." She the one case was equally applicable in the advice given by advanced spirits through our the memory of man.

subordinate society by the National Associa said she was attracted to the knife, could not same time he is radical and does not withhold are trying to impress upon the minds of the and New Testament, notwithstanding the fact tion, wiser ones have been consulted, and have get away from it, and again saw the old gentle- any truth which he believes should be uttered. people at the present time the utter selfishalready written their opinions; but, inasmuch man, at the same time, saying the old lady He speaks entirely without notes and as the ness and foolish perversity of the modern com. cies and absurdities contained within its covers. as each State regulates the matter of corpora was trying to entrance her and talk. The inspiring power prompts, and on this occasion petitive system. They may not use personal He does not say anything about the Tom Paine tions and associations within her boundaries, question was asked, who owned the knife, but held the closest attention of his hearers for a subset against capitalists, as some of the re- Spiritualist or the Ingersoll Spiritualist, but I any society, to become a legal institution, must no one answered, and Mrs. Abel said she did full hour, and when he took his seat the gen. formers do, but they condemn the financial presume they would be placed under the same be established under and by direction of the not know whose it was, but that the medium erous applause of his audience attested their system. The men are not so much at fault ban in order to have fair play and equal rights laws of the State in which it is created and op- had described Mr. Abel's father and mother as appreciation. erates, and must be chartered by that State to accurately as if she had known them in earth have any power of its own. The State laws life. I then told them it was Mr. Abel's knife, must accord with the Constitution of the United when it was discovered that gentleman was States also, but there are State rights and lim asleep in his chair, and had been during the itations, and National rights and limitations. entire test, which convinced the large number reading those ringing, wise and weighty words The charter from the National Association to in the circle that it was all the more remark- of Brother E. Bach, of Aberdeen, S. D., conanother society is only a certificate of mem- able. These conditions prevailed while the cerning the demagogical and anarchical ha- family than competition, therefore the medium musta't quote from the Bible because some bership for the purpose of organizing or unit knife was on the table, Mrs. Allen not taking rangues which we hear from the rostrum in who knows such to be the case, and does not other man doesn't believe a word of the Bible. ing in one grand whole for more efficient work it in her hand. When Mr. Abel was acquainted our camp-meetings. Yes, golden and timely voice that truth from the rostrum, is a traitor believed to the contract of the contract and to know more of our actual working with what the medium saw and described he words, which I read the second time, with ad-

The first edict from the head of our organization was an order for us to laugh because gives me pleasure to testify to so accurate an which he so justly and tersely hits? As a rule we are organized; what the second will be re- evidence of the truth of Spiritualism and the intelligent people may be posted upon subjects mains to be seen. The writer of this was an thorough work of Mrs Allen. active working member of that convention, and of the Committee on Constitution and Permanent Organization, and is still in accord with Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond Coing norance—professors in colleges knowing no can lay his hands on. The evil effects of any of these poets, as being immoral, ignorthe action of the convention, except that Milan C. Edson was his first choice for President. because of proven business qualifications, which goes far towards the success of any organization, but cordially yielded to the voice of the majority, who judged by parliamentary and now we have not only to ability to the exclusion of business qualification.

Pittsburg, Kan.

T. V. BLACKMAN.

to Washington.

bad sample from which they so often suffer."

-Our Sunday-school has been unusually ac-

tive for a short time. On November 20 we

had a very unique entertainment given by and

for the school, the principal feature of which

was a new musical instrument called the Har-

In addition to her regular Sabbath duties

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views upon spiritual topics. That this meets a

long-felt want, is shown in the fact of many

As I said before, over all this happy retro

spect comes the shadow of the approaching

separation. We only pray, and we know the

taking advantage of this opportunity.

of age when admitted.

monaphone.

If in his notice to the Commissioners of the World's Congress of Religions, Bro. Barrett Association" of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Color in the internal and the color of the United States, instead of Co the mandatory edict so all-sweeping; "and that the statement therein contained shall stand as the voice of the Spiritualists of the United States," Bro. Hull nor anyone else could have raised any objection; because it was the duty of the president and secretary of the Association to furnish Mrs. Richmond with the proper credentials of recognition. His language rather exaggerated his real power. There are many good, intelligent Spiritualists who are not in accord with the Association, whose disbelief in organization does not make them any less Spiritualists and just about now the good-meaning brother is finding them real independent-thinkers.

The greatest fault so far, with this Association, is its assumption of unbusiness-like dictations and undertakings. It proposes soon to issue a quarterly bulletin of "New Revelations from the Spirit-world," stating in concise form all new developments that may arise in this or any other country. Did we organize a stock company to run a newspaper, or did we but organize a head for all other Spiritual societies in the United States that saw fit to join the body under that head? We have weekly and monthly periodicals to disseminate all these "New Revelations," and we make the prophesy right here, that if this organization establishes a "quarterly bulletin" or any other periodical, as an Association, to use a slang phrase, they will get "ripped up the back" by the grand and noble journals of our philosophy. The better way-and we make this as a suggestion-would be to collect all the "new revelations" from this and foreign lands and hand them out to our papers, who will be glad to publish them. These journals will be found to wield a power capable of much good, or much harm to the Association, and as they have fought the battles of the past on a scanty existence, no more merited recognition can be shown them by this association, that is only an infantile experiment yet, than to compile this very interesting bit of food for hungry humanity, and dispense it through its present very efficient and deserving Spiritual press.

Nearly one-fourth of the arrests in Calcutta last year were for not abating nuisances. The sanitary laws in a tropical country must be employed in making shoes, brushes, beds, strictly enforced if public health is to be pre- trunks and harness; 393 were under 20 years served.

Dr. T. WILKINS.

Seances with Mrs. M. T. Allen. The Outlook at Marshalltown, lowa.

Mrs. M. T. Allen, inspirational speaker and In spite of the inclement season, financial platform test medium, has been in Pittsburg depression and other drawbacks, the outlook for the past two weeks, lecturing, giving tests for the cause in this place is far from discour-and visiting with friends. Mrs. Allen is very aging. Interest in the meeting is steadily inquent, logical and convincing lectures, but christian brethren who are now engaged in from the fact that she organized the Spiritual istic and Liberal society in this city, and has taken great interest in its upbuilding, endear-like here and the public gener-like here and the pu popular here, not only on account of her elo- creasing, and, as usual, some of our good ing herself more and more to all. This week ally against heretical teachings. One Rev. seems to think that the managers of camp. mouth about those evils because some old fosof the society, and organist. At 8 o'clock the use the old and thread-bare arguments against have every sepaker confine himself. I am in the history of the world did the evil effects The First Commun If anyone is glad they were selected as an officer, let them prove their appreciation by long the room for prised, however, that this was not the case, loing their duty, and their reward will come of the world show it in the learned that in order to be a true loing their duty, and their reward will come of the world show it in the Roman Catholic Colleges.

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ence of the season.

#### Excelsior! All Hail!

To THE EDITOR: Oh, how I did enjoy any other. was greatly surprised, and expressed sorrow miration and satisfaction. I had often self and family, and a traitor to humanity at have grand and noble thoughts in their writthat he had not received the benefit of it. It thought and spoken in private of just that large. save when it comes to questions of an ecowe are upon the eve of one of those separato to not again show myself there, I heard so tions are publicly agitated and brought before Christian Spiritualist. Is this mental liberty? tions we dread so much. At the end of this much of what appeared to me sheer demagog- the minds of the people. month she leaves us again for a two months, ism of a political character, tirades against Under such a system of creedal dogmatism unto others as we would have them do unto solely in the interest of the National organiza. tariffs. While the speakers were very voluble priest would have far more liberty than a to the spirit of honest investigation which tion, of which she is vice-president; but to and glib of speech in their declarations, in a Spiritualist medium. A Papal decree would every Spiritualist ought to believe in. I think carry on her own special work of scattering knowledge of the practical working and results be a pattern of liberality beside a decree it will tend to place obstacles in the way of spiritual seed. It comes to be almost monot. of the imposition of high duties upon imports which Mr. Bach would have sent out. onous to tell you of the glorious times we they were grossly ignorant. With them, it oases in the wilderness of enthusiasm and de ualism. I am a hearty believer in the philosobrand of opium into the orthodox pulpits.

and so save the pews from the effects of the progressive future. SAMUEL W. TUCKER.

Keokuk, Iowa.

#### Fox Sisters Monument.

of the world; yet the seed they in their weak and get mad about it.

quickened the lives and hearts of millions.

JOHN A. HOOVER. Morristown, N. J.

# FREEDOM OF THOUGHT.

Should Spiritual Lecturers Be Restricted.

in the appreciation shown of their labor by the in another room. Before any other article had formed his hearers that it did really occur; but spiritualistic people. There is evident, hear placed upon the stand Mr. Abel not his convents and Numeries of Rooms. whole Spiritualistic people. There is evident been placed upon the stand, Mr. Abel put his that it was instigated by the devil; that all uslity. Just how a person is to do this and we should fear to offend somebody who bely much work to do or there is no use for any pen-knife in my hand, telling me to put it on mediums were under the influence of his sal not be a reformer of social abuses, political lieves the competitive system is all sight? organization. The act of organizing is all the table, say nothing, and see what the meditanic majesty in performing their wonders, and corruptions and religious superstitions, I fail mere fact of uniting, the organization has magnetism other than Mr. Abel's. I passed serving our society for the months of Decem- society. Of course not no; honest man can is a delusion and a humbug. We can show not proven of any value; and until about the table and placed it thereon unseen. Mrs. ber and January, reviewed the gentleman's deny that; but for fear of offending the ears up the evils of the competitive system with twelve months solid and effective work has Allen then took her stand at the table and gave discourse at the Spiritual temple on Sunday of some people, he would have all lecturers out using harsh terms against any particular evening, Jan. 7th, and had the largest audi- on the spiritual rostrum prohibited from say. individuals who happen to have money. We ing anything about these faults and wrongs. can show the evil effects of land monopoly.

He took for his topic, "The Church, the What next? I wonder! If some orthodox without abusing any particular man or men every corporation or institution in the land co She then described a gentleman very accurate. Devil, and Modern Spiritualism," showing con- people get mad (as they do) at hearing a who own large tracts of land. We can fight tecting our mediums from legal or local perse. when she suddenly placed her hand upon her phenomena in ancient and modern times were Bach will next want to prohibit the lecturers without abusing any man who is engaged in it.

down; that she was lame, and that the lame- the prince of devils. Mr. Hodge treats every- nations warring with each other and shedding presume by this he refers to those who retain . As to the validity of a charter granted to a ness was caused by rheumatism. Again she one courteously, and his subjects fairly; at the human blood. He must also admit that they for making their millions, as the system all round. The Christian Spiritualist or the which allows them to accumulate so much Tom Paine or Ingersoll Spiritualist may say which allows them to accumulate so much wealth, and the people who allow that system to remain in force are more to blame than than the people who allow that system to remain in force are more to blame than hold different opinions. So they must both

> It has been demonstrated in many ways that co-operation is far better for the human of stepping on somebody's corns. A man to those higher intelligences, a traitor to him- Shakespeare, Byron, or Burns; all these poets

Another subject which Mr. Bach would my mind are bordering very closely on immorlike to place under his ban is Henry George- ality, and not calculated to advance the world which interest their fellow-citizens generally, ism, meaning, of course, any agitation or in-spiritually to any great extent. vestigation which would tend to question the nomic nature; then they display lamentable ig- right of any man to gobble up all the land he to condemn every man who ever quotes from more than do school-boys. In August, 1891, and again in 1893, I spent ten or twelve days deed, for it seems but yesterday we wrote you upon the camp-grounds at Clinton, when it State of the Union, must never be mentioned much inconsistency, absurdity and immoralreport half a season's work done, but also that leaving, lastly, I had about made up my mind can any progress be made unless these ques. might offend some orthodox believer or some

The spiritual lecturer would be under the have, and to speak the eulogy we feel of the was abstract theory put forth to curry favor painful necessity of shutting his or her eyes guides. Let every speaker on the spiritual discourses, and it is somewhat refreshing to with and prejudice the people. Then we heard to every form of injustice, oppression and rostrum give to the world the best thoughts hear a little adverse criticism. One of these much of the adjunct and side-shows of Spirit superstition, or, having seen them, would be they receive from the angel world on every under the still more painful necessity of subject which is calculated to enlighten and light we came upon on jubilee day, and al- phy, and in what I conceive to be the truths of keeping his mouth shut about it. The medi. elevate humanity; but let those speakers be though it is a criticism of some time ago, it is our glorious faith—Spiritualism, pure and um who believes the traffic in alcoholic liquors careful to use language which, while it will not too good to be lost. An orthodox minister simple. Life is short in this sphere, and it to be detrimental to the best interests of hu- hide the light or obstruct the truth which they declared the only way he could account for would be wise and consistent to use our ener- manity, must never say so at a camp-meeting, wish to convey, will at the same time be coursuch extraordinary speaking was that she must gies in an endeavor to inculcate that which because a tender-hearted saloon-keeper or teous to the opinions of others, be charitable. be an opium eater. Do you wonder that the we know from personal experience to be true brewer might happen along, or, perhaps, some prayer went up: "Lord, send lots of this and useful, rather than theoretic guesses of of their victims might be present, and some spiritual rostrum always be open for the spread that which may or may not prove true, in the or all of them get mad! Suppose a medium of truth, even if every human institution be to be controlled by a spirit who, while in the shaken to its foundations. body, had been a victim of strong drink, and a medium to the young—under Mr. Bach's priesthood or a Protestant ministry, a mon-To the Editor:—I am much interested in man, because he might make some liquor-seller or a standing army, a church prayer-meeting the communication of Brother W. J. Innis, mad, and drive him away from the meeting, or spiritual seance, should be placed under the relative to the burial of the Fox sisters, and the A Catholic spirit may want to come back, search-light of truth; and if it cannot stand the little side-slur you made pertinent to it. My and through the instrumentality of a medium test of investigation and reason, then let that heart bleeds when I think of the icebergs that seek to show the people that he had been institution, no matter what it may be, fall into dwell in the hearts of some of our well-to-do mistaken while in life, that Catholicism is pieces, or sink down into the black night of Spiritualists. Had these pioneers worked and not what it is "cracked up" to be; he might oblivion where it belongs. fallen in the ranks of the church, all Christen- want to show up in cutting language the abdom would have brought their oblations to build surdities and iniquities of that system, but a proud monument overtheir dust. But their he would be shut off by the decree of the earth mission was in an unpopular cause, and camp managers, if Mr. Bach has his way they were obliged to bear the gibes and sneers about it, because a Catholic might be present

ness sowed, by the aid of the angel-world, An advanced spirit from the planet Jupiter, spect comes the shadow of the approaching separation. We only pray, and we know the answer is already assured, that our loss will separation and all search of the control one nation bearing ill-feeling and animosity against the others. I have made enemies by 1202 Pa. ave., Washington, D. C.

writing on that subject in this town, have been called a "crank" and an "anarchist," and many other things have been said about me, but am I to keep quiet on that subject because some people still believe that the old way of killing off everybody that you don't like is the

Never will I be a traitor to those unseen intelligences who come and impress me to write

If it is all right, the "Golden Rule" is all wrong, and the doctrine of human brotherhood, which is the foundation of true spirituality, against the evils of an unlimited liquor traffic We can show up the horrors of warfare without denouncing men who have had to take part in wars of the past. Our shot and shell should be directed against unjust or undesir-

some respect for the good things in the Bible that there are very many apparent inconsistenbe muzzled. Great Cæsar! what are we coming to? The truth must be kept back for fear ings, but they all have some things which to

According to this doctrine or logic we ought

Is this honest investigation? Is this "doing justifiable in the eyes of our spirit friends and be free from vulgarity or abuse; but let the

Every human institution, no matter whether would seek to give wholesome advice through it be a so-called sacred book or Bible, a Papal plan of action he must be denied the privi- archical government or a republic, a land molege of coming back to earth to help his fellow- nopoly or a money monopoly, a liquor traffic

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#### E. Bach Again to the Front.

too often on your columns, but, like the Irishman at the Donnybrook fair, I like to hit a a system of rules for worship, anything which head when I see it. This time I shall whack smacks of ceremonies, baptisms, or anything at the 'Directions for Funerals' which were whatever of the old style, into Spiritualistic published in The ProgressiveT Hinker a few meetings. Let what we do be spontaneous. weeks ago, and I feel more encouraged to do Let it come with the inspiration of the moment. so on account of the article from the pen of and prescribe no rules or regulations of any Dr. Ada Sheehan in your issue of the 6th of kind. January. I fully agree with her, and am glad she wrote it.

Why will Spiritualists try to ape the old institutions? The progressed Spiritualist certainly has nothing in common with those old, obsolete ideas. The old is dead, irrational, will not stand investigation, and these people Marcellus, Mich., on the evening of Dec. 30th. will have to hedge it around with all kinds of 1893. There were sixteen ladies and gentlehocus pocus and ceremonials in order to make men present, seated in a semi-circle, some six a show, and to satisfy the faithful. There is nothing rational, spontaneous or inspirational tation, the sitters could enter and examine to in the old creeds. It is all dead matter which see if any means of secreted accomplices or was, perhaps, fitted for the childhood of the race, at the time when it was first introduced, and a number of others made a thorough but it is worn out long ago. They have no facts to draw from in the old, and have to prise whatever. No person able to read charmake up in ceremonials what they lack in realities. Spiritualism is different. It is a living, nomy indicated anything but a good-natured, progressive and fundamental truth. It is in- honest, upright man—one who would despise spirational, practical, and easily proven by and to perpetuate an imposition upon the public. through its natural and scientific facts. We ties. Inspiration with us is spontaneous, free tains before the cabinet. and gaining strength all the time. Yet there The sitters, by request, now commenced to are quite a number of Spiritualists who would sing an appropriate song in a gentle, plaintive get up a creed for us; who would write out voice. Directly the curtains parted, and the a catechism for us to, follow; who would bind tall, well-built spirit of Benton, the medium's us down to 39 or more articles; who would in-control, stood before the semi-circle, and then troduce a dry and unmeaning ritual and have stepped back out of sight. Singing was reus follow that, instead of the heaven in sumed, when one after another adult spirits spiration which comes to us as free as air, and came and showed themselves-no less than as plentiful. They would put a sin against fifteen in all, of both sexes. the holy ghost into a creed, again, make doubt a deadly sin, and punish us for heresy. Away with these things! We will have none of it. What intelligent Spiritualist is there who has they wished to shake hands; and being recognot realized the immense distance between the nized, their wishes were gratified, and then the stereotyped orthodox reiteration to which the spirit would dematerialize, appearing to settle sitters in pews are treated periodically, and the down to or through the floor in a way that all clear, intelligent, progressive Inspirational or present could see. Among others the tall, trance discourse delivered by our mediums noble-appearing spirit of C. E. Sears, a very from the spiritualistic rostrum? The two are particular friend of the undersigned, parted as far apart in every respect as the darkest night and the brightest noonday sun.

diums. She was one of those highly gifted individuals who send a stream of inspiration, full of logic and intelligence, of love, of charity, of inspiration and humanity, couched in unap- father, mother, sister, brother, or friend. proachable eloquence, such as only an inspired psychic can send out among her hearers. After we reached the street, said my friend: "I could not fully grasp all the lady said, it person could do what she has done by herself.'

I took a friend to hear one of our best me-

would not have any such profanation as is pre- Mr. Chas. Herman, wrote on a slate a request sented in any ritual around me. The pale that some spirit would write something by rider stopped at our portal and entered within which he might feel assured that no person but our family circle, and selected one who was in himself could have any knowledge about it. the flower of young manhood, unexpectedly, On his slate was seen, in the clearly recognized and suddenly. The blow was a hard one. We handwriting of his deceased father, some very wired to Mrs. Carrie Tryon, of Minneapolis, to comforting words to his son; among other conduct the funeral. There were no instruct things was the following: "Do you remember tions, no commands as to how it should be what shirt you have on this evening?" signed conducted. And herein consists the beauty Father. Now it so happened that when Mr. of this inspiration. Our translated friends Herman's father's spirit left its mortal form, know our conditions and situation better than a certain shirt was provided, among other we know, ourselves, and are better fitted to do things, in which to "lay out" the body for the proper thing than we could direct them to burial; but the shirt was not used, another bedo. The attendance was one of the largest ing substituted. which was ever had at a funeral in this place. The house did not hold over 40 per cent of man, and it so happened that he had it on those who attended. Every door and window there and then, although he had not thought was filled from the outside, all eagerly listen of it since leaving home, and there was no posing to what was said. Mrs. Tryon, being a sibility of the medium or any other person personal friend of the family, tried to deliver knowing the fact; therefore it cannot be truthan inspirational discourse, but her sympathies fully called mind-reading, only as done by were too strong, and she broke down with the spirits. first sentence she uttered. Then her guides entranced her fully, and she delivered such a porated in this report, so that others might be discourse as no one who listened to it will ever induced to investigate Spiritualism and its forget. Everyone present was spellbound. Claims, if possible that thus being convinced When she spoke of the good character of the they may be happy to know that the spirits of young man, and how he stood beside her then their departed relatives and friends have a and there, as a bright and good spirit, many continued after and glorious life "eternal in rose involuntarily from their seats, trying to the spirit land." see the spirit of the departed, so realistic was

her speech. Those who have been visited with the loss of loved ones, when they take a last look at the cold and lifeless likeness before it shall be leads, for leading minds send in their best finally consigned to the ground, only can real thoughts, and they know by so doing they ize the anguish of parting; and only such can reach the largest number of readers. Send 25 appreciate the words of sympathy, solace and cents to J. R. Francis, 40 Loomis street, comfort which came through this inspired me- Chicago, Ill., and try the paper for three dium at that time.

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their sympathies and their consolation, and inspire you with hope and promises of the fu-To the Editor:—I do not wish to intrude ture. I implore you, my Spiritualistic friends. never to permit anything like a ritual, a prayer, E. BAOH.

Aberdeen, S. D.

#### A Seance with Farmer Riley.

To the Editor:-I wish to give a brief account of a seance Mr. Chas. Herman and myself had at the house of Mr. J. Riley, near or eight feet from the cabinet, which by invifraudulent design could be detected. Myself search, but found nothing to arouse any suracter would believe that Mr. Riley's physiog-

Mrs. Riley I should judge to be a noble. need no unmeaning, grotesque ceremonials, kind-hearted, lovable lady. When everything because we can go down to living facts and was ready the medium had flour placed in both draw from an inexhaustible fountain of reali- hands, and Mrs. Riley adjusted the dark cur-

Several of the spirits reached forth an extended arm and open hand, always in the direction of someone in the circle with whom the curtain, and extended his arm and open hand directly toward me, but not knowing that I was thus solicited to leave my seat and take the proffered hand, he immediately dematerialized. In nearly every case, the spirits manifesting proved to be those of a deceased

Several clean, apparently new slates were given to those forming the circle, so that any one who wished to could write thereon something to which they wanted an answer by the was too far above me; but never in my life spirits; and quite a number received a satisfyhave I heard such a stream of uninterrupted ing short communication. The slates were all eloquence poured from a human mouth. There deposited inside of the cabinet, and those were was neither stop nor hesitation, and no living selected, one after another, by the spirits, the answer written, and handed out at the central And some Spiritualists want us to throw away joining of the curtain. The sitters would inthese sublime conditions, and get up a service quire, one after another if it was for them, which shall be read out of a dry as dust prayer simply asking, "Is it for me?" When the book; an empty ceremony. Away with such right one enquired, the spirit would rap three profanation. Suppress it, Spiritualists. Trust it mes, and then the sitter would step and take in inspiration. It has never yet failed where the slate, go to an adjoining light room and his or her well-remembered characteristics.

I will give our experience of a funeral. I My partner on this memorable occasion,

Said shirt fell into the hands of Mr. Her-

Mr. Herman allowed these facts to be incor-E. D. BLAKEMAN, Three Rivers, Mich.

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# DARK SPIRITS.

mediumship of Dr. Stansberry. Then I sat that it is infallible and unchangeable? Has it for automatic writing, and got it in strong ever repudiated the horrors of the past? Does measure; and with it telepathy, thought trans. it not rather glory in them? Are not the sire and would gladly have fled from, but all the instruments of torture--still the propcould not. I found myself strictly "in it." erty of that church of hellish purposes? Destiny," on which I was in forced attend. changes, and its laws demand the Inquisition. ance and compelled to give careful and earnest The doctrine of infallibility which justified word means—embraced in addition to our tiger claw beneath, origin, accountability and destiny, the information and enforced realization that there is to the next legislature of New York, giving to literally an innumerable company of "spirits the parachial schools of that State a share of in prison"—in the first sphere of Spirit-life, the public school fund. At a meeting of M.D. Price 15 cents. near the earth, who have no knowledge of spiritual things. Many of them are so gross as to be in ignorance of the fact that they have passed through the change called death.

After my own record had received attantion

ones spoken of as "spirits in prison." To each school system? The remarks of the Archdark soul a message was given through my bishop were made for political effect merely, mediumship. It was strange, uncanny, horrible, but I was powerless to resist. Scores of Protestants of New York, Awake! See that dark spirits, of every grade of mental de your Representatives bend every energy to velopment and moral aberration, from the mur. the defeat of this iniquitous bill. derer and suicide down to the creed-bound. who could see no way out of the darkness, were brought for instruction and guidance. For each an order was given.

and discover where "I was at." It took me some time to locate myself. I had never heard of such an experience, and was ashamed to relate my own. The thought would present itself that I had received just punishment for attempting to investigate the mysteries of the "beyond;" but I have lived to learn that the "beyond;" but I have lived to learn that the the lessons of the coming Sunday, and the teacher gives daily instruction in Bible and Church History, and the Catechism in the German language. The text-books of the coming Sunday, and the teacher gives daily instruction in Bible and Church History, and the Catechism in the German language. The text-books of the coming Sunday, and the teacher gives daily instruction in Bible and Church History, and the Catechism in the German language. The text-books of the coming Sunday, and the teacher gives daily instruction in Bible and Church History, and the Catechism in the German language. The text-books of the coming Sunday, and the teacher gives daily instruction in Bible and Church History, and the Catechism in the German language. The text-books of the school are those prepared expressly for use in parochial schools.

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on them.

Before closing I want to endorse with emphasis all Mr. Bach has to say of the stuff so often presented as Spiritualism. This highest, best gift to men is crucified every day in the house of its professed friends. There are all grades of mental and moral ism is neither dead nor sleeping in this city. force in human form in the Spirit-world; and No society representing our progressive phileach and all competent to control a medium. osophy ever had a more conservative and in-Just as there are all grades of mental and different element to overcome than exists here; moral force and character in mortal life, any yet, notwithstanding the many discourageone of whom may become a medium. Hence ments and obstacles we have had to meet, we the things that mar and hinder the progress have overcome them and our society is a of the truth over error, ignorance and super growing and barmonious body. stition. In time these defects will disappear. The name of our society has been changed thought of the blitter crucity of earth-life. These are sweet, window, that the time were now! They make the from the Milwaukee Progressive Society to some and restrul. Price \$1.00. spirit sphere.

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male. Their social state was: Single, 161; as a Spiritualist is to be called a "crank." married, 82; divorced, 5; widowers, 15; The truth of Spiritualism, once fairly and widows 2; grass widowers, 4.

North Carolinia convicts make their breakfast of meat, bread and coffee; their dinner of meat, bread and vegetables; their supper of bread, molasses and coffee.

Capital punishment in Denmark is executed this phase. publicly with the ax. If several are to be decapitated on the same date one is not present one of the noted mediums of this country, is while another is executed.

all or not enough to live on, so that justice is knows he is one of the grandest mediums of not administered, it is sold. He who is most liberal to the Judge always wins his cause.

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The Romish Serpent.

To THE EDITOR: I was much interested Medium's Experience with Them, in the article "The Trail of the Serpent," in the Christmas number of THE PROGRESSIVE To the Editor:—The first absolute evi. Thinker. "Need we fear the power of the dence to me of spirit work was an authentic Roman Catholic Church in the United States bit of independent slate writing through the today?" Is it not the boast of that church ference, clairaudience-phases I did not de buildings of the Inquisition, the dungeon-

I had something I had not counted on when I | Rt. Rev. O'Conner, of Pittsburg, tells. us sat "for all there is in it for me." "It," or that "Religious liberty is merely endured more properly, "they," had me under tutelage until the opposite can be carried into effect for the space of a fortnight or more, as com. without peril to the Catholic Church." Does pletely as an infant was ever governed by its not that mean that if Rome had full control of parents. What was the nature of the drill? our Government today all the horrors of the It was a spiritual high school course of lec. Spanish Inquisition would be re-enacted in tures on "Human Origin, Responsibility and our midst? The Romish church never heed. It was an experience no same person it in the past must countenance it in the would dare have repeated in his case, or present and future. Rome is only waiting would barter for any earthly station after the until she is more sure of her power, then the ordeal was passed. The drill-it was all the velvet paw will be withdrawn, showing the

my tutors began to present to me (by voice, Have Protestants so far forgotten their paof course—I was not clairvoyant) the lost triotism as to aim such a blow at our public and to blind the public to their real intentions.

In Ohio the fact has been developed that for fifteen years the Roman Catholic catechism has been taught in the public school of Sub-District No. 1, Marion town. In Ohio the fact has been developed school of Sub-District No. 1, Marion town-Finally the lectures were over, the school closed and I was permitted to look around takes charge of the school Thursday forest and discover where "I was at." It took me some time to locate myself. I had never heard

Not where they can control the whole of it. lost—that is the word—souls from every walk in earth-life, of every grade of mind and out American spirit infraed into it. in earth-life, of every grade of mind and cul. American spirit infused into it, and its interture, have come to ask where they are and nal dissensions, will cause it to disintegrate, what they shall do. The ability to hold oral and the work of the A. P. A. is not needed. converse with them still continues, also the What proof have we that it is more liberal? writing. From the terrible nightmare of, its Have we not every proof to the contrary? first introduction it has come to be a soul. Has the time ever been when dissensions did satisfying pleasure. Many come again and not exist within its ranks? Did not Wickagain to return thanks for help in time of life and Huss and Luther denounce its ingreat need. Friends of my boyhood and iquities more boldly than Edward Mcyouth come to renew acquaintance and to talk Glynn denounced the Pope's policy toward profanation. Suppress it, Spiritualists. Trust in inspiration. It has never yet failed where it was needed, and never will fail, but it will go on growing greater and higher as time advances. Let the old churches keep on munching the musty husks, but let us retain the gasence the kernel.

They are an purely numan. They deny the title of angel. Each brings have always existed even in a larger degree the state, go to an adjoining light room and other regard the word to them; the seance-room, all though light enough to plainly see each sitter and other things, was yet too dark to see to read who was written on the slates in a totally destroyed and learned may become the kernel.

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A MERICAN KING AND OTHER STO. They deny the title of angel. Each brings have always existed even in a larger degree the state of the state of the religious bigots who were in power, they having had almost though light enough to plainly see each sitter and his-dred years ago. Has she the power? Let us be watchful, lest the hour come when we find our vaunted liberty but an idle boast, and our vaunted liberty but an or woman who is willing to pay the premium | we be writhing helpless in the coils of the Romish Serpent. ABBIE F. WATKINS.

#### The First Society of Spiritualists of Milwankee, Wis.

To THE EDITOR:-The cause of Spiritual-

mistake of their lives who flatter themselves the First Society of Spiritualists of Milwauthat a course of self-indulgence may not kee, and it has taken a new departure by vanecessarily meet a reward of shame and con cating Fraternity Hall, where it has held its tempt. Those who indulge such a hope are meetings the past year, and which can seat being beguiled by denizens of the lowest only 250 people, and has taken Jesserson Hali, 210 Grand avenue, with a seating capacity of SERS OF THE AGES, EMBRACING SPIR-"Try the spirits" is an admonition always 500, and opened its meetings free. Spiritualism is attracting much attention and steadily gaining ground. The best people of the city are getting interested in the cause. Iowa has 402 male convicts and twenty fe. and the time is fast passing when to be known honestly investigated, means a new convert every time. All we ask is investigation.

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# PHENOMENA.

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

SPIRIT-WORLD-THE ANCIENTS AND MODERNS.

TO THE EDITOR:-I send herewith a communication, addressed to me from Mr. Edward Shippen, Louisville, Ky. The communication was sent to me, I

Bro. Shippen, who is an able writer, ter in connection with the modern phase on the subject of Spirit-life and inter- I have quoted from Franklin, as an il-I do to the advent of ancient and prehistoric spirits among us.

our best mediums, manifested to Brother Shippen, and in the communication sent me, he traces the similarity of thought between the Confucius com- ternal substance to do its bidding in remunication spoken at the Carrie Miller circle (printed in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of December 9th) and communications which he had heretofore re-

In an earlier period of spirit manifestations through Mr. Cole I submitted the original manuscript (independent spirit-writing) of the ancients to psychometric interpretation, and always with satisfactory results. When the visiting spirits gave us, as they frequently did, character-writing, I was never at loss to find mediumistic translators or interpreters, among the most conspicuous of whom was Dr. J. M. Cooper, of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Dr. Cooper, under spirit direction, wrote a biographical sketch of Confucius, and a great honor was conferred upon him by being chosen by the ancient band to write biographical sketches of all whose portraits were drawn by those incomparable spiritartists—the Andersons.

All of my correspondence with Brother Shippen is, comparatively speaking, of a recent date; and it is especially gratifying to me to learn that his experience in communicating with spirits of the bygone ages runs, in many particulars, in parallel lines with my experi-Confucius writes through Pierre Keeler (independent slate-writing) and the guides of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond

and its beneficent and illuminating power felt in our day and age. And for what purpose? Can it be for any other than o render decisive the contest between Spiritualism and all opposing forces? thus hastening the day of a resurrected and immortalized humanity. CHAS. R. MILLER.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

SUGGESTIVE THOUGHTS FROM EDWARD SHIPPEN. FRIEND MILLER:-The communica-

tion of Confucius in the PROGRESSIVE THINKER of Nov. 9, 1893, is one to awaken deep thought. Every paragraph contains statements which should arrest | photograph, phonotone, the iron horse the attention of the thoughtful Spiritu-

philosopher of transcendent wisdom spent his life in teaching the highest political and social ethics. Centuries before the coming of the Nazarene he quoted to his countrymen the law of the prophets-the divine principle, the rock of ages, upon which all truth has been founded, which is from everlasting to everlasting, with neither beginning of everlasting, with neither beginning of with life on earth, and be translated who communicated with humanity love, as embodied in the golden rule.

And now, after dwelling more than twenty-five centuries in higher spheres, he comes again, with individuality unchanged, in character of teacher to mortals, giving lessons which, if heed-ed, will be of unspeakable value to mortals when translated to the higher

"I deem it of importance to speak to mortals of this age of some of the duties pleasing consideration than that of the The manuscripts so written constitute they will have to perform when spirits." perpetual progress which the soul That "the great spirits while in the spiritual condition devote their time

like to find out, if possible, the method whereby spiritual beings or forces control and act upon earthly beings." To which his guide replied: "You wish to many.—Swift.

It may pass for a maxim in State that work of Dr. Nason. Its title page is into few hands, nor the legislation in too which his guide replied: "You wish to many.—Swift.

Volume. This book represents the life ing their regrets at the engagement." written by the ancient historic band of many.—Swift.

"Mrs. Winslow's Science of the control of the legislation in too spirits through the horizont has green covered society there were ing their regrets at the engagement." which his guide replied: "You wish to many.—Switt."

It must be an industrious youth that provides against age; he that fools away the one must either beg or starve in the fontaine, Ohio."

"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething" softens gums, reduces inflama thereof Nason, Chicago, Ill., and translated by James Cooper, M. D., of Bellefontaine, Ohio."

"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething" softens gums, reduces inflama therefore the spirits through the hand of Leonard Herbert Nason, Chicago, Ill., and translated by James Cooper, M. D., of Bellefontaine, Ohio."

"Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething" softens gums, reduces inflama therefore the spirits through the hand of Leonard Herbert Nason, Chicago, Ill., and translated by James Cooper, M. D., of Bellefontaine, Ohio." I joined a group of spirits who were other.—Estrange.

"intent upon solving the problem of communication between the outward sphere which is the earth-life, and the spiritual spheres, not only in the manner of impression and guardianship, which I discovered to be a distinct spiritual power, but in the manner of affecting the currents of the atmosphere and occult forces lying around the earth." I was to be admitted to this council as

communication? I bethought me of the medium to be raised up for that special suppose, in grateful recognition of my subtle force that had intently occupied instrumentality in organizing and sus-of my life. Could it be through some taining, continuously for fifteen years, a circle at which spirit intelligences of all tions? Was there some method whereages and eras, historic and pre-historic, by this substance which was spiritual as well as contemporary, have found fa- and yet tangible to me could be brought vorable conditions for communicating.

In speaking of "organizing and sustain—man's spiritual life, by the stepping—the new spiritual life, by the new spiritual l ing a spirit circle," I only refer to such stone of physical science? Here was a organization as it exists on the mortal problem, which he and the council finally solved. We made our first expression of individual contact with mat-

and who is exceptionally well informed of Spiritualism, Rochester knockings. course, attaches no less importance than lustration of the principle stated by Confucius, that the different trades and professions learned in earth-life serve to qualify their spirits for the duties Confucius has, during a considerable they shall be called upon to perform period of time, and through several of when they shall have reached the universal spheres of spiritual space.

> "If a spirit can move one atom of exsponse to its intelligent wish and will, then it solves all the problems of the heavenly bodies, places us in communication with the great forces that lie behind nature, and makes the revelation to our consciousness that planets and ing two clean slates banded together in cago and the daughter in Wisconsin, their hands, in the presence of A. Campbell or Dr. H. Rodgers, for a less time Just when Dr. Nason became a Spirit-

Franklin, "it solves all the problems of the heavenly bodies." "The great spirits while in the spiritual condition devote their time and re-

sources," says Confucius, "to the development of new worlds.' "Let the trade or profession be ever interpret this writing, which is not in our language, but in characters.

Thus is the ancient world, with the aggregated power of the intervening centuries. making its presence known centuries. making its presence known is presence the independent of the intervening this region of the intervening this region. The intervening the independent of the intervening this region of the intervening this region. The independent of the in spirits who have sacrificed their opporearth, to prepare for the higher school, an ascension of Alpine heights of knowledge and consequent power and

usefulness in other spheres. Eternal progression is the universal

How fast the human race has progressed since my boyhood days—since I traveled to a neighbor's to borrow a shovelful of live coals-since the flint lock was displaced by the percussion cap hammer. Since 1820 the human race has become a wonderful creatorcreator of instruments to alleviate the toil of the masses—the spinning jenny, the reaper and mower, sewing machine, and ocean greyhound, and electric car. His iron nerves extended over the While occupying a mortal form this world, over which thrills of joy or sorrow travel to make the world akin. Time and space almost annihilatednight turned into day by miniature suns created and hung in the air-wonderful the progress within the last few score of tic lectures on forms and manifestations years! Who can limit the accretions of of electricity. The shade of a dead years! knowledge and power man will attain Chinaman never talks from the farther even while on earth? Is it possible for shore as if he had once been a San Franevolution-progress-to cease and end cisco sand lot orator. And these spirits to another sphere of existence simply to through Dr. Nason's hand, being spirits sing forever and forever pæans of praise of an age anterior to the creation of

Infinite? Absurd, barbaric thought! indeed, they ever existed on earth. Thanks to Confucius, for imparting Dr. Nason began to receive and to the knowledge that far higher and nobler employments await us on the fur-

Addison must have been inspired when he wrote, "There is not a more that of amanuensis to historic spirits makes towards the perfection of its name of the man can read. Dr. Nason received these messages when in a trance, when makes towards the perfection of its na-

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bert Nason, an old-timer of Chicago, has Historic Band of Spirits" could have passed to the spirit realms. As set been written by anyone fairly conversant forth by the Chicago Herald, from the plain, two-story frame house, 277 Forplain, two-story frame house, 277 Forplain and endowed with a vigorous imagina, and endowed with a vigorous constitution. quer street, next door to a coal office, the tion. However that may be, Spiritualsubstanceless part of Dr. Leonard Her- ists believe in Dr. Nason's work. bert Nason took wing to mingle with the disembodied band with whom he had been in communication so many years and with such results. Dr. Nason was an old man, but Spiritualists, many purpose.

became a doctor. In no way markedly different from his associates in lecture hall, dissecting-room and clinic, he still student of materia medica and the Bible, an enthusiastic devotee of science and a fountain of deep religious feeling.

FIFTEEN YEARS IN CHICAGO.

He remained in Boston, practicing medicine there, until about forty years I quote again from Franklin's dis- ago. Then he came to Chicago. Here he pursued his profession until fifteen est sister passed to Spirit-life, near the years ago, when he retired from active same place. Both were buried at the practice and devoted the declining years of his life to the work which had year MRS. by year become his delight and his

During all these years Dr. Nason lived and moved among the haunts of men in M. Tarbell, aged 52 years and 15 days. systems as well as men and immortal fellows who confined their energies to souls are under the guidance of angelic mundane affairs and left things spiritual powers as the agents of the Divine to the pastor. He married twice and Mind." Can a spirit move one atom? Mind." Can a spirit move one atom? raised a small family. A son and daugh-Hundreds can testify that, while hold-ter, both married, the son living in Chi-

to the past. Thousands can testify to for a long time. Since he laid down the the movement of musical instruments in stethoscope and scalpel fifteen years ago the air and, while there, being played he had given all his time to the exerupon by invisible forces. Other thousands to receiving communications by in- lieve was his—the power to bridge the dependent slate writing.
"If a spirit can move an atom," says the infinite, time from eternity. chasm which separates the finite from

MEDIUM OF A HIGH CLASS.

Dr. Nason was a medium, a medium of marvelous kind and rare employment, power to roll back the curtains hiding from the breast of nature the secrets stray hints dropped in geological forma-

Nason was a writing medium. The messages sent to him from beyond old Charon's landing could not be transmitted to the children of men through tend strictly each to his own business.

CONSISTENCY IN SPIRITS.

The spirit who was a car-driver in life never attempts to deliver apocalyparound the great white throne, to the man; wrote in languages long dead, if,

from spirit-land several years ago. Since the tremor and the impulse to write first seized him his life work has been his monument. These manuscripts no

part of Dr. Nason's writings deal with the history of the earth and man down to the time profane history begins, starting with the orgation or formation boniferous, and other geological ages,

TO THE EDITOR:—Dr. Leonard HerNason, Dr. Cooper and the "Ancient Nason, Dr. Cooper a and the mythical Atlantis are exhaus-FILLED SIXTEEN BIG BOOKS.

Dr. Nason did a prodigious amount of physical labor as amanuensis for the 'Ancient Historic Band of Spirits." of them at least, will always believe he With his blunt lead pencil he filled sixspirit-land were drawn upon. Some-times the writing looks like Hebrew, Dr. Nason first saw the light among though not Hebrew; again, like Chinese; the green-clad heights of Vermont. Nothing in his early years presaged the place he would hold as a man in his immediate circle. He rambled through the fields and woods and drove the cows controlled. Spiritualistic enthusiasts the face. Only a few months more, with a power of the world rests with the wenterest when the world rests with the wenterest stable place in the world rests with the wenterest with the There Leonard Herbert Nason grew to by Dr. Nason shall supersede in antique ampled manner.

manhood as other young men grew, and interest the Arabic version of the Bible We are aiding the world to the extent and the sanscrit edition of the Buddhist of giving employment to ten persons, at Vedas.

this city.

#### Passed to Spirit-Life.'

Passed to Spirit-life at her home near Cuyahoga Falls, O., Dec. 5, 1893, Mrs. P. O. Rico. She was a firm believer in Spiritualism. On the same day her old

MRS. C. A. BOYD.

no way different, externally, from his He was a kind and loving husband and father, and much beloved by all. The funeral obsequies were largely attended by members of the G, A. R. and I. O. O. who showed by their full ranks, their brother. Mrs. S. A. Wilney spoke their hands, in the presence of A. Campbell or Dr. H. Rodgers, for a less time than fifteen minutes, on opening they have found an oil painting of a landscape or of flowers or of a portrait inside of the slates, which contained allusions of the slates are testify to the slates of the ances and friends.

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