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COL, R. G. INGERSOLL His Lecture on the Gods. A Critical Review

BE HON. A. B. RICHMOND. the free, I speak, discourse and know: in now I am, I was not always so; that from whence I was must be before, im, as my apring of being, I adore." —Dryden.

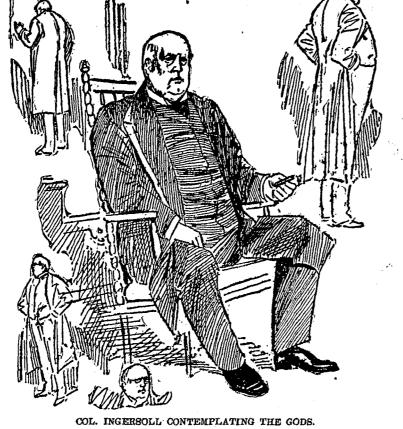
It is not fulsome flattery to say that Robert G. Ingersoll is to-day the great-est living orator. In the role of a champion of free thought and a crusader against the theological creeds of earth, he is invincible. He has successfully met the greatest intellectual "knights errant" of Christendom and vanquished them. In the numerous conflicts forced upon him by the "Dugald Dalgettys" of orthodoxy he has depended more upon his sword, spear and battle ax than his shield, and like a veritable Cœur de Leon, a conquered all opponents. Al-ways the van of the army of liberal thinking like the sappers and miners of ancient, warlare, he has attacked and demogradied the walls of the citadels of creeds and dogmas, and laid them in ruins around him. No masonry of iron-bound creeds could withstand the lever of his logic or the catapult of his crittoism. In word-painting he is an artist whose graphic imagery of love and pathos glow and harmonize like the irescoes of Michael Angelo. Deservedly the most popular speaker of the day, he is a power for good in breaking the fetters of superstition and liberating the

public mind from the tyranny of creeds and the apprehensions of cruel and barbarous theology. While all this is true of the in-

imitable Ingersoll, so long as he confines himself to a warfare against the creedal superstitions of the past and present, yet when he steps from the arena of religious controversy into the realm of mental philosophy he fails in his logic. Ignores facts and the demonstrations of science, and becomes as dogmatic as the followers of Luther, Calvin and Wesley, or the believers in the infallibility of

the Pope. On page 20 of his lecture on "The Gods," Ingersoll says:





created," is also a demonstrated fact, but not more clearly so than that the in-cessity have some means of supplying telligence that directs force is also the force with which he thinks. It is coeval/with matter and force. Here, impossible to conceive of a being who then, is a "trinity of eternals"-matter,

can eternally impart force to matter force and intelligence; always operatand yet have no means of supplying the ing within the limits of nature, never force thus imparted. above nor outside of her boundless What an incomprehensible statement

another.

realm, for no such place can exist. The eloquent lecturer further states is this. We need but look into the imas an indisputable fact that: "Thought measurable fields of stellar space for a is a form of force. We walk with the same force with which we think. Man is an organism that changes several moment to see the absurdity of the dogma. From all eternity past the uncounted

forms of force into thought force. Man nillions of suns and worlds seen by is a machine into which we put what we telescopic vision have revolved in their call food, and produce what we call thought. Think of the wonderful

chemistry by which bread was changed into the divine tragedy of Hamlet!" Wonderful chemistry indeed! That is, we put bread into the stomach, which, combining with the gastric fluid, evolves the poetry of Shakespeare and the eloquence of Demosthenes as a mug an autumn leaf will be added in the boundless future. The Infinite mind of beer evolves carbonic acid gas. Did that designed the universe, the unfailing the wild vagaries of Orthodoxy ever source of all power manifested in the

tars. The agnostic husband looked at her for a moment and then remarked in most affectionate tones: "Ahl my dear, crying, I seel But, analyzed them; they are composed of eight modifierently con-tanalyzed them; they are composed of eight modifierently con-analyzed them; they are composed of eight modifierently con-tanalyzed them; they are composed of eight modifierently con-animals, and yet not be governed by part of oxygen ky volume-sometimes accompanied by a slight trace of phos-phorus and chloride of sodium-but they are entirely harmless, my dear entirely sole that meters of hos-phorus and chloride of sodium-but they are entirely harmless, my dear entirely sole that marked in an intelligence" which the every personality? So says Ingersoll; the are slike too thoughtforce" which the absurd dogms with glee, simply be-ton fingersolling, the tradition dogms with glee, simply be-ton fingersolling philosophy, applied to human emotifies, the tradition dogms with glee, simply be-ton traiter; or which the tradition dogms with glee, simply be-ton traiter; or which the reaching provide by the tradition dogms with glee, simply be-ton traiter; or which the reaching prove the existence of lingersolling philosophy, applied to human emotifies, the tradition dogms with glee, simply be-tor safer which the reaching provide by the tradition dogms with glee, simply be-dam the twe reacting when she heard his practical applica-tion of lingersolling philosophy, applied to human emotifies, the tradition dogms with glee, simply be-dam and matter with the solution of has well as matter - of a design, and in graven images. Does not all natural when she heard his protochy, applied its proventions and condensation and nis thoughtees complication of hydrogen to matter down and condensation and his thoughtees complication and condens

yet it is rumoreg that his opinion on mind and matter was somewhat modi-fied, and that he was convinced that there was a mental energy in the material form of woman that occasion-tion; and that while tears were un-doubtedly the result of the chemical and anatomical forces which caused their overfine, we conceled their doubtedly. The result of the chemical and anatomical forces which caused their overfine, we conceled their anatomical forces which caused their overfine. We caused their anatomical forces which caused their overflow, yet that there was concealed deep in the recesses of the female organism an intelligent force that directed their physical formation in a We do not believe that there ever

way that denied the Ingersollian theory that their primordial origin was latent in tea and bread and butter. But let us return to the logic of cause cannot use the counteracting influence all natural phenomena, and we will find that every effect is the result of an evidently intalligent and effect as they are manifested in evidently intelligent purpose, and that they are often produced by one law be-

devices of human ingenuity. That he does so use them is manifested in every ing used to modify the natural results of phenomenon of motion or rest, of production or decay, of life or death. We look at a well-constructed clock.

What is it? A most perfectly devised mechanical construction moved by the Observe the revolutions of the planets around their suns in all the innumeraforce of a weight or mainspring. Its ble systems in stellar space. But for What an incomprehensible statement is in accordance with nature's the centrifugal forces of the universe, man intelligence that today are weaving in this. We need but look into the immutable laws. Yet the intelligence all the revolving worlds would fall into the fabric of human intercourse in the of man has so designed it that the their suns, the centers of their orbits. natural laws of force in the weight or But for the centripetal forces they spring are obstructed in their immediate would fly off at a tangent and rush so that instead of expending their power in a moment's time, as they would if detached from verge or pendu-lum, their force is prolonged for days or weeks and registers the factine course of the factine course with man all the nations of the immax of the the factine course of the factine course with man all the nations of the immax of the the factine course of the factine course with man all the nations of the immax of the the factine course of the factine course with man all the nations of the immax of the the factine course with man all the nations of the immax of the the factine course with man all the nations of the immax of the the course with man all the nations of the immax of the immax of the immax of the course with man all the nations of the immax of would if detached iron verge or pendu-undying force, and for all eternity to come they will continue so to move in the awful grandeur of their inconceivable power. Not the weight of an atom of dust is lost in all the eons of the past; not the force of the falling of the past; not the falling of

again condensed into suns and worlds, | mutable laws can construct a clock or a to be again destroyed by the un-governed, purposeless laws of nature. And thus instead of the harmony of the universe, all space would be a battle-

We do not believe that there ever may not the Infinite Mind of the uniwas or ever can be a miracle, or a verse so curb and control natural laws supernatural phenomenon, yet logically as to further the advancement of the as to further the advancement of the we can see no reason why a creator mental and physical condition of mankind in accordance with a design that must have existed before man was made? design as well as his creature man can The expansive force of heated vapor existed long before the Geni steam was "bound to the rushing keel, or chained to the iron car." But intelligence by interposing the effect of one natural law to another has, in perfect accord with the order of nature, traversed the pathless ocean with the tireless steamers of and action-those who broke the fetters commerce, those great shuttles of hu- of millions of slaves, and helped to man intelligence that today are weaving | emancipate the world from the thralloom of the destiny of mankind; and not content with this, the same intelligence has laid the iron pathway of travel

TRINITY OF SCIENCE-REASON, OB-

SERVATION AND EXPERIENCE.

more increase the misery of our race than a belief in the annihilation of the uman soul. The truly great Ingersoll is a modern iconoclast. Like Leo III., of the eighth century, who destroyed the sacred images of the people, he leaves naught reing l

nevolence, that future generations may

that he may reap a future harvest; so the scientist investigates that future

generations may be enlightened by his researches; so commerce constructs in-

genious devices for international com-

munication, and the humblest citizen

prepares for the future wants of those

depending upon him for support. The

time for happiness is not now alone, but

in the future also. With the unreflect-ing beast of the field and pen, the doc-trine of Ingersoll might be true, but not

with mankind. The noblest men of

earth-the martyrs of liberty of thought

dom of superstition and the cruelty of

creeds, have suffered and died on the battle-field and at the stake-not be-

cause now was the only time to be happy,

but in the future. They lived and suf-fered in the now, that the coming world

and their fellowmen might be happy

through their lives and martyrdom. And bosides, what can more enhance the

present happiness of thinking minds than proof of a future existence? What

INGERSOLL DWELLING ON THE PERSIS TENCY OF FORCE.

"It is the crowning glory of our century to have demonstrated the indestructibility and eternal persistence of force. Neither matter nor force can be increased nor diminished. Force can not exist apart from matter. Matter exists only in connection with force, and consequently a force apart from matter, and superior to nature is a demonstrated impossibility.

If Ingersoll means by this statement simply that the existence of anything "superior to nature" is a demonstrated impossibility, he states a self-evident truth; for the human mind can form no conception of anything superior thereto. "Nature," in its most extensive sense. includes all that exists, either in mind force or matter, and it is obvious that nothing supernatural or above these can exist.

being as is force and matter. But if he means that force cannot parently they are not even co-ordinate. exist apart from matter, as we see it, and for intelligence rules or directs both understand its properties, and that that force and matter. In all his lecture the is a demonstrated fact, -- no Hard-Shell Baptist or "predestination" Presdistinguished orator seems to ignore the existence of the mind of a designer byterian ever uttered a more doginnature, whilst he recognizes the force by which all designs are executed. matic and groundless assertion. "Believe and be baptized, or be damned," or, "God saves only those he has elected," are simple, mildly-ex-With lynx-eyed scrutiny he searches for the "mistake of Moses," yet all the time he appears to be afraid that he may dispressed opinions compared with what is here asserted as a demonstrated fact. cover the Infinite mind that Spiritualists spirit of love that permeates all the de-When, how, and by whom was it call God. With eloquent pathos he talks of love, and the emotions of the demonstrated? It is true that science has demonstrated that force is only human heart, the grief of bereavement. manifested in our earth and solar system and the sacred ties of home, wife and through matter, as thought is man- children; yet his logic finds the potency ifested by the written or printed page. of all human feeling in "bread and But who knows its source-its home or butter." In his philosophy all love is birthplace? What science has ever but the chemical affinity of primordial fully investigated the mysteries of in- atoms; while hatred is but the efferfinite space? What savant has analyzed vescence of a combination, like an acid the elements of the imponderable agents and an alkali. He ignores the existence of a spirit that thinks and loves and of nature, as heat, light, electricity, ether, gravity, or the phenomena of at-traction and repulsion? It is true that is unbounded in his admiration of the feels mental pleasure and pain; while he physical body, which he says is only we only see the manifestations of these a machine that manufactures thought forces through their effects on matter, just as we see an object by the effect of and emotion from the products of the reflected light upon the retina of the market garden.

eye: but the force that projects the rays of light in their angles of incidence and Ingersoll asserts that: "A God must not only be material, but he must be reflection is as unknown as the mysterics an organism, Capable of changing other forms of force into a thought

lent of atoms as well as in planets this? Do we see nothing but force in must have existed forever without re the divine tragedy of Hamlet? From pletion from digestive organs, chemithe divine tragedy of Hamietr from piction from digestive organs, chemi-whence came the intelligence, the mind, the "God-like intellect" that directed If the eternity of matter and force is force in penning the thrilling lines of the tragedy after it had been conceived in the realm of thought?

rmatic

Simply because physical man con- constructions of men, either in the sumes the food necessary to evolve force arts, sciences or mechanics, are but the in the motor and sensory nerves and children of its parentage. All the thereby produce physical motion and works of nature demonstrate the mind sensation, it is no evidence that thought of a designer. No combination of atoms is the offspring of bread and cheese. As ever occurred but in accordance with well might we say: "We put coal in the a primordial design; and this intellilurnace of an engine which runs a print- gence must be as eternal as the elements with which it operates. Given, then, the ing press, and a thousand printed sheets. eternity of mind and what becomes of recording facts in science, or glowing with oratory or the poetry of fancy and the dogmas of Ingersoll?

On page 21 of his lecture he says "But what put all matter in motion? fiction, are struck off each hour-and think of that wonderful chemistry by

which bituminous coal is changed into If matter and force have existed from scientific demonstrations or evolved into eternity, then matter must have always eloquence or song." Who has ever de-monstrated that physical force and thought are evolved by the same com-cessation. If, therefore, matter and bination of chemical elements; or that force have existed from eternity, so has "we walk with the same force with motion."

which we think?" The motor nerves All this is true, and I add with equal may be paralyzed, the body unable to move at our bidding, yet the realm of ogic: So has the intelligence that has directed all those motions. The most thought may not be invaded by disease. insignificant leaf, blade of grass or Who has demonstrated that "man is

pebble that we tread upon is more wonderful in design and complicated in an organism that changes several forms of force into thought force?" What structure than the most ingenious mechanism of men; and yet the truly great forms of force are so changed; when and Ingersoll can see nothing but blind force operating alike in the mineral where is the transformation made? Simple assertion in a lecture, no matter how eloquently stated, is no nearer the kingdom, in vegetable life and the or-

truth than a dogma uttered from a ganism of man. pulpit. Force and intelligence as mani-Intelligent force, or force directed by intelligence, is moving matter all strained one law of nature by interpos-around us. The mist of the morning- ing the effect of another that a most fested in nature are obviously as separate and distinct elements of our the tides of the ocean, the revolution of Apthe earth, and all lesser phenomena included therein, are proof positive of its of mind, not matter. Why, then, may existence; while every painted feather, shell, fruit and flower are unanswerable witnesses of an artistic designer. "From the celestial orrery by the interven-

the work, then, do we know the workman," and the evidence of an Infinite the harmony seen in the planetary Mind is written on every page of nature's voluminous volume, while the emotions of the human heart proclaim a

signs of an Infinite God. Are the human emotions of joy or grief the result of a combination of primordial atoms in chemical embrace? So says the eloquent Ingersoll in an count for the sexes in plants and ani- telligence before they were developed assertion as dogmatic and groundless as mals? Observe: There are the same in matter. In the realm of intelligence, those he so much derides, which pro-claim an everlasting hell for the millions whom God has not elected to be saved. And while he, himself, is a living embodiment of philanthrophy, do-mestic love, social ties and affections,

and scientist, who had so persistently

ignored the repeated beseechment of his beloved and beautiful young wife in her of life and death. That "force must have existed from force." This, he says, is called eating. eternity and could not have been Therefore; if the God thinks, he must her pleading with a copious flood of with plants and peopling i, with men and matter the servitors. While it is reverence, "Matter, Force and Intelli-

ground of contending forces, strewn with the wrecks of flaming suns and burning worlds-the creatures of chance, emissaries of self-destruction in a purposeless creation! There would be no time for the evolution of life in worlds thus accidentally and purposelessly created. All within nature's boundaries would be fire, ashes and vapor. There would be no time for the evolution of mind-force, or for the growth of human organisms, to beget from stomach and digestion the intelligence evolved in the divine tragedy of Hamlet, but all the universe would be a burning wreck so stupendous in its ruins that we pause in awe and with bated breath at its contemplation. Such would be the result of the theory of Ingersoll, of an intelligence only found in the potentialities of matter, with no purpose but accident, no design or designer, a creation without a creator, a universe without a God. Even the great Ingersoll cannot rai

the seal of intelligence from off the bond of creative power. In all the vast domain of nature there is not and never

has been the movement of a single atom of matter, but the force that moved it was governed by an intelli-

gence that directed its motion. The ship or a railroad, might not Infinite INGERSOLL VEHEMENT IN ILLUSTRATdifference between purposeless force, Intelligence do more in furtherance of intelligent constructor. It is true the hands on the diglare moved by force, yet are their motions controlled by a device hand and more it had and more it had and forth are under the control of the intelligent are their motions controlled by a device hand and more it had and forth are under the control of the intelligent bands on the diglare moved by force, yet hands on the did are moved by force, yet comprehension. I take a pencil in my Surely, all nature's laws are as much are their motions controlled by a device hand and move it back and forth aim- under the control of the intelligence of lessly and perhaps unconsciously; force the source of life and power as those that existed in the mind of the inventor long before the clock was constructed, is there manifested, but not in discovered by science and mechanics No law of nature has been violated or abrogated, but intelligence has so re- unconscious cerebration. But I drop the man; and why they cannot be moulded abrogated, but intelligence has so repoint on paper and write an intelligent or controlled by a Creator for the ading the effect of another that a most perfect chronometer has been con-structed, and this device is the offspring of mind, not matter. Why, then, may braises is evidence of this intellectual of mind, not matter. Why, then, may braises is evidence of this intellectual of mind, not matter. Why, then, may braises is evidence of this intellectual of mind, not matter. Why then may braises is evidence of this intellectual of mind, not matter. Why then may braises is evidence of this intellectual intellectual evidence in the apparent good, not the Infinite Mind or intelligence of energy, separate and distinct from the and not sometimes for the apparent evil the universe so control the motions of physical forces of our organisms. All of mankind, may be a mystery to us, yet the celestial orrery by the intervention of the various engines of power ever used intelligence of a God to create a uni-

tion of counteracting laws as to produce the harmony seen in the planetary system. If it required the intelligence them. The chiseled columns and sculp-of man to design and construct a clock, tured forms amid the ruins of the new much more would it demand the Orient are conclusive evidence of the problem to us, but it does not prove the ntalligence of a God to create a uni-verse? If all created things are the result of frescoes on the lately-exhumed walls of obscurity of our ignorance. With our

the potentialities of matter, without a Pompeil, as well as all the devices of limited knowledge of cause and effect, design or a designer, how can we ac-modern times, existed in mind or in-

number of chemical elements, ap- all of man's constructions were first con-

parently, combined in the same pro- ceived, to be afterward born of force and portion in both male and female; but matter. The evidence of an all-pervading "Holy Trinity of Science"-Reason, Ob- ing, kind-hearted brother as he stood by the sexes are necessary to repro- intelligence is as clear and conclusive servation and Experience. This would the coffin of his deceased brother. Then duction. Is it not strange-passing as the existence of the material worlds. be a godhead as versatile in attributes and there all the logic of bitter sectayet he affects to believe that he is but a plants and animals, senselies matter, by two atoms of matter ever coalesced or of the capabilities, capacity and means of the the same time as to form two distinct manifest purpose in such union, and it agency as mysterious as the force of the organisms, whose union thereafter would is not more difficult to conceive of the observation, while experience is as va- tions and instinctive consciousness, and Keeley motor. In this respect he re- be necessary to the reproduction of the eternity of mind than of matter. ried as the mutations of time, place and minds us of an eminently practical sage species? pecies? What innate potentiality of matter, death, by asserting the potentialities of matter and the annihilation of mind. ungoverned by intelligence, could con- see in the material world evinces a pur- the ocean, the viewless and ever-changtemplate the future process of general pose or a design, there must have been ing winds, are all more stable than

snattered faith and wrecks of the noblest aspirations of the human soul. With the iron mace of his logic he has broken the idols of church and creeds, and on their vacant pedestals set up one of his own more horrible than any ever formed or painted by the creeds of the past or the superstition of mythology. For however darkened by ignorance of nature's laws has been the belief of mankind in a future world and its conditions, yet it was better, far better, than a belief in dread. unconscious annihilation.

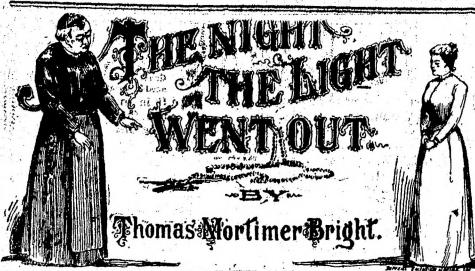
The logic of Ingersoll has disproved he existence of a hell of endless torment, but he has replaced it with a tartareous darkness equally as crucl and unjust to human aspirations and affections. He has destroyed all the revered images of the past and erected a monster of his own imagination for men to worship in their place. Behold it! de-lineated by an unskillful hand. There on the banks of the Stygian river it stands, surrounded by the gloom of death and the silence of the grave. Its shad-INGERSOLL DWELLING ON THE HOLY Owy form is draped in the darkness of midnight. No star of hope shines above it; no ray of light penetrates the dark canopy that envelopes it! There is no

furnace and forge-can build a steamconsciousness of life represented in its viewless forms; no memory of the past; no loves and friendship, which alone make life tolerable; no ties of parent and children; no conjugal or fraternal loves; no anticipation of the future; no recollections of our earthly homes or of those who once lived and loved us and were by us beloved; no whispered words of life and its endearments come from its voiceless, formless lips. There it stands, a shapeless image, representing nothing of an earth that is past or of a heaven that is to come; a monstrous vagary of the imagination, more horrible in its mien and loathsome in its conception than was ever wrought by ignorance or superstition from the facts or fables of the past. This monster annihilation does ingersoll place on the pedestal of his creed and smilingly invites all mancind to fall down and worship it. And in its contemplation he tells them now is the only time to be happy, "for there is no future." But I cannot believe that Ingersoll really credits this hopeless view of life and death, but rather that it is the bravado of a brave warrior who in the heat of battle defiantly presents his shield and spear against the puny Because some little parts incongruous seem." adversaries that surround him, and I turn with pleasure from the defiant Ingersoll recognizes what he calls the champion in creedal conflict, to the lovto the inner man, to his mental conviohe no longer played the bravado with And as he looked upon the marble-like form that once held the soul of his dead brother, amid the sombre clouds of his

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THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

my pure dove shut from my sight. Never



The Meeting with Ursula.

CHAPTER IV.

"Yes, you; in this cycle of surprising revelation we must be ready to do whatever Fate demands of us-surely the finger of Fate is in this matter?"

"Rather, the finger of an avenging guardian angel, I should say," I replied vehemently. "Ah!" he exclaimed, below his breath. "Since you mention it, I, too, can view it in that light. Well, a braver or more willing instrument cannot be found to work in her behalf, for I love her, and love ever imbues one with new strength and courage."

"But do tell me the result of your personal investigations, for I am impatient to hear all of this queer case. Ye Gods! what a thrilling plot for a novelist!" I was so eager and excited that I jumped up and paced before him with quick strides, for several moments.

Frank seemed buried in serious thought, and I felt a delicacy about rudely bringing him to earth; for as he lay in graceful abandon on the rough lumber pile, with the blue sky and bluer lake as a fair background, I could not but gaze upon him admiringly, though men seldom admire men. His hat was half pulled down over his merry brown eyes, that now were full of a tender luster, and the soft, fair hair that curled in graceful waves lent a youthfulness and innocence to his tout time. I bowed and followed her, though ensemble that was quite irresistible to women, though he ever seemed utterly indifferent to vulnerable. He was tall and finely propertioned, and had a distinguished air that marked him as one of good birth. Truly, one so handsome, brave and pure was worthy of the best of women, and I hoped that he would be sided to pass this crisis, and find happiness and lasting content in the love of some apprecistive woman. In our youth we had been dear friends, and when we reached man's estate the early bond between us was but more closely cemented; and I was glad, for he came nearer to being my ideal of manhood than any whom I had ever known, and I strove hard to keep even with him in attainments, but he altached to him I was never jealous of his superiority; perhaps it was because he had never crossed my life-path without illuminating it with the radiance of his own soul. What a pity that there are so few friendships such as ours in the world!

down this platform for I do not know how

and the fare, so all said, was excellent; so I but once, on earth, did our eyes meet, but Slowly he turned, by habit bent, jotted down a few notes with which to refresh hers told me nothing, as I was a stranger to To follow wherever the woman went.

I passed down the side corridor on the second her dear eyes look into mine, of late, with Observed that the top of his head was bare, floor, a black robed form came from a room such pleading, as though she prayed me to He called the gentleman back, and said: at the extreme end of the hall way and came to save her from some danger." Here I paused, "Friend, how long have you been wed?" wards me: my heart nearly stopped beating, for for a tear had stolen down her pale check, "Thirty years" (with a weary sigh), " I knew it was she; all the disfiguring costumes and it almost unmanned me. My voice grew And then he thoughtfully added, "Why?" in the world could not conceal the air of grace husky as I proceeded. "Well, on the morn- St. Peter was silent. With head bent down and refinement that she possessed, nor change ing of the 20th of last December, I saw in He raised his hand and, scratched his crown,

in my arms, but that was out of the question, death at an orphan asylum, in this city." Urthen; instead, I bowed respectfully and begged sula's breath came in choking gasps, but I No wonder the man hasn't any hair! that she would favor me with certain informa- was forced to go on to the last. "But, for some Swearing is wicked; smoke's not good; tion concerning the management of patients, reason, my heart never believed it, for I He smoked and swore-I should think he and also describe so far as she could the duties deemed her too fair, too pure to be so early of ward nurses. I explained why I wished snatched from earth." this information, but did not tell her that I My last words seemed to pierce her like a

was hungering for a word from her own lips. cruel dagger, and she sobbed softly, and arose "Sir," said she, in a low voice full of rich- and walked to the window to conceal from me ness, "I will tell you what you seek her emotion.

to know, but pray come to the sitting-room "Her name-I may have known her?" she where you can be seated, as I would not have asked, in tearfal tones. "You have told it in you write of us as treating you inhospitably, such a graphic manner as to affect me deeply; though you are here." And a faint flash of please be assured of my sympathy." humor momentarily lighted her fair face.

It was she, unmistakably, but the close press," I answered, solemnly. "She was headgear hid the beautiful hair that was the known in the Order-your Order, if I mistake It isn't just hardly the thing to do-delight of my eyes. Never before had she not-as Sister Angelica-a most fitting name, To roast him on earth and the future too!" spoken to me, and the sudden fruition of my for she was, indeed, angelic; her name was long-smothered desire made me mute for a Mary Carolyne McMahone."

nearer than ever before. By the time we their attentions; in fact, I considered him in- of a sharp whistle in the speaking tube in the reached the sitting room, there was the sound hall, and Sam went to answer it; he soon came to the door and said he was needed to go op, the gentleman (meaning myself) had met Sister Ursula, that she would kindly show him around and tell him whatever he wished to They Wanted to Enter and Play on know. She gracefully accepted the responsibility, and I inwardly showered blessings upon the fate that had led me to her, and upon the Doctor for recalling his boy. At last I was alone with my love, but alas! what ways eclipsed me. But being so strongly at bet more 1 der et more 1 der et would be my When up to the top of the golden stair

wont to bestow upon women, so I gazed idly at the various objects in the room, which was The woman was tall, and lank, and thin, ly shaking him, "am I never to hear what you have to tell me? I have been prancing up and mercue fine encourter in the room, which was have been prancing up and mercue fine encourter in the room, which was tall, and lank, and thin, With a scraggy beardlet upon her chin. The man was short, and thick, and stout, ographs. • •• "Do you not find nursing rather laborious He wores kindly and genial smile. work?" I asked, by way of a beginning. "At first it was not easy," she replied, gaz- And the man kept still while the woman spoke. ing at her clasped hands resting in her lap, who guards the gate," said she, "but it was a relief-I mean (she hastily cor . . . We two come hither beseeching thee rected herself, her fair face dying scarlet) that To let us enter the heavenly land the good Doctor advised a change for me, as And play our harps with the angel band. I had been very ill for weeks." I could not repress the groan that surged There's nothing from heaven to bar ME out. from my passionate heart, and I bit fiercely at I've been to meeting three times a week, my moustache. She looked at me quickly, And almost always I'd rise and speak. a card to the office of our paper, asking me to keenly, seeking to read the cause of that outburst; but I gazed fixedly at my boot, fearing to betray my knowledge of her sorrow, and so When they'd repent of their evil way; to betray my knowledge of her sorrow, and so risk losing all.

to my sorrow. Being poor and unknown * * * * * * there, I had no opportunity of forming her St. Peter sat quiet and stroked his staff, acquaintance by right methods, and I honored But spite of his office he had to laugh. her too highly to address her without having Then said, with a flery gleam in his eye: a proper introduction; so all I could do was "Who's tending this gateway-you or I?" to find out where she lived, and watch for a And then he arose in his stature tall, glimpse of her at her home, or follow her to And pressed a button upon the wall, and from school, at a distance, to see that no And said to the imp who answered the bell, harm befell her. But, alas! I found, ere long, "Escort this lady around to hell!"

that she was destined to be a bride of Christ * * * * * (Ursula's lips curled scornfully, I thought), so The man stood still as a piece of stone-I resigned myself to my lonely fate; for if she Stood sadly, gloomily there alone. could not be mine, no other ever should be A life-long settled ides he had anything to me, this I vowed, and I have That his wife was good and he was bad;

never wavered. Well, she faded from my He thought if the woman went down below sight behind the walls of ---- convent (she That he would certainly have to go; bit her lips which had paled) and I came here, That if she went to the regions dim, for Baltimore was worse than a desert with There wasn't the ghost of a show for HIM.

my memory when I returned to the office. As her; but in dreams I see her as of old, and St. Peter, standing on duty there,

the light, elastic step of the daintiest foot that cold type what would, ordinarily, have been as Then, seeming a different thought to take, ever wore shoe-leather. I longed to clasp her a death-blow to me; it was a notice of her Slowly, half to himself he spake: "THIRTY YEARS with that woman there? would.

> 'Thirty years with that tongue so sharp? Oh! Angel Gabriel! GIVE HIM A HARP! A jeweled harp with a golden string! Good sir, pass in where the angels sing! Gabriel, give him a seat alone-

One with a cushion-up near the throne! Call up some angels to play their best! Let him enjoy the music-and rest! "I appreciate it more than words can ex-"See that on the finest Ambrosia he feeds;

He's had about all the hell he needs. * * * * *

They gave him a harp with golden strings, A glittering robe and a pair of wings. And he said, as he entered the Realm of Day: "Well, this beats cucumbers, anyway!" And so the scriptures had come to pass ---"The last shall be first, and the first shall be last." JOSEPH BERT SMILEY.



The Serpentine Trail in Politics.

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not only her own statements, but with the history of her past, and being infallible and therefore unchangeable, she must be the same now; viz; seeking secular power.

I do not question the right of the majority to rule; but does it now rule, or are we being dominated by twelve per cent of the people. The latter is certainly the case and very much to the detriment of our country, if the Catho. lics in power live up to what their church teaches them. It is next in order to see to what extent and how well the Catholics administer our laws.

Right in your own city of Chicago, case after case of petty persecution by the police occurred during the World's Fair. Take for instance the case of Mrs. Margaret Rice and | husband. I have seen her quietly stand in a side street and try to talk to the people in an orderly manner, when up comes a burly specimen of alleged humanity and drags her off to one of the filthiest pest-holes imaginable, under the pretense of keeping the streets clear. If Mrs. Rice was guilty of breaking an ordinance of the city, she certainly should have LIFE OF THOMAS PAINE. been arrested. In this case, however, she was acquitted, thus proving that she had a right to speak in this place and manner, yet she was again arrested for the same thing, which a justice had declared she had a right to do. Was this case caused by religious creed? Let us

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On a canvass of the police force in Chicago it was found that over eighty per cent were Catholics. Here then, lies the explanation of should read it. Price \$1.00. the maladministration of the law. Creed in politics, and that creed one whose history will not bear the light! Again, what right has the not bear the light! Again, what right has the Catholic church to receive over \$600,000 of the three million odd, appropriated for Indian teresting. Frice \$1,50. education? Does our constitution allow pubeducation? Does our constitution-allow pub-lic money to be appropriated by or to religious bodies? What right had the Irish Catholics Price 15 cents. to fly the Irish emplem over the American flag, to fly the Irish emplem over the American flag, as was seen by the writer on one of their par-ade days in Chicago. Why will not the daily papers publish anything derogatory to Cathol-iciam and yet print column after column of icism, and yet print column after column of scandal under display headline when it relates BIBLE MARVEL WORKERS.

to some struggling Protestant minister. It is believed by Catholics that the Pope is infallible; how, then, can they consistently obey or administer our laws if the mandates of the Pope should command otherwise. If these the Pope should command otherwise. If these people do not keep their oath to their church, will they be likely to keep their oath of office if it is to their personal interest to do other-the work. Price S0 cents. wise?

tance to the future prosperity of our country than any party issues now dominant. It seems to me that it is about time the A. P, A. or some kindred order should become prominent and east off the about the A. prominent and cast off the shackles of party affiliations, becoming freemen in fact as well as in name, else this Boman vampire will have EERS OF THE AGES, EMBRAC-SERS OF THE AGES, EMBRAC-Server and present. By J. M. Peo-bits, M. D. An encyclopedia of interesting and in-structive facts. Price \$2.00.as in name, else this Roman vampire will have

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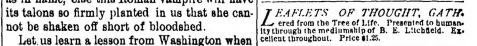
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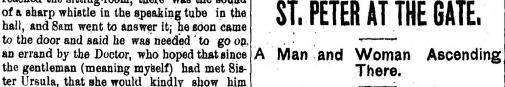
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There.

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placed it in my inside coat pocket. I did not Before St. Peter, so great and good, dare to meet her eyes, for I felt I could not In hopes the City of Peace to win, look at her with the indifferent glances I am And asked St. Peter to let them in.

merous fine engravings and dainty French lith- His stomach was built so it rounded out,



Golden Harps.

The Old Woman Gets Left.

a barrier still separated us! To hide my con- St. Peter stood guard at the golden gate, fusion and tremulousness, as well as to give With a solemn mien and an air sedate, best move, I drew out my notebook and hastily A man and a woman, ascending there, transcribed some words in shorthand, then re- Applied for admission. They came and stood

His face was pleasant and all the while

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

long, waiting for you to resume your recital pray wake up and begin again."

"Sit down, then," he said without moving, and I will tell you all; I cannot talk when you are walking-it makes me nervous.' I hastily obeyed.

"You remember John Clarkson?" said he. "Well, he was injured in an accident some time ago, and came on here for treatment. having heard of the great skill of Dr. -He went to the Doctor's Sanitarium, and sent time in complying with his request, for I felt sure I would have a glimpse of Sister Ursula. I hastened to find Barney, my ex-detective, and he gave me a splendid letter of introduction and commendation to his uncle, the Doctor. My heart beat high with hope and expectation, and I resolved to write up the Sanitarium in good style, to gain favor with the Doctor, and a foothold there if possible. The Doctor greeted me very cordially, and his manner to me was exceedingly frank and affable. I was glad to see that I had made an impression, and being recommended by his favorite nephew was also a good thing for me. I told him I had called to see my friend Clarkson-one of his patients-and that with his permission I would write a descriptive sketch of his place for our Sunday issue; but I must be allowed to go through all the wards, and the culinary and other departments, so as to be able to describe it fully. To this he consented, and was profuse in his expressions of gratitude for such a favor. 'Sir,' he said, laying his hand upon my shoulder in a fatherly way, 'it will be of inestimable benefit to me. need my services in any capacity.' I thanked power." him; his words seemed fraught with prophetic significance-'in any capacity!' He rang his hand-bell and a colored boy came from the hall-room. 'Take this gentleman all over this note the effect of my words upon her. back of a chair that stood near me, for the pale, thinking of her own case, I presume. sound of the name under which the identity An irresistible power seemed to urge me to It's a NARBOW gospel by which I pray, of my fair dove was concealed almost un- speak on. manned me, coming as it did so unexpectedly.) house.' I bowed and withdrew from the

sanctum sanctorum of the good Doctor, and began a tour of the building. As we passed should like to hear your story," she replied, And never sit down in that easy chair. through Clarkson's ward, I stopped to talk gently, not meeting my gaze.

"Are you ill?" she asked kindly.

truthfully, "but the mention of your own ill- If they'd pass in with the chosen few; ness recalled to my mind that of a fair woman I've marked their path of duty clearwhom I have always devotedly loved, though | Laid out the plan for the whole career, unknown to her."

"Ah!" she said gently, "that was, indeed For my lungs are good, and my voice is strong. a misfortune for you, sir. And is she yet So, good St. Peter, you'll clearly see living, may I ask? Pardon me for this seem- The gate of heaven is open for ME; ing curiosity; it is not that, but as we minister | But my old man, I regret to say, to sick bodies, a sympathetic soul can oft aid Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way. another to rise above the shadows of material He smokes and he swears, and grave faults life.' he's got,

I could have fallen on my knees and And I don't know whether he'll pass or not. blessed her for her tender solicitude. I was He never would pray with an earnest vim, silent for a few moments, debating within my- Or go to revival, or join in a hymn, self whether I should take advantage of this So I had to leave him in sorrow there opportunity to make known my desires, or While I, with the chosen, united in prayer. trust to the kindness of Fate to bring us to He ate what the pantry chanced to afford, gether again, While I, in my purity, sang to the Lord;

"I will answer you," I replied, "as I feel sure you ask this only because you desire to It's a chance if he merited THEM or not. and you may rely upon me should you ever, give balm to my spirit, so far as it lies in your

She bowed her head.

"She whom I love is dead-to the world," I said, lifting my eyes for the first time, to building, into every room save the apartments She was sitting where the morning sunshine But isn't there some way you can see full full upon her, and I saw her flush and That he way anter who's deer to wa?

"He is a reporter on The Oceanic, and I want you, good Ursula?" I could not bring my- So that their relations can amble through: you to see that he has the freedom of the self to call her 'Sister,' and it seemed to me And say, St. Peter, it seems to me that she was glad of the omission.

with him for a few moments, but told him I "About five years ago, in Baltimore," I be But I don't like the way your whiskers is very improbable, if not impossible, that the would return and visit with him when I had gan (keenly noting her start as I mentioned the trimmed. been over the building, which I had come to the place), I saw my ideal for the first time. They're cut too wide, and outward toss,

write up for our paper; then 1 passed on, pre- She was petite and dainty, and her fine, dark They'd look better narrow.cut straight across. ceded by my copper hued guide; Sam. Ev. eyes and rippling, golden-brown hair made her Well, we must be going our crowns to win, rything was well arranged and comfortable, beauty quite irresistible, at least, so it proved So open, St Peter, and we'll pass in!"

The choirs in the distance the echoes woke,

Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt,

I've told my neighbors-I've told 'em all

Bout Adam and Eve, and the Primal Fall, "No, I thank you, good Ursula," I replied I've shown them what they'd have to do

I've talked and talked to 'em loud and long,

But, O, St. Peter, I love him so, To the pleasures of heaven please let him gol I've done enough, a saint I've been, Won't that atone? Can't you let him in? By my grim gospel I know 'tis so That the unrepentant must fry below.

That he may enter who's dear to ME?

But the chosen expect to find SOME way "Shall I tell you about her, or will it bore Of coaxing, or fooling, or bribing you, This gate isn't kept as it ought to be.

"If it will not add to your pain, sir, I You ought to stand right by the opening there,

OREED IN POLITICS.

dated January 20th, I feel impelled to make absolutely to papal power.

myself heard in protest, to creed dominating over law. It is a lamentable fact that growing promi-

nence is being given to the question of creed in the selection of candidates for office. not because the specially preferred creed is claimed to be either better or worse than some What Pentecost Said About a other, but because this creed or that can poll so many votes.

Does the country demand the special prominence of some particular party? or does it want efficient and impartial legislation? Do we find our typical American citizens in positions of honor, or do we fill our places of ing:

trust with men of lower grades, simply for party supremacy, measuring the man by the things that is helping very strongly to keep votes he can control?

A nation is in a pitiable condition when it is one of the things that is preventing the our law-makers cannot be elected from the people from thinking for themselves. The best and most brainy men in the land, but human mind will never be perfectly fairly when all must stand aside for the ward-heeler | treated in this world until the church is utterly with a barrel of votes as his credentials.

purity and trained for their positions under infernal schemes of pillage.

some of the foreign element, who, through is done in human society that is not done by their insbility to drain the life-blood from their man. Poverty must be destroyed, not because own country, come over here and enter poli- it is God's will that it should be done, but beown country, come over here and enter poli- it is God's will that it should be done, but be-tics to the exclusion of our own countrymen? cause it is best for the human race that it Faradar. Price, is control. New Edition, emission and revised, by M. I see your correspondent refers particularly should be. General wealth must be achieved, not because it is God's will that it should be,

Do they have sufficient numerical strength to "Beware of those men who tell you what fairly elect so many of their creed to office? If is or what is not the will of God. In every not, who puts them there? Do we as a people case you will find a person who is intellectudesignedly select the adherents to Catholicism ally asleep, or half asleep, or mentally disfor our law-makers? If we do not do this in- honest, or else you will find-and this is more tentionally, and all other voters are as fair and likely-a priest or a politician, a person who impartial in casting their votes as we are, the wants you to not think about what he is teachlaw of chances would not permit of twelve ing you. We have been dragged through per cent of the population-which is the per- enough mire, and blood, and darkness, doing centage of Roman Catholics in the United things according to the will of God. It is States-electing over fifty per cent of our rep- now time that we begin to think things out resentatives in office, or over four times their ourselves."

proportion.

ican people en masse are combining to elect Catholics or the Oatholics themselves are encontrol of our political offices. It is certainly

people at large are trying specially to aid this doing what you can do well, and doing well movement, therefore, the burden of evidence whatever you do without a thought of fame. goes to prove that the Catholic Church wants If fame comes at all it will come because it is the United States. · · · ·

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destroyed, because as long as she exists the Who are these men? Are they some of ruling classes in society will always have in

God's noblemen! born and reared in homes of her a faithful ally to help them carry on their

the shadow of the American flag, or are they "What we must come to see is that nothing

to the Roman Catholic Church. In what way do they gain this supremacy? but because it is best for the human race.

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Uncle Josh Discusses Hell. Sheol'is what they call it now, it used ter be jist

hell— Then hades-sounded milder, and ruther coolled

the spell. I used ter stand and shudder at the preacher's

ravin' talk, Of the straight and narrow pathways for heaven

we had ter walk; And ter make the Master hear him, how he

would shout, and yell For mercy for the sinner that God had doomed

ter hell.

How glad I am ter have 'em cool down that brimstone hole;

It kinder loses terror, when they mention it as The "livid, seethin' caldron" they used ter rave

about. Got dampened in revisin', and the fire's 'bout

gone out. The old-time mad religion, that resorted ter sich

stuff

enough.

The churches that have flourished in extrava-

gance and show, Upon the toilers' money, at last have got ter go. If hell there was ter torture the sinners in the

past, Why shouldn't it continer so long as sinners last? Why should there be no burnin', no hell with

mighty roar? No wicked writhin, turnin' now, jis as they wuz afore?

Why should this all-wise demon, this Master over all.

Put out his quenchless fire, or let his scepter fall? It figures awful easy for me, the whys and which;

It's all a base delusion, concocted for the rich. If the bible inspiration is reliable and true, them through.

Oh, what a rank deception! Oh, what a cunnin' scheme;

To alter that old fable, and stop this awful dream!

Ter take away the terror of hell's terriffic glare. And let the rich have freedom ter climb the golden stair. The old damnation idea, the child of ignorance,

Was good enough fer poor folks, but give the rich no chance.

It would exclude the fashions, and costly temples

too: Subdue the lustful passions of the saintly, godly

It would prevent extortion, deception and in-

trigue, And give each one his portion that jined the

righteous league. But the rich need make no divvy fer the church ter now endure

them.

Their presence at the altar, with the righteous godly poor.

Hence, the whole foundation and structure has been changed;

The rich have their salvation now with God arranged.

The tables are inverted; the rich have barred the door,

And Jesus has deserted the sin-sick, prayin' poor. *

There is no place of torture eternal now, fer sin, And the man that steals a fortune is anointed and let in.

The sermons of the future will never be unrolled. Unless they show up heaven all paved with shin-

Unless they give the wealthy aristocratic lords The front pews up in heaven among the chosen hordes.

Unless the belles of fashion, and the dudes of style, also, Who hold the highest station in society can go.

The motto of the masses "ter gain and cut a swell"

Regardless of the sequence of heaven or of hell, Will somewhat injure churches that keep their hells so grim;

Ter fill their pews and coffers they'll have ter "keep in swim."

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were exceptionally fine-one from the subject.

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ings, simply for the big folks. The happy

faces of the children bring an atmosphere of

cheerfulnes that in itself is most helpful; and

that they have something for themselves, adds

an interest in the meeting they have never ex-

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ing through a religious and a spiritual revival. Speaking Through a Trumpet Unsince the new year came in. The spiritual der Peculiar Circumstances. society was favored one week with Mr. Geo.

> THE SPIRITUAL WATERS AT FT. WAYNE, IND., BEING AGITATED.

TO THE EDITOR:---I have been intending for the last month to write you concerning the Spiritualists, held in the Spiritual Temple, at grand services rendered to the Ft. Wayne Oc. Marshalltown, Iowa, on December, 12, 1893. tracted a large number of children outside cult Science Society by Mrs. Anna, Orvis of to consider and report upon the matter of or-Chicago. I cannot do her justice. Her lec. ganizing the Iowa State Spiritualists, Associatures and answers to the many questions propounded by her audiences are simply beyond itualists from different parts of the State, were description. That they were extremely satis- given full powers to formulate a plan for effactory is proven by the fact that she is unan-fecting a thorough organization of the Spiritimously elected by the society to serve it dur. ual societies in Iowa, with authority to call a far the attendance has been good, and it is Ter frighten folks ter heaven, has lingered long voted a great improvement over the old meet- ing the month of April and May. Mrs. Orvis State Convention, at such time and place as is away up in G. spiritualistically speaking, or on the very highest plane of its philosophy.

The reason I have not written sooner is because of the desperate effort being made in Ft. Wayne at the present time to crush out and advanced by the organization of a State not enter into the spirit of it, fearing it will materialist and scientist, are moving heaven go down; and still others are alarmed at the and earth to head it off. Spiritualism is behave sent forth the edict: "That lyceum to suit them.

must be stopped; it is killing our Sundayschools;" and are saying all manner of bad things about it, in their charitable (?) Christcourse, after the old orthodox fashion, but tion and genuine support. ian (?) spirit. We haven't obeyed yet how-No rich can git ter heaven-no Christ can pull ever. We have Tuttle's Lyceum (Juide, which without producing the desired effect upon his is indispensable in starting a lyceum. We hearers. Many of his own parishioners were in Iowa to meet in convention, at the Spirit find, however, a great lack (outside this book) really disappointed with his efforts and so ex- ual Temple, in Marshalltown, Iowa, upon the of literature suitable for lyceum work. It pressed themselves.

seems to me that lesson leaves, suitable to at At the Masonic Temple said antiquated phyleast three grades of people (the elder, the sician, aided by a few fakirs, sought to dupli. | ualism. The meeting to be called to order at young and the children), ought to be issued cate, by trickery, the genuine phenomena of eleven o'clock on the morning of that day. A quarterly, with a lesson for each Sunday, sin- our mediums who have delighted and amazed most cordial invitation is extended to all me The seating capacity is three hundred. ilar to Sunday-school leaves, with the privilege, of course, of free expression of opinion on made a miserable failure before a crowded this meeting and assist by the exercise of the lessons. We also need a little paper for house. The counterfeit was not only readily detected by those who had seen the genuine, the children to take home with them. but by many who had never witnessed it. The president of our Spiritual society, last

Sunday, presented each of the little ones with That which has so stirred up the First Presan orange, and they were told about the byterian Church upon the question is a most growth of the fruit, and the labor performed remarkable story, which will be of no little inby man to bring it from its native place to terest to Spiritualists.

It appears that an old and prominent elder in that church has been quietly investigating Last week we were favored with a series of lectures from our gifted brother-the irrepres- Spiritualism at his own home with a few intisible Moses Hull; who, for strength of logic, mate friends, and that his results were so impressiveness and eloquence, leaves the amazing to him that he couldn't keep them any most lasting impression of any speaker on the longer to himself. At prayer-meeting a few platform. It is a gift of his, not only to make weeks ago, his pastor announced that instead his audience understand, but to remember of the usual exercises, they would consider the what he says. In his four lectures here, from subject of Spiritualism. In imitation of our the subject, "Divine Revelation-What It Is inspirational speaker, Mrs. Anna Orvis, he Not;" "What It Is;" "The Religion of Spirit. extended a general invitation to all present to in a organized society. ualism;" and memorial address on the one ask any question that might occur to them and hundred and fifty-seventh anniversary of he would answer promptly. A number of Thomas Paine-he gave out a vast fund of questions were asked and answered, followed knowledge, with a great many strong facts by a talk on the subject by the pastor, at the and points of logic, the church will not soon close of which he again pressed the invitation recover from. They had rather any one came for more questions. Our prominent elder now alism, but a most sacred obligation to the here than Moses Hull. With no antagonism arose to his feet and propounded the following spirit-friends, who have generously given their waged against church or bible (only the stern | puzzler to his pastor:

facts given), his logic was most convincing and "Doctor, I would be glad if you would ex-stirred the churches more than anything (ex. plain the following facts. In my own home, cept the lyceum) we have had in some time. In a locked room (a company of four of us-The hall was filled each evening except the no Spiritualists or mediums present-all intilast one-when it was packed; every chair, mate friends), we received communications all the standing-room, hall, kitchen and stairs and heard singing through the trumpet. The able rights, with courage, honor, justice and

being filled with people, anxious to know voice was a tenor one, and sung a song I used gratitude to their spirit-friends. Now sheel will do the wicked, if not too awful what good thing could be said of Thomas to sing when a boy, and the communication Organize your Harmonial circles and spirit-Paine. To many the history presented was a was intelligent and recognized. There was ual societies in every place where Spiritualists and sunny days here, the hearts of those we revelation, the professors, teachers and schol. not a tenor voice in the company, all of whom have a habitation, and erect in every home a met partake of the same warmth and sunny ars admitting that history has terribly being simply intent upon honest, sincere, pri-spiritual altar dedicated to the memory of nature, for we were charmed by the kindness ars admitting that history has terribly being simply intent upon honest, sincere, pri-wronged this truly great mind by ignoring his vate investigation. How will you explain those who have gone before and who have re-turned to us to make our lives more happy (as they call Chicago and parts beyond) must like of the East the contents of each chapter. (as they call Chicago and parts beyond) must like of the contents of each chapter. Chicago and parts beyond) must like of the contents of each chapter. this, Doctor?" The elder's pastor was taken completely by surprise and did not know how to answer. After talking about a little of everything for at least five minutes, the elder remaining standing in his pew, the reverend geutleman was about to let it go at that, when the elder we, as a nation, enjoy. It left a profound impression with the large audience; and this surprise and did not know how to answer. future. week's revival at the M. E. church proves After talking about a little of everything for that never again in this village can the evan- at least five minutes, the elder remaining ed action upon this report being taken at ones, We had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. J. J. gelist so effectually handle that old scare argu- standing in his pew, the reverend geutleman and that, by the time of the meeting herein Whitney, and a pleasure it was. We also rement against infidelity by presenting the false- was about to let it go at that, when the elder called, every part of our beloved State may be hoods circulated about Thomas Paine. The gently reminded him that he had not answered well organized and in active work for the benlittle two-by-four evangelist here now, again his question; whereupon the pastor asked: efft of humanity. reiterated the filthy stories at the church "Was it in the dark?" "Yes, sir, it was in Wednesday evening, which even the children the dark," replied the elder. "Oh, well! then have ceased to believe. I asked one young there must have been someone at the other end vention, March 31, filled with that high sense girl where she supposed he got his informa- of the trumpet. Someone present in the body of duty that knows no fear, prepared to celetion, and her reply: "I guess he lied," told did the talking and singing. It was certainly M. J. Savage, and is entitled "Religious me plainer than words what Moses Hull had a humbug, a fraud or a delusion," answered ciation for the promotion of the spiritual cause done to right that wrong, by his lecture on the pastor. trait of the poet forms the frontispiece of this Thomas Paine. Several copies of Paine's works But the reverend doctor's explanation was were ordered at the close of the lecture, and not satisfactory to the elder, who knew better, to Other Reforms," by J. H. Bellangee, is a I venture to say his "Age of Reason" will be and thus was occasioned the incentive for the intending to be present, will advise the comread where heretofore people have considered Sunday evening discourses which followed. mittee at Marshalltown, Iowa, of such intenit unfit to enter their homes. From the result They do not seem to have made any impresof the Paine lecture here. I feel safe in advission upon said elder, however. He is as firm tribution to the literature of Higher Criticism. ing societies to, at least once, have the true a believer (or knower) in the reality of the A feature of this number is a profusely illus- facts concerning Thomas Paine given to their phenomena as Iam.

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The undersigned were chosen as a commit tee on State organization, at a meeting of tion, and being chosen by representative Spirthey might deem proper, and to publish their action in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

Believing that the best interests of the Spiritual cause will be more effectually protected stop off on our way here was at San Bernardino, and being there on Sunday, we looked perienced before. It has not been smooth Spiritualism. Our orthodox churches, aided Association, to be incorporated and thereby around and found the Spiritualists had a hall of their own, and also owned the half acre on tection to all spiritual organizations in the which it stands, very pleasantly situated and State that become its members, as well as to with an artesian well of pure and good water upon it, tect all worthy mediums, the committee have

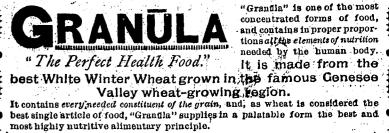
by the society, and had the pleasure of listen-We fraternally invite every true Spiritualist ing to a very able lecture from him, and regretted we could not stay to the close of the services; but having to catch the train we had thirty-first day of March, 1894, to celebrate to leave before the lecture was finished. the Forty-sixth Anniversary of Modern Spirit. Thanks to T. M. Tuley, D. M., we learned that the charter of the society date back in the fifties. The present hall was built in 1861. They have an average attendance of one hundred and fifty, and certainly the San Bar their medial gifts in making this occasion a nardino Spiritualists have reason to be proud memorable one in the history of Spiritualism of owning their own property, and the intelliin Iowa.

gence of their members, who, I am told, number somewhere about six-hundred. I was also told the city was laid out under the direction portance of legal organization, as giving of Brigham Young. Many of the original Mormons seceded from that body, and wisely became Spiritualists. They told me of their early persecutions, and it was at great danger and where the number of Spiritualists or other that they dared to hold their meetings, and when they did hold them a picket guard was necessary, and when they held a seance it, was at the risk of their lives; but now the only way their enemies dare attack them is with slanderous lies, but that does not bother them. San Diego, and found it very beautiful, and

to us who had just left Chicago, it seemed with their golden fruit, and to drive for a mile and a half through an avenue of stately palms, and roses, and other flowers, blooming everywhere in the open air. loving instruction, in sincere gratitude for the chance of seeing any of the halls, or meeting

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morning we presented some of our letters of introduction, and certainly if they have warm



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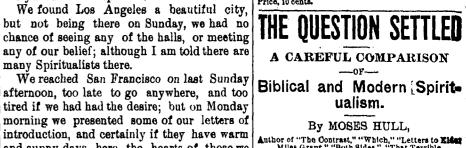
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our people for several years past, but they diums of Iowa and other States to assemble at

The committee desire to call the attention of the Spiritualists of Iowa to the great imstrength to the cause and its members; and would advise the formation of Spiritual societies in every city and town where it is possible; reasons may prevent the organization of a society, it is suggested that a Harmonial circle be formed, choosing a president, treasurer and secretary, holding Sunday meetings at members, houses, and by earnest work becoming the nucleus about which may be gathered greater strength and numbers, finally resulting

Spiritualists have a duty to perform not only in protection of their right to hold any religious conviction and knowledge that they may be able to obtain, to maintain meetings, and for the general benefit of the cause of Spirituearth-friends much precious knowledge and priceless blessings bestowed through that knowledge and instruction.

So they have said who made it, within the righteous pool. They have purchased God and Satan, have cor-

nered heaven well; Have bridled every nation, and monopolized the hell.

DR. T. WILKINS.

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In this number the German scientist occupies twenty pages recounting wonderful phenomena which he witnessed in India during his ten years sojourn in that far East. A very interesting, practical paper is from the pen of Rev. Hiram Vrooman of Baltimore, on "The is Permanent. A Study by Frank E. Healey." Organization of the Moral Forces." It is in This volume evinces much literary ability the line of a movement the Arena has origin- combined with good reasoning powers, and ated and is pushing, to awaken the conscience fidelity to truth lead where it may. The auof the people and unite moral workers for prac- thor writes in a vein of deep seriousness that present time. tical progress. Congressman Davis discusses | wins the respect of thoughtful minds. Besides "Honest and Dishonest Money. "The fascinating series of philosophical papers by Stinson many incidents of a Spiritualistic nature in Jarvis on "The Ascent of Life" is continued. The editor contributes two striking editorials: the first is entitled "They Have Fallen into the Wine-press, or Illustrations of the Onward | taining and pleasingly instructive. The price March of Uninvited Poverty;" the second is in cloth is \$1; paper, 50c. The author's ad- have been subscribed. a strong argument against medical monopoly.

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ly request all the Spiritualists of Iowa to give this matter their early attention and corgaged in the two-fold work of saving souls ADDED TEACHINGS ON THE SOUL-THE ENTIRE dial support, that the convention may prove a success worthy of the cause of Spiritualism. Let the Spiritualists of Iowa show by their loyalty to their spirit frrends and the cause of Spiritualism by making this the most success-

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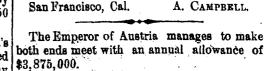
ceived tickets for an entertainment given at Metropolitan Hall, under the auspices of the Humanitarian Society, and under the direction of Professor Bell, their founder and speaker, and all I can say is, if they are as good in their other work as at their entertainment, then they have reason to be proud, and we of the Every new speaker are specified as a Bistonese there is a speaker and a speaker. When the speaker are a speaker other work as at their entertainment, then they have reason to be proud, and we of the the speaker are speaker as a speaker and a speaker. The speaker are as a speaker are as a speaker are as a speaker are as a speaker and a speaker. The speaker are as a ceived tickets for an entertainment given at

East regret we are not up to them to date. I should like to tell you of each number of

the entertainment, but space forbids; but one thing I must tell you: I had the pleasure of i

right time, and in the right place. The hall
in which they hold their meetings is commodious and really beautiful. Up to the present,
all I have seen here of Spiritualism is certainly
in its favor.
Hearing that Mrs. Jennie Moore, of Chicago,
was here, we called on her and found her
pleasantly located, and in good health. We
were fortunate enough to meet Mr. Bogardus,
to whom we are indebted for many favors, and
who kindly did all he could to introduce us to
others. It is our intention, after resting sufficiently, to give some sittings here, and then we shall make our way back East, where we intend to visit that glorious spot, the Camp Cassadaga, at Lily Dale, and, if possible, other camps before the season commences. Allow me to extend, through your excellent paper, my kindest wishes to yourself and fam-ity and other finite fi

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fessions. On his cross-examination by Mr. Bottum, representing the State, the thought is trending. Hasten the day learned jurist and medical expert exhi- when all lesser gods than Universal Nabited the weakness characteristic of those who are neither authors nor col-

lege professors. He differed very widely from positions taken in his book, even disowning them, ascribing them to other authors from whom he had copied without special credit, or noted by quotation marks. When pressed to the wall on various points, "That was written before I investigated the subject," was his anoriginal withal, and a guide to the two guilty, with injunction to apologize swer. His book, so learned and useful. professions, he admitted was a compilaa certain statement was from Taylor, he and won't apologize. This, of course replied: "I do not know whether it is settles her everlasting destiny. She is

Taylor or from Ogsden or from W. Stewart, a wealthy manu Tida, but I got it from some of those facturer, of the same church, has works and assumed it to be true." probably sinned away the day of grace. The attorney, evidently disgusted He is charged with having expressed with such a pretender, inquired: "Is the opinion that the Rev. J. K. Black "has only fifteen sermons, and poor one medical science?" The learned answer:

Copernicus, and had afterwards, to the close of his life, suffered imprisonment these columns, the gradual advancement alone tells us how the church has aided of the orthodox sects to higher planes science.

thought, the virtual dropping of oldtime dogmas to give place to new The New Bible. ones not yet formulated into creeds. This is not a new Bible, but the same

These changes are constantly occurring, save with the survivals of the Stone Age, who are as little given to thought as the fossil pliosaurians embedded in the

But the evidences of progress are not limited to those only who a few years with the old Scotch clergyman in those ago discoursed so learnedly about his Satanio majesty, and his fiery abode; who inculcated the Brahminical idea of three gods in one godhead., It has extended to the so-called heretical sects. And this among the successors of Arles

and Socinus, who insisted, substantially in the language of Mohamet, that God is God, and that there is no other God than God.

The New Unitarianism.

rocks.

We have noted from time to time, in

In the New World for September, 1893, p. 551, is found an article from the pen of Edward H. Hall, on "The New Unitarianism," from which we make a brief extract, to show the trend of those who have occupied the front lines in this progressive age, and who are not content to repose on past laurels, to be run over by those in the rear, but are crowding forward to gain new conquests.

We quote: "In the presence of this old-time dualism, constantly masquerading under fresh forms, the New Unitarianism canism, not hesitate where to take its stand. It limer fact. It seeks only to make real awful thing for him to have to acknowl-

ture.' implies. "By the accident of its name, Unitarianism is pledged to faith in the divine unity; the New Unitarianism simply emphasizes this thought, clears it of all confusion, and carries it to its legitimate conclusion. For the first time in its history, if this view of the situation is correct. Unitarianism represents all that its name implies: the absolute unity of the universe. It represents a unity in which no form of dualism, be it miracle and law, mind and matter, or divinity Ewell, who said he was a graduate of aud humanity, can exist. It represents medicine, and of law as well, also the a unity in which God ceases to be at author of a learned work on medical odds with his universe, and but one jurisprudence. His book has been cited supremo power appears, all the universe over, and all the centuries through; a unity in which man's religious aspirations and intellectual needs alike are persons now suffering long terms in the gratified; and in which, at last, the faith of the spirit and the faith of science find

themselves as one." Spiritualists and Agnostics will find little to complain of in this advanced position; and this is where modern ture shall be banished from the human mind.

Dwelling Together in Unity.

Churchmen have trouble like other men. and preachers are not without vexation. Down at Qnincy, in this State, the First United Presbyterian Church is having a parrot-and-monkey time. A Miss Collins was accused of slandering the pastor. She was declared She says she has nothing to repent of boundaries between life here and here-

tions.

old book read in a new light by Rev. Washington Gladden, D. D., in the February Arena. It reminds us very much of a pious Scotchwoman, whose son began reading the news to her with the same nasal drawl that was customary

EFFECTS. early days when reading the Bible; but In the course of conversation the other day a well-known neurologist of the pious mother rebuked her wayward New York City, says The Daily Sun, gave son very severely for his profanity in reading the newspaper with the Bible to another physician an interesting detwang." If such a woman lived now, she scription of his treatment of a case of would think the Bible was being read hysterical paralysis. The case occurred

with the newspaper twang. at Bellevue Hospital, and a piece of Emerson says: "The reader makes the metal was the remedy employed. The book." That is precisely the ground patient was Delia Ann Keegan. At taken by Dr. Gladden, He says: "The the hospital an examination showed Bible is not the same book to the men that she was suffering from a most cuof the nineteenth century that it was rious form of paralysis. As she lay on to the men of the sixth and those of the the hospital cot unable to move, she sixteenth century. It has often been made a striking picture of helplessness. remarked that men of all the different She was conscious, but powerless to sects can prove their respective beliefs speak, her tongue being partially paraby the Bible. This shows that, after lyzed. Loss of feeling extended over the right side of her body, but stopped all, it is not the Bible but their own reason that is the standard of their besharply at the middle-line. The Doctor

liefs," This is the whole secret of Dr. Gladden's New Bible.

Nevertheless, Dr. Gladden's paper is and forehead, but she did not shrink a valuable contribution to modern free from in pricks until the still normal thought. He has ventured, in the sunside was reached. A tuning fork placed knows in these conflicts no higher name shine of a new era, when there is no to her ear could not be heard, and strong and no higher thing than Nature. It danger in doing it, to acknowledge the ammonia applied to her nostril made no knows no sublimer or diviner thought human side of the Bible and the im-

edge that "Biblical scholars in the eye, but could see nothing to the right with such energy without rupturing orthodox church know these things, but carefully conceal their knowledge or left. The sense of taste on one side them. The spasms subsided upon the claimed to make. The Spiritualists from the people. of her tongue, had also disappeared.

Now it is the people's advent, and In this condition Miss Keegan rethey no longer require the services of such biblical scholars. They are not mained for two days after her arrival at dependent even on biblical scholars of the hospital. Then the doctor began tient. Generally the subjects are wothe Gladden stripe, who try to make be- the simple but beneficial metallic treat- men; at least it is so in the majority of ieve in a New Bible because they know ment. He directed the nurse to prothat the old one, with its angry, revengeful war-God, is no longer sat-

isfactory. The people-and this term seems to imply all outside of the clergy—have as much spiritual discernment as the hing that had done service at the end reverend biblical scholar, and are as able to discern between the letter and he to discern between the letter and able to discern between the intervent the whole to make the mistake of sewing it to the the cherches and torgue. The gold-pic-his body, face and torgue. The gold-pic-he cherches to oppose vigorously—or the whole town would go over to Spiritthe spirit of the Bible as he is, and that up in cloth before applying it to the cheek, and tongue. Infrom one to three is the despair of priestoraft, for the patient's arm. Then the covering was minutes, says the report, sensibility was people will no longer surrender their removed, and the metal placed in con-fully restored in the tongue, and partly right of free thought even under their removed, and the skin, and held in place in the other points upon which the by strips of a so-called New Bible.

A Noble Spirit Gone Home. Mrs. Mary J. Richmond, wife of Hon.

A. B. Richmond, passed to Spirit-life at her home in Meadville, Pa., on the morning of February 5th. Her transition ended a long period of physical suffering, as she had been an invalid for

more than a score of years. She was noted for her many deeds of charity and In twenty-four hours the patient bebenevolence, and was beloved by all who knew her. For a number of months and on the Doctor's second visit, two netic healing, massage, electricity, she has looked on the approach of death days afterward, paralysis had nearly baths, mineral water, spirit-influence, she has looked on the approach of death, with the calm fortitude of one who had

no fear of the future beyond the grave. She even seemed to anticipate a meethelpless leg. ing with her loved ones who had gone

perience," said the Doctor. before, with longing impatience, and Montefiore Home Li have often used been established. they doubtless received her with loving metals to determine whether or not embrace as she crossed the invisible paralysis was hysterical in character,

and with success. The use of metals in the healing art

dates from the days of Galen and his

French investigator, however, is given

notice of medical men of the present

bility of persons in the somnambulistic

stage of animal magnetism to gold, sil-

ver, copper, and other metals.

the credit of bringing metals to the cluding Mysticism.

COPPER DISKS FOR CHILDREN.

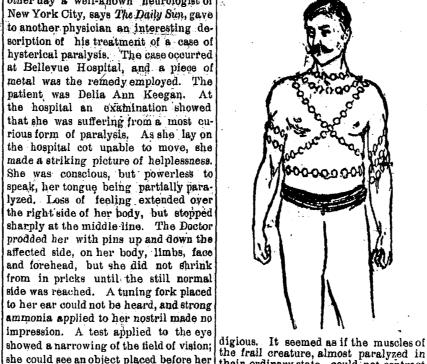
SPIRIT OF METAL.

prodded her with pins up and down the

affected side, on her body, limbs, face

known and most interesting. She was confined to her couch with paralysis, being attacked at intervals with vio-The Science of Curing Hu- lent spasms of the chest, and fits of man Ills by Metal Applica- vomiting. A large plaque of brass was applied to her stomach, and in a few moments the spasms ceased. Upon the removal of the metal the spasms re-turned, again disappearing on the ap-DELIA ANN KEEGAN'S HYSTERICAL PARALYSIS AND THE REMARKABLE plication of the plaque. Every fourth day she was seized with severe spasms HOSPITAL COCHIN CASE-USE OF lasting several hours, accompanied by PLAQUES, BELTS AND RINGS OF loss of consciousness.

GOLD, COPPER AND IRON-HYPNOTIC "On one of these occasions," 88.V8 report of the case, "it required five persons to hold her upon her bed. The expenditure of nerve force was pro-



she could see an object placed before her their ordinary state, could not contract application of copper plaques. The vio-lence ceased and the patient recovered consciousness."

Another case was that of a male na reports. This man was brought to Dr. cure a piece of metal and place it upon Seguin for treatment, and in his case twenty-dollar gold-pieces performed the Seguin for treatment, and in his case her affected arm. An unpretentious cure in an amazingly short time. He Mr. and Mrs. Barney have promised to brass buckle was called into use-a relic, was suffering from hysterical attacks, come again in a month, and stay a week. staggered about, and was insensible to The society is growing, and a local cheek, and tongue. Infrom one to three ualism.

plates was put on the left leg for ten (0000000000000) minutes, and sensibility was magically restored in that member. In three days the patient left the doctor's care, claiming to be well.

We are very much gratified that this new curative agent has been presented. That there is a vibratory spirit-force a potent influence over certain forms of lisease, seems probable, when the

gan to show a susceptibility to the metal, the various systems of medicine, magdisappeared. She could see and hear, earth-cures, etc., etc., why should not

Virchard R. Gandhi.



lines, giving a "general survey" of the glori-ous work being done. Mrs. Adah Sheehan, the well-known

and very talented speaker, will lecture on the last two Sundays of February; at 77 31st street, this city, at 2:30 and 7:30 р. м.

Mrs. Lydia F. Stouffer writes from Lenati, Oregon, that one C. A. Ruggles, an avowed materialist, gave a lecture in the Presbyterian church, on "Reason vs. Spiritualism." The church people attended in large numbers-apparently more willing, in their blind prejudice, to listen to a materialistic argument

than to receive through Spiritualism the only definite proofs of immortality. Mr. Ruggles' materialistic arguments had arranged to have G. C. Love, pastor of the First Society of Spiritualists greater opportunities would be his. of Portland, present, who effectually The Congregational Church was filled replied, quoting from the Bible, and to the utmost at the funeral, Hudson giving the wholesome truths and facts. of Spiritualism to the assembled people. On the 16th ultimo Ben Barney and doctrines of Spiritualism, which are balm

wife came, held meetings and gave tests, Mr. Love and forgotten

A. L. Foreman writes from Stockton,

Cal., concerning the labors there of Mrs. Cooley, of Portland, Ore. She has put had for a long time. She is a most excellent lady, and a very promising lec-turcr and test medium, and is greatly liked by all Spiritualists who have made

her acquaintance. Mrs. A. J. Davis writes that C. E. Winans has been giving seances for connected with all metals, exercising materializations at Lafayette, Ind., with results so grand that words can scarce describe them. C. J. Barnes has also effects produced are considered. With been doing work in his line.

Thought Society of Toledo, O., gave a very enjoyable "box social," February 2nd eve, at the residence of J. J. Cur smell and taste. She could move the all diseases be arrested at once. We ren. It proved a success both socially arm freely, and stand upon the once cordially welcome Metallotherapy, and and financially. The society seems to pless leg. "This case is not unique in my ex-experiment with the different metals crowded every Sunday evening to listen "At the until a well-defined system shall have to the lectures and tests of Mrs. Curren.

the preacher who baptized him thirtyive years ago. Holding at arm's length a slate with a bit of pencil on it, the pencil is seen to rise on end and proceed to business. In a circle of twenty or more persons, all holding hands, while singing is going on, musical in-struments keep time with the music, going swiftly over the head of the sit, ters, who are at the same time being touched with spirit hands. Mr. Search is peculiarly fitted for missionary work. Mr. Balfour, the leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, not only made a strong series of political peeches, but he created a stir by boldly announcing his belief in psychic or spiritual phenomena. As a prominent member of the Psychic Society, in an address he said the time had come when the leaders of scientific thought should admit that there were facts which did not naturally fall into the province of

ather, mother, brother and sister, and

Remember, everyone, that on account of our large edition, we go to press early Monday morning. Shori items only will be inserted if received on the previous Saturday. We take pleasure in publishing the movements of lec-turers and mediums. Meetings, which are do-ing a grand work, are of local interest only, hence we cannot publish long reports with reference to them. They are too numerous for that. A few lines explanatory of the good work being done are always acceptable. A great deal can be said of a meeting in a dozen lines, plving a "general survey" of the gloribe gleaned. If they could not demonstrate the laws controlling this outlying realm, they could at least prove its existence.

> Chas. J. Uhl writes that Spiritualism is not a belief but a demonstrated fact with him. He thinks that Spiritualists will never consent to be governed by a potentate or high-priest; they will not be

dictated to by any individual or clique. At the same time there should be unity and a common center, to enable Spiritualism to demonstrate its full strength in self-protection and in the enlightenment of the world.

From his home in Rochester, O., Jan. 31, Solomon Farnsworth, in the 66th year of his age. He was an earnest, thinking Spiritualist, and died in full, assuring belief that he was only passing to a higher plane-another room--where Tuttle officiating and delivering a discourse replete with the beautiful and the only assurance to the suffering heart. To most of the audience the speaker's words were new, but from the breathless and rapt attention given they were a revelation and will not soon be

W. A. Mansfield, the slate-writing and phenomenal medium, will leave Cleveand, Ohio, about March 20. for a professional tour throughout the United States. Persons living in towns or cities where the exercise of his gifts may be more life into the cause than it has desired should write carly. Address 140 Huron St. Cleveland, O.

> W. Yates, M. D., chairman of trustees. writes: "The Progressive Spiritual Society is holding its meetings in the Masonic Home Temple.3120 Forest Ave., Chicago, 111., under the mintration of Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless. Our success is the surprise of all who visit us. We have a most lovely hall to meet in, and are glad to welcome all our friends as well as strangers to our meeting. The

The Ladies of the new Progressive ladies have established an auxiliary and are holding meetings every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Last Wednesday evening we held what was called a medium's meeting, where the mediums gave an exhibition of their various gifts. Miss Bucklin sang a most lovely song, to the great delight of the company present. Our Lyceum, which is held at 1:30 on Sunday afternoons, is also pro-P. C. Mills would be glad to make engagements to lecture anywhere in the gressing. Our afternoon discussions, State of Washington, on reasonable which are held at 3 o'clock, are well at-terms. His address is Fremont, King tended and are most instructive and inwasn. Nickless gives us about thirty minutes address in her usual fluent manner; she afterwards gives tests to the company, nearly all of which are recognized. Mrs. Nickless is one of the best allround gifted mediums before the pub-Buccess. Address 222 2d street, N. W., lic. She is held in high esteem by our society and ois making herself many friends. concerning the custom in vogue with some Spiritual societies of charging an Dr. A. J. Swarts, known in Spiritual Science work, writes from Lincoln. Neb., admission fee and collecting the same at the door. In these times, especially, that since Mand Lord-Drake had a when very many are out of work, and seance or two there in the fore part of are really unable to spare even so small this winter there has been an increased a sum as ten cents for the privilege of desire to investigate phenomena attending a Spiritual meeting, the cus- through psychic law. He is instructing tom tends to diminish the attendance at a large class in these laws and in healour meetings, and diverts enquirers and ing by spirit power. Such is the geneven Spiritualists to orthodox churches, eral awakening that leading society etc., where they are not compelled to ladies are identifying themselves with contribute what they feel they cannot the work, and a second class on the basis spare, little though it be. She also of sixty students is about completed. calls attention to the fact that the Prot- | He has secured the services of a good estants and Catholics of St. Paul have medium to hold forth at some of the been taking care of their poor; and she meetings in various phases. Professors well-known in educational circles, writes thinks that Spiritualists might emulate and professional men and women are in this good work of the churches, with the investigations. Mr. Swarts and rich spiritual profit and with great ad- several other spiritual workers expect to go on this month to California to convantage to the cause of Spiritualism. tinue this line of work. On Sunday. And if only a free lecture and tests were February 4th, in the Conservatory of given once a month, it would afford Music Hall, he had the largest audience olace and strength to many who cannot ever known in Lincoln for spiritual and afford to attend the regular lectures. psychic investigation. Her plea is worthy of serious considera-

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The world is waiting with bated "Yes, it is a medical fact that sulphur breath the outcome of the last trial. If will cure the itch." the opinion of Mr. Stewart that the

Other medical experts were as much preacher's sermons are not good ones or that he has only fifteen of any kind at sea as Judge and Doctor Ewell. They will send him to 'l,-had he been more gave opinions under oath directly oppo- bountiful in numbers, or thought site to the expert witnesses called by slightly better of their value, how would the State. it affect his immortal destiny? There

And yet men of this class, college are good, conscientious people in the graduates, professors in fact, in learned world who are of the opinion that the best sermons preached are scarcely institutions, appear in our State Legisworth a dam. (The printer is cautioned latures and ask for laws to protect the not to add an n to that dam, for THE dear people from the wiles of quacks. PROGRESSIVE THINKER never swears.)

who, they allege, are wholly ignorant of the healing art! It is not for themselves they ask for legal protection, but for the uneducated classes who have neither time nor inclination to post themselves in science.

We have no antagonism to the medidelighted to find its members so learned life and health depend: still we are not dition of Rome, of his great grief, that the principal remedies were the lancet. calomel, emetic tartar, Spanish flies. inecac and bark. Where are these remedies now? They have passed into "in means would be found to end this con under foot. Think of it! Catholicism, nocuous desuetude," driven into obscur-ity by the war made upon these life de-trouves strovers. sponsible for the condition of affairs up before the assembled world and

Now, to prevent war on other deadly drugs, law is asked as a shield for their religion to the honor it was held by our ancestors " protection!

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER would open the markets of the world to competition. It would give every honest thought a hearing. It would let Truth and Error meet in mortal combat, in full confidence that the former would be into some other purpose than the stirvictor. The employer and the employed should each be protected in his rights, and neither should be allowed to in fringe on the rights of others. Intellect should be subject to no vestment, and opinions should not be classed as crimes.

Moses Hull-Sad News.

Just as our paper is about to go to Just as our paper is about to go to press the sad news comes that Moses Hull was stricken with partial paralysis the cardinais of the Holy Inquisition, by in his study at Anderson, Ind., where gracious permit, allowed "the printing he has been filling a lecture engage- and publication of works treating of the ment. He thought that he could yet motion of the earth and the stability of deliver his lecture on Sunday last, and the sun, in accordance with the opinion tried to do so, but was obliged to desist. of modern astronomers." hope for his complete recovery ..

"Calm on the bosom of thy God, Fair spirit, rest thee now. C'en while with ours thy footsteps trod His seal was on thy brow. Dust to its narrow house beneath! Soul to its place on high!

They that have seen thy look in death No more may fear to die.'

Is This a Catholic Country? At the opening ceremonies of the great fair at Chicago, at the moment

Dr. Burq's method of procedure was the President touched the button to set first to determine, by applying different tary of the Jain Association, of India the machinery in motion, the spectator, metals, the one adapted to the individu- and the representative of that phil al under treatment, thus finding the looking over the immense crowds of people gathered from every State in the people gathered from every State in the the patient. Iron he placed at the Union, and every country on the globe, head of the list as the metal most fre-

would have seen in the front ranks, in quently exerting an influence. Accordthe place of honor and most conspicuous ing to other authorities gold has been as apparent head and front of the used in the greatest number of suc-

cessful cases. The "personal sensibility" having been ascertained, Dr. Burg provast array, a large banner on which was a cross! This statement may appear un- ceeded to armor-plate his patients,

believable, but an artist has photo- times draping them with a large number cates that the Catholic element may burst graphed the scene at the moment, and of disks. He continued the treatment

into a revolution at any moment. The bis pictures cannot falsify. And true to daily until the patient improved. He of the Guide: press dispatches say that 12,000 persons that initiative, the Catholic Church again applied the coat of mail if there is that initiative, the day and leads. It had 40,000 feet of the best was a recurrence of the trouble.

called on Pope Leo the other day, and building for its church exhibit-a space In France metallotherapy has been cal profession. On the contrary we are from the papal throne he addressed the into which all that assigned to all the widely discussed, and experiments in people, during which he told them of Protestant churches might have been hundreds of cases by distinguished. their present misery, the afflicted con-placed and scarcely noticed. The Amer-physicians have established its claims. distinguished. on those difficult questions on which their present misery, the afflicted con-placed and scarcely noticed. The American Pope led in the religious congress, M. Charcot said:

ignorant of the fact that fifty years ago formerly Rome was assured of reasonal with bizarre eloquence about the Bible "Metallotherapy is no more denied. The principal remedies were the langet, ble prosperity; that the ruin of religion and the Constitution—the Bible which It is a question solved; the facts have was designedly accomplished, and that is forbidden to all but priests, and the been methodically established, and they moral and material ruin was the conse- Constitution which the Catholic Church Dr. Grace Peckham of New York has now remain an acquisition to science." quence. He expressed the hope that has anathematized, and daily treads delved deeply into the mystery at present surrounding metallotherapy,

and from an article contributed by her to the Archives of Medicine some time ago, the reporter has extracted much Spiritualism should be provided with should retrace their steps, and restore shouting itself hoarse for liberty and interesting information concerning a the Guide; every promotor of our chilconstitutional rights! Why, it scorns liberty, hates freedom, and knows no but such as God has given its

Burq's discovery "that definite methods are the men and women of the future its for the application of it have not been many valuable truths." laid down, and the physician is left to

His reply to Col. Ingersoll's lecture on his own devices and to his own experi "The Night the Light Went Out." mentation to work out a practical system."

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, as its The three methods in use in metalmultitude of readers will admit, has lotherapy are the external, internal, and a combination of the external and in- published some very fine and interestternal. Of course, administered internally the metals are in minute doses, in the form of powders and salts. For another which, we think, will be pro-

ternal applications. With the return of written. "The Night the Light Went sensibility comes a sensation of warmth, Out" will hold the attention of the

It is proposed to have a series of six E. J. Bowtell solicits calls from socontemporaries, but they attributed the private lectures or lessons by Virchard curative powers to the magic inscrip- R. Gandhi, of Bombay, India, upon Spiritualists in localities where no societies, and invites correspondence with tions borne by them. To Dr. Burg, a Hinduism and Oriental Philosophies, in- cieties exist, but where pioneer work may be undertaken with some hope of

The first meeting, for the purpose of Washington, D. C. day. In 1848 he was led to make ex- organization only, will be held Tuesday A lady writes from St. Paul, Minn., periments by observing the suscepti- evening, February 13, 8 P. M., at the

residence of Mr. B. C. Peterson, 421 W. Monroe street, All interested are invited to be present at this meeting. Mr. Gandhi is the Honorary Secre-tary of the Jain Association, of India,

osophy at the Parliament of Religions 'personal sensibility," as he calls it, of A similar course of lectures in Engle wood is giving great satisfaction, being intensely interesting and instructive. All Spiritualists and Mystics should

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hear them.

Mr. J. S. Cowdery, Sandusky, O.

"Its reception was a happy surprise, not only in its fine appearance, but es-pecially its intrinsic value. The compilation of poems and prose selections is excellent, and I can, in a measure, realize the immense labor expended in preparing the 'Lyceum Recitations, tion etc., and think Mrs. Tuttle entitled to great credit for supplying a work so valuable to Spiritualists generally, and as a lyceum text-book.'

Alonzo Danforth, a life-long devoted worker in the movement, writes:

"Every school within the circle o

subject puzzling to both physicians and dren's education should bear it in mind; laymen. Dr. Peckham gives as one every one who would bury the superan essential part to our prosperity. We are looking for a good platform test medium—one who is sufficiently dereason for the lack of enthusiasm over stitious past, should impart to those who veloped to give clear-cut tests, with

liberal inducement will be offered.

Past experience has taught us that there are plenty of half-developed, wouldbe platform test mediums."

ing stories. We have commenced veloping. A good many church peoobvious reasons lead is omitted in in- nounced one of the most charming ever

Dr. J. M. Temple is open for camp-"Spectator," of Clinton. Iowa, writes: meeting and society engagements, as a "The First Spiritualist Society of this platform test medium. Address 503 city is in a very flourishing condition. Turk street, San Francisco, Cal.

with two meetings every Sunday and a good attendance. Our Ladies' Aid E. W. Sprague, who is prominent as a lecturer and test modium, writes: "Once meets every Thursday afternoon at the more Mrs. Sprague and myself are enhouse of some member, and in the evenjoying our home. It is a great pleasure to me, having spent but three Sundays ing at our church, where various programmes are rendered, thereby here since the first of last July. I am strengthening the social side, which is engaged to speak for our home society for the month of February. This society is growing nicely under the management of its new board and the ministrations of our noble sister worker, names when possible. To such a one Mrs. Clara Watson, who has occupied the platform the past seven Sundays. We have received our charter from the National Association and expect soon to get a State charter. Societies and

Wm. M. King writes that the society in Centralia, Wash., is in a prosperous camp-meeting associations desiring our services may address us at Newland and condition, although in need of a good Forest Aves., Jamestown, N. Y. speaker. Some good mediums are de-

H. Richardson, inspirational player on pipeorgan and piano. Engagements ple are getting interested. Open meet-ings are held every Sunday evening, dress, Box 432, Grand Rapids, Mich. solicited; terms moderate; present adwith reading, speaking and discussions. All are interested, harmony prevails. G. G. W. Van Horn is under engageat first felt underneath the plaque or disk, or whatever shape the metal is in, gradually spreading over the affected side Sleepiness, prickling sensation; of some ugly phases of the Spiritualism is grand. It makes life services during February. He has been south liming "

side. Sleepiness, prickling sensation; and heaviness often occur. The hypno-tic effect first mentioned, Dr. Peckham says, is very common. She believes that the effects, if any, will be produced in a very short time. The history of metallotherpy does not abound with sensational cases, but that of a female patient at the Hospital with of justice and right. Methods of a false and unscrupulous worth living. J. C. Watkins, secretary of the Texas State Spiritualist Association, writes of State Spiritualist Association, writes of the mediumship of Geo. D. Search, of Kansas City, who has been giving searces at Dallas, Texas. A minister, abound with sensational cases, but that of a female patient at the Hospital

the Vatican may lose its principal tenant, and its 4,422 rooms, if not advertised "To Rent," may be converted the "Gods" will be found especially interesting and valuable. Every Spirituring up of strife among nations, and alist will thank him for presenting it. Florida Camp-Meeting.

Hon. A. B. Richmond.

Retarded Knowledge. A telegram from Dr. Rowley, Jackson-It was not until 1820, during the lifeville, Florida, announces that it has been definitely arranged to hold a camptime of many now living, that Catholicism first allowed the Copernican meeting there during this month and system of astronomy to be taught in its next. Particulars will be announced

schools. And even then, obstacles were | next week. Hope. Business prospects are already bright-

ening and hope is again in the ascendant. With the close of the tariff legislation,

without regard to how it is settled, industry will return to its ordinary tried to do so, but was obliged to desist. of modern astronomers." His multitudes of friends will sincerely More than 200 years before, Galileo channels, and the country will be pros-hore for his complete recovery.

rights

priesthood!

The disturbed condition of Rome indi-

The pope is clearly paving the way for

a collision with the civil authorities. If

successful in hastening a bloody conflict,

the propagation of bigotry.

Hatching a Revolution.

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cases; those who have employed and exhausted scientific skill, and who, like

the woman in the Scriptures, "suffered many things of many physicians, spent

all she had, and was nothing bettered,

but rather grew worse." Despite their beneficent labor and

Mrs: P. J. Barrington, of Clinton, Ia., writes: "The spiritualistic meetings started by Mrs. Annie Wagner of Chica- writes that they are having a spiritual go, in this city four weeks ago, continue to increase in interest and in numbers, out than can be seated. Hugh R The seating capacity of the hall has al- Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Concannon and Dr. ready been doubled, and the present in- J. H. Severance are stirring up the dications are that more seats will have people, and good results must follow. to be added to accommodate the fine class of people who are coming to inves- will be sent to foreign countries at the tigate this new gospel. Dr. Barrington rate of \$1.50 per year. and wife are lecturing for them, and Mrs. Wagner's tests continue to grow in excellence. THE PROGRESSIVE THINK-blasphemers by proposing an amend ER is eagerly accepted among them, and subscriptions are comingrin, as accompanying list will show."

James P. Walker writes: "I never Morse will probably move next a vin-sold my work as a healer for money. I dication of Moses in the statutes. James P. Walker writes: "I never treated disease of various kinds, and medicine would be drawn from the air Mich., has the following engagements, and left in my hands, and it would cure carbuncles, etc."

means of awaking considerable interest in the truths his control has unfolded. The many friends of Brother Hodge will be greatly pleased to learn that he has come out as a full-fledged inspirational speaker, entirely without notes or. preparation, and often from subjects iven spontaneously by his audience. He also most instructively answers questions propounded by the audience upon any spiritual subject of general interest. We had several evidences of his improv-ing unfoldment in public clairvoyance, with the best results. Our people were very reluctant to part with our brother, only a previous engagement at Rochester, Ind., prevented our extending his stay among us. . . . Our people wishing to most tangibly express their esteem and appreciation of Brother Hodge, presented him with a written testimonial and a silver certificate, wishing him every success wherever he may travel in the path of duty. Some of our people would very much like to have him stay with us at least a

one wishing to make an engagement with a very warm reception." .

countries have expressed themselves sociation was most positively a complete A. B. Dawson writes from Jacksonemphatically, and almost unanimously, success. The recitations and imitations ville, Fla.: "We have a small organizaof the opinion that even when consciention and society for psychical research. There is a great demand for good meof Mrs. Richings on that evening were tiously prescribed with the utmost care. in the nature of a series of pleasing surand by the most learned and discreet prises, highly appreciated by the audidiums of all phases, particularly ma-terialization. Mr. Moore, a fine mephysicians, poisons are dangerous in ence, who encored heartily, and showed administration and disastrous in results. by their beaming faces their interest in dium for etherealization and independ-Unfortunately, physicians are not al-ways learned or discreet, which lamentent voices, is with us, and too much the entertainment. During March and April we shall have with us Mrs. Adah cannot be said of his fine abilities and able fact partially accounts for the un-Sheehan and Mrs. G. W. Kates respecttalent. His controls are of the highest natural, excessive death-rate. Perhaps order. He sits outside of the cabinet ively, both of whom are well liked by we cannot and ought not to prohibit and any test is given to satisfy the the Indianapolis Spiritualists." poisonopathy, but as prescriptions are Mrs. M. writes: "The First Society skeptic. We are sorry he will not remain. O. L. Concannon does well in his of the South Side Spiritualists still conphase of materialization, which is very tinues to hold meetings at the same satisfactory to his patrons as well as place, 77 31st street, Auditorium Hall, wonderful to the eye and thought of where good speakers and test mediums the skeptic. Mr. Concannon astonished instruct and convince the many investigators in this new science. The wellthe audience last Sunday with his remarkable tests, giving names, circumknown Mrs. Colby-Luther has been and stances, etc., which were perfectly as-tounding. Dr. Juliet fl. Severance has been lecturing for us for five Sundays. The hall has been well attended. This blows at old superstition, under the conlady has an individuality that few trol of Thomas Paine and other friends possess. Her lectures were all so of freedom and liberty. It is the inten-beautifully delivered it would be dif- tion of this society to be progressive and ficult to compare one with the other. to have a succession of good speakers; in sell worthless secrets at fabulous prices, It would be like gathering pearls upon fact, to be up to the demands of the and druggists to retail sugar and salt at ive dollars a pound. Even W. H. Breeze writes from Oregon: "The cause of Spiritualism in this far-away land of the setting sun has received at Chicago, Ill. He would like to lector the setting sun has received at Chicago, Ill. He would like to lector the setting sun has received at Chicago, Ill. Croton water, when colored and Latina fresh impetus through the convincing ture on week nights within 100 miles of common method of deceiving and defrauding patients subject to hysteria, tests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pettibone. Grand Rapids or Chicago, during those hypochondria, or imaginary ills. The word doctor means teacher, and the All their scances are conducted under months. strict test conditions. A committee of G. W. Eichelberger writes: "The duty of a genuine doctor is to teach the skeptics appointed by the audience will Spiritualist Society of the South Side, examine cabinet, slate and paper and this city, located at No. 77 31st street, truth, and the truth will make them report findings to the audience. The Auditorium hall, has under a six week's ree. They should tell such patients they need no medicine, instead of immediums take their seat in front of the engagement that grand and intensely cabinet, the lights shining brightly. loyal exponent of the spiritual philosposing bread pills and colored water. pon them at regulation prices. the aperture. They will bring flowers ophy, Mrs. A. H. Luther, who has held Another source of great danger, and her audiences spellbound by the match-less oratory with which her guides have requent cause of untimely deaths, is from the cabinet, draw pictures, write the want of proper labels and definite messages in full light on slate and paper. given expression to the grand truths of directions for poisons. The fatal miscontaining love and comfort to those Spiritualism and immortality. Words present. As a medium for independent takes of physicians, druggists and laycan but feebly give expression to the men, directly chargeable to the lack of labels, to indefinite or misconstrued inslate-writing Mr. Pettibone is a grand success. I have two slates which came audiences have from the first to the last enthusiasm she has created. Crowded under strict test conditions. Each con-filled the hall to repletion, during her structions, are of daily occurrence. This unnecessary loss of life would surely be tains five to six messages, also three to teins five to six messages, also three to four pictures in seven or eight different colors. One of the slates contains essened if medicines dispensed by doccolors. One of the slates contains a of a month each, the following noted tors, druggists and others, containing colors. One of the bicket contains a field lost and well-known speakers and platform in the mountains a few years ago and a test mediums: Mrs. Adab Sheehan will poisonous ingredients, were legally required to be legibly labeled by them: "Caution; take only as directed." message that he is happy in Spirit-life. message that he is happy in Spirit-life, occupy the rostrum for the last two The picture is readily recognized by all Sundays in this month, commencing But how to promote public health is even more important. If orthodox rewho knew him in earth-life.' Tuesday next: for month of March Prof. ligion and medicine were all-sufficient, Sunday evening, February 18, the Lockwood will be our speaker: followthere would be neither excuse, pos First Society of Spiritualists' Religious ing him, for month of April, Frank T. sibility or demand for any other. If, Congress will hold its third meeting. Ripley, the noted platform test medium; when allopative was the "original and Rev. Joseph Adams, ex-Christian Sci- and during the four Sundays of May, only" school, its practitioners could have entist, will read a paper, followed by Dr. that gifted platform test medium, Mrs. J. C. DeWolf. The Harmony Club, Ada Foye, who is without a peer in her under the auspices of the society, will phases of mediumship. Other able teriality, everybody would have been under the auspices of the society, will plasse of mornance will follow in give their first ball of the season, speakers and mediums will follow in Wednesday evening, February 28. It is their turn. Speakers and mediums de-any other system. But they did not, designed to make this a special occasion of merrymaking for the members of the Temple of the Magi. Turn out, Mystics, Chicago, Ill." of potential immateriality, not only pos-

F. H. Barnard, of Jacksonville, Fla. out than can be seated. Hugh R. THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

The Massachusetts canter, Morse, who wants to make religion a plaything for ment to the constitution of the United States recognizing God and the Savior, must think Delty in need of recognition.

Hon. L. V. Moulton, of Grand Rapids, at present, to lecture for spiritual soci-

eties: Bay City, Mich., Feb. 18; Flint, E. N. Pickering, president of the the 25th; Lansing, the 4th and 11th; M. S. A., writes: "It is with great Breedsville, the 18th; Ionia, the 25th. pleasure that we have to report spiritual He also lectures for the Farmers' Allimatters and the cause gaining in this city, Marshalltown, Ia. We have been listening to the able and eloquent dis-courses of Brother Will C. Hodge, of am hoping to get our forces organized while the the bills are introduced in the New York Localestware to prove the spirit and purpose of these three organizations. The Joint Committee has drafted and will see that bills are introduced in the Son College of Oratory, Boston, says: in this State, so that we may be able to do more good work in the near future." Mrs. S. L. Russell writes that Wa-appended call. Among the most active in Spiritualism awakened this winter. Sorthers and stemels works are true." New York Legislature at once, cover-ing the three points enumerated in the still continues to come from the un-learned. Common people give us our improvements; and the school men word are true." Chicago, during the months of Decem-ber and January, which have been the do more good work in the near future." New York Legislature at once, cover-ing the three points enumerated in the in Spiritualism awakened this winter, scribers and staunch supporters of THE spend their time in giving us Greek and through the ministrations of Mrs. extensive circulation and influence of Lyman and Mrs. Walter. She says: "We are holding semi-monthly socials, THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER through- endeavor, inventions, improvements which are largely attended, and seem to out New York State, and believing the and discoveries are patented, protected be productive of great good. We need publication of the article in THE PRO-a good test or slate-writing medium, GRESSIVE THINKER will very materially GRESSIVE THINKER will very materially aid the cause espoused by the three societies, the Joint Committee hope you and hope this will meet the eye of some one who is going this way, and who will societies, the Joint Committee hop stop off with us for a time. We will will give it space at an early date. guarantee a warm welcome and good

home while here, and a share of the 'needful.' Inquire for some of the Spiritualists when getting off the trains, as we are well known."

B. F. Schmid writes: "The Indianapolis Association of Spiritualists, while making no great display, are doing good, earnest and efficient work in hold-ing before the public in an interesting and attractive manner the philosophy of Spiritualism. January and February we have had with us Helen Stuart-Richyear, and we think they are right. ings, one of nature's noblewomen, of Come again, Brother Hodge, any time. which there are none more efficient nor all give for health. The duties of a public health society seem naturally The latch-string always hangs out for talented. She has taught us many valuyou. An era of peace and increasing able lessons, and the subjects selected, harmony permeates the atmosphere of such as 'Mesmerism and its Relation to divided into two departments: First, our city, and all we want now to com- Spiritualism,' 'How Science Tries to plete our happiness spiritually, is the Explain the Phenomena of Spiritualengagement of a good, capable, reliable ism,' 'The Attitude of Theosophy slate-writer and test medium, and any- Toward Spiritualism,' 'Haunted Houses, causes. 'Psychometry,' etc., etc., have all been may write for particulars or come at highly interesting and instructive. On once. Fakirs and impostors will meet Thursday evening, Feb. 1, an entertaintinguished doctors of all schools and ment arranged for the benefit of the as-

not always conscientiously, carefully, or wisely written, this, at best, hazardous practice could and should be surrounded by greater safeguards than now obtain. Even when sober and in full control of their faculties, physicians frequently hastily scribble illegible Latin, liable to misinterpretations and consequent fatal results. As all ordinary prescriptions may be intelligibly written in English, there s no legitimate reason for resorting to Latin, except in very rare instances. In short, secret medication is void of principle, and demoralizing in practice. t enables and encourages physicians to

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LEAGUE OF BOSTON

Poisons are a prolific source of avoid-

TO THE EDITOR:—In behalf of the guences. Such laws violate constitu-to the the plane of the guences of the gue Joint Committee representing the tional liberty, prevent private judgment Brooklyn Public Health Society, the and volition, prohibit individual choice, New York Public Health and Constitu- abrogate the inherent right of private tional Constitutional Liberty League, of public health by checking the chief

tional Constitutional Liberty League, of public health by checking the chief Boston, I enclose self-explanatory proofs source of scientific progress in the heal-prepared for such papers as are known ing art, to-wit: empirical invention, im-

PROGRESSIVE THINKER. Knowing the Latin names to these improvements." In every other department of human and promoted by the State. Why not pursue the same wise policy respecting THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

healing art; nor can the State better romote public health than by extending to these innovators a cordial hand EXTRACTS FROM AN ADDRESS DE-LIVERED BEFORE THE BROOKLYN of welcome and the strong arm of its protecting and fostering care. PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIETY BY J. WIN-

PUBLIC HEALTH SOCIETY BY J. WIN-FIELD SCOTT, SECRETARY OF THE NA-TIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTY Distribution of Massachusetts wisely began the promotion of the common health by repealing all medical laws, Private and public health are one and and opening wide her welcome doors to every one who could discover or devise nseparable. A lively interest in the common health is a duty even more a method of relieving human suffering, sacred and imperative than an active with the happiest results in the prointerest in the commonwealth, for longation of life and the reduction of that a man hath will he the death-rate one-half.

To secure to the citizens of this State the blessings of medical liberty enjoyed by Massachusetts, it is only necessary protective; second, promotive. We will to enact a law restoring to every citizen first touch upon two plans for protec-tion. Cures of either conditions or disthe right to freely contract for the services of whomsoever he considers comeases can only be effected by removing petent to treat or heal himself or family, without rendering the person thus employed liable to prosecution, except for able disease and death. The most dismalpractice.

The actually marvelous achievements of these innovators impose strong claims upon our conscience and gratitude. These unpopular and heroic reformers who, despite ostracism and persecution, have braved adverse public sentiment, fearlessly faced unfair and severe criticism and successfully demonstrated the practical therapeutic value of their inestimable discoveries, have placed the public under obligations that can be only fairly and fittingly discharged by public acknowledgement and endorsement. Their fidelity to convictions, alienably theirs?

Following the reading of the above gage of battle he has so fearlessly paper the appended public appeal was thrown down to them. But as he is authorized:

A call to action in behalf of public investigation, he is invincible to any and health and Constitutional liberty. all opponents that may dare to appear Office of the Joint Committee, Room 18, against him. And 1 believe that the 331 Madison avenue, New York City. | forces of the Spirit-world have ordained Whereas, It is self-evident that con- him to perform the work he is doing so stitutional liberty and scientific progress well-not an instance of special proviin the healing art will be promoted and dence, but that the Infinite Mind has di-

all, yet there is a volume of logic in its COL. R. G. INGERSOLL. rhythmical cadence, as unanswerable as Continued from First Page. the dogmatic assertions of Ingersoll. agnosticism, the bright star of hope THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF beamed forth and illumined the dark GOD.

Thoughts!

Way to Your Understanding.

Rev. H. H. Penshing, for two years

pastor of the M. E. Church at Belle

Vernon, a place of 3,000 inhabitants,

pall before him with its radiant beams The spacious firmament on high With all the blue ethereal sky And spangled heavens, a shining frame, Their creat Original provision. Despite their beneficent labor and exemplary life, the medical laws of New York proscribes their practice and pre-scribes severe penalties—fine or im-prisonment, or both, for every such person_ard authorizes their rivels the The unwear ed sun. from day to day. Does his Creator's power display, And publishes to every land person-and authorizes their rivals, the of a conflict forced upon him by the

person—and authorizes their rivals, the county medical societies, to prosecute them for the fines, and to collect costs besides. We submit that this is a stupendous mistake, involving most sacred rights, and entailing the most serious conse-quences. Such laws violate constituonly answer is our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead Confirm the tidings, as they foll And spread the truth from pole to pole. there comes no word, but in the night What though in solemn silence all of death hope sees a star, and listening Move round this dark terrestrial ball i What though no real voice nor sound love can hear the rustling of a wing. He who sleeps here, when dying, mis-Amid their radiant orbs be found !--In reason's ear they all rejoice: taking the approach of death for the return of health, whispered with his low-est whisper, 'I am better now.' Let us And utter forth a glorious volce; Forever singing, as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine." believe, in spite of doubts and dogmas, and tears and fears, that these dear

POINTED THOUGHTS.

Potent Thoughts, Impressive And again we quote with pleasure from the concluding paragraphs of his lecture on "The Gods," the following

cheering and hopeful words: Thoughts that Will Force Their

"While utterly discarding all creeds and denying the truth of all veligions, there is neither in my heart nor upon improved methods of healing? Surely my lips a sneer for the hopeful loving nothing more vitally concerns every and tender souls who believe that from human being than improvements in the all this discord will result a perfect harall this discord will result a perfect harmony; that every evil will in some mystorious way become a good, and that above and over all there is a being who

charged with taking improper liberties in some way will reclaim and glorify every one of the children of men; but with the girls. The presiding elder for those who heartlessly try to prove demanded that the preacher vacate the that salvation is almost impossible; that parsonage, which he did and fled to damnation is almost certain; that the highway of the universe leads to hell; pastures new. One of his offenses was who fill life with fear and death with so bad that the father of the girl

horror; who curse the cradle and mock threatened to shoot him. the tomb, it is impossible to entertain A friend at my elbow suggests that other than feelings of pity, contempt when a Spiritualist falls, the good, and scorn.

"We are not endeavoring to chain the good church people are very swift to future, but to free the present. We are censure; Ad they criticise our conduct not forging fetters for our children, but on all occasions. The close relationwe are breaking those our fathers made ship between the two worlds, however, for us. We are the advocates of inquiry, of investigation and thought.

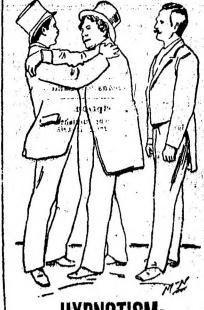
circumnavigated everything and to have solved all difficulties, but we do believe that it is better to love men than to fear gods: that it is grander and nobler to think and investigate for ourselves than to repeat a creed.

VERITAS VINCIT.

I have frequently heard it remarked says: "It is a mistake to imagine that the by our friends that "Ingersoll was a Japanese of the lower classes are any Spiritualist at heart and they wished he more ignorant than people in a correwould openly avow it, for he would be a power for good in the land." I do not sponding station in this country. The Japanese have a very good system of common schools, and for higher educapersevering persistence and phenomenal so desire. If he was an avowed Spiritsuccess against great odds, alike chal-lenge our respect and admiration. Who, locks," and pen and pulpit would ignore tion the students spend many years of study." The Japs have ignored the then, will withhold from them recogni-tion and rights which the higher dences, while cowards in gown and sur-Christian religion for many centuries and their. "ignorance" in that regard has instincts of humanity declare are in- plice would hide themselves behind the been beneficial rather than otherwise walls of public opinion and disdain the Perhaps Dr. Tyng has discovered this.

a very religious institution. In fact, so much so, that a score of years ago the Catholics demanded the privilege of erecting an altar in the chapel, so that the ordinances of the Roman Catholic Church might be ad-

ministered in all their purity. It was. about that time that the warden refused to allow one of the inmates to Spiritualist newspaper that had been sent to him from ('hicago. The in-dorsement in writing said: "We do not. intellect against the current of super-First: Physicians to write prescrip- stition and creedal error for the emanallow such papers to be read in the sign has interposed the water-wheel to prisen." So they hired a chaplain to the current of a river, and made nature's think for the convicts, and all was well. sign has interposed the water-wheel to A little over a year ago the chaplain (for they still must have one of those



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This of itself is an admission that we of trouble. This is seen in the attempts are not perfectly satisfied with all- our of legislative bodies to impose fines and conclusions. Philosophy has not the penalties on those who insist that there egotism of faith. While superstition is another and better world, and give

builds walls and creates obstructions, science opens all the highways of thought. We do not pretend to have

in full force. Last Sunday Dr. Thomas, the great divine, entertained the Con-

grees.

both morning and evening. There is doors. manifestly an increasing interest in the

subject of Spiritualism, and many new faces were noticeable that were not seen one year ago. The work of Moses Hull July 30 to August 5; Maple Dell, Mantua. O., from August 6 to 14th incluis spoken of in terms of highest commendation, and the same is true of Miss sive. The rest of camp season open for Carrie M. Smith, Frankfort, Ind., the engagements. Address Port Huron, speaker who preceded me. It is a Mich.

Dr. W. T. Parker, clairvoyant, has pleasure to speak in a neatly-furnished hall that is not permeated with conflict- taken an office at Hotel Peerless, 324 ing magnetisms, and we wish especially W. Madison street.

to note the fact that Mayor Bitters knows how to conduct a meeting."

has in operation a Progressive Lyceum, J. Edward Bartlett, of Brooklyn, N. Y., recently attended a seance by Mrs. Cadwell, at which the control re-10:30 P. M. every Sunday; followed by Stati neve an every stati neve an every stati neve an every stati neve an every every week consecutively. The number this week is 221; next week it will be less ages will be but the morning of our less ages will be but the morning of our They call on us to barter all the good we quested him to sing a piece such as is sung in Catholic churches. Voices could be heard in the cabinet, singing with him. There appeared a beautiful spirit New York and State a sung in Catholic churches, voices could interes at or. m., and speaking by the interesting better which is began to bless humanity with their spin tailors on your usy. Thus, sonn interesting better which is began to bless humanity with their spin tailors on your usy. Thus, sonn interesting better which is began to bless humanity with their spin tailors on your usy. Thus, sonn interesting better which is the paster of a young lady who some years ago years ago guardian: I. D. Guest, secretary; Miss novel and many radical—hence no one his tag. Thus, if the paster of the pa be remembered by him to her brother, be remembered by him to her brother, whose name she gave. No one present ing, the new hall was full in every nook ally grasps a straw. No one present ing, the new hall was full in every nook ally grasps a straw. but himself knew of her or her brother | and corner, some even standing.

Anna L. Robinson writes that all is sible, but necessary. Born of these prosperous with the society at Port extremes-similar to both, but like Huron, Mich., there is large attendance neither-is the legitimate child, Eclec-

Will C. Hodge writes as follows from Anderson, Ind.: "I commenced labors here yesterday and had fine audiences both morning and evening. There is decret the following and evening. been weighed and found wanting, and water, pure water, gave birth to Hydro-Yet all these are unsatisfactory,

pathy. Yet insufficient. There is, then, unquestionable demand for something else, and as, according to eternal law, supply is always equal to

demand, that something is at hand. Scattered here and there, throughout the cities of your State, are numerous

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public health conserved by immediate rected the opposing force of his great legislation requiring-

tions legibly and, when possible, in cipation of mankind; just as human de-English (and Latin if they choose). sign has interposed the water-wheel to Second: The medicines dispensed by the physicians and others containing immutable laws-whose force was being poisonous ingredients shall be by them wasted in the wilderness-drive the legally labeled: "Caution; take only as directed.

Third: Restoring to every citizen the right to freely contract for the services to treat or heal his or her family, without rendering the person thus employed liable to prosecution, except for malpractice.

verse.

Therefore: We urge all periodicals never die. Future generations will get along without one of those indispens-and persons in sympathy with the spirit erect monuments to his memory, not able articles, a chaplain, so Rev. Win. and outlined to exert their influence in These by the abrasions of time and seacreating and moulding favorable public sentiment.

We also respectfully invite all who preserve them; but the thoughts he has believe that the higher instincts, nobler uttered, that they commemorate, will impulses and dearest interests of hu- live forever. Embalmed by the magic manity will thus be served to send us the petitions.

We also likewise solicit verifiable facts, experiences and other data touch-

To Retire.

The sensational Rev. Talmage has announced his determination to close his connection with the Tabernacle Church, Brooklyn, early in the spring. Whatever the motive, if the press sermons are closed with his Tabernacle preaching, a large class of country readers will be greatly rejoiced. Every discourse has gone the rounds of the Associated Press dispatches, and has been of such a sensational character as to be a general object of mirth. The thoughtful need facts, not balderdash

Expiring Subscriptions.

and rant.

Subscribers can easily tell when their strations Spiritualism proves that we sense needs no statutory precept or pro-ubscriptions will expire, by noting the are born for a higher destiny than that tection." We are reminded, however, noble-minded men and women of exaited number printed just over the right of earth, that there is a world in the that it is only the fraudulent seances character, and more than average intel-hand column on the first page of the unseen future where the soul shall live that are to be disturbed, and only the ligence, who, knowing little about the paper, and comparing it with the numso-called science of medicine, are never- ber on the address-tag of their paper. atlons planted in this life, by the very ished. theless busily engaged in treating and The number on the paper is changed laws of our being, shall have an eternity "They offer us their protection—yes,

son as demonstrated fact. As trite and familiar as it may be to New Philadelphia, Ohio. Ily grasps a straw. more papers, before your subscription son as demonstrated fact. Naturally they get only the abandoned expires. Keep watch of the tag. As trite and familiar as i

"Here lie the loving husband's dear remains,

The pitying heart that felt for human woe; The dauntless heart that fear'd no human

For e'en his failings leaned to virtue's side."

CONCLUSION.

The tender father, and the generous friend,

pride; The friend of man, to vice alone a foe:

printing press and the engines of modprinting press and the engines of mod-ern civilization. This would not be an Rev. J. A. Triffit. of Medina Co. He was instance of special providence, but only said to be a handsome, fascinating man. right to freely contract for the services laws operating upon other laws, in pur-of whomsoever he considers competent suance of an infinite design, at the com-Adam, before the smiles and will be a bandword of a service shows a bandword of Adam, before the smiles and wiles of a mand of the Infinite Spirit of the uniwoman, and was discovered in a liaison

with a convict's wife. It seems they Robert G. Ingersoll is truly a great forgot to "pull down the blinds." man. His is one of the names that will was removed. Of course they could not

purpose of the legislation above alone of perishable bronze or marble. A. Dudley, of Greene county. Ohio, was the lucky man to pray for the concons would waste away to elementary was the first man to pray for the con-victs and send them from the gallows dust. No potentialities of matter can straight to heaven. It was not long straight to heaven. It was not long until the warden. C. C. James, sent the chaplain a document which read: have been charged with gross irreguaddresses of persons willing to receive turies of the future they will become therefore consider yourself suspended and distribute literature or circulate the household words of an emancipated from further duty." It is said that here, power of the printing press, in the cen- larities and dishonest practices; you will also, there was a woman in the case

History is the only enduring monuand of course all other things give place ment of the lives and opinions of the At any rate, the young lady's parents ing upon these topics and control data where the first and good, and on its pages Inger-strengthen the cause of public health and constitutional liberty before the legislature and general public. posing work of the sculptor's art to the reason being assigned that "she is commemorate his life and acts. A sim-of a religious belief differing widely from ple memorial stone inscribed with the that professed by the chaplain." His lines written by Robert Burns to his home is in Batavia, Clermont county, father's memory would be his most fit-ting and truthful epitaph: Ohio, where it is said he is well and favorably known. But, as a rule,

church people, so-called, are not any too particular about the moral character of those whom they pay to do their re-ligious thinking for them. I gather these items from the Cincinnati Enquirer, so far as relates to the Ohio penitentiary.

Senator Kirchner, one of the solons of And now, in conclusion, with what the Ohio legislature, has introduced a

pleasure do we turn from the gloom of bill providing for the punishment of agnosticism and horror of annihilation Spiritualist mediums. The Cleveland to the cheering faith of Spiritualism *Plain Dealer*, an influential Democratic and its beautiful philosophy. With what newspaper, says: "Seriously, is not all confidence do we witness its varied and such legislation simply bosh, and a re-

convincing phenomena. In its demon- proach to public intelligence? Common

of the doctors. But these phoneers in [11] Week is 221; next week 123, and so on. Your sub-ostracised and outlawed, as were the Homeopath and Eclectic, when they first began to bless humanity with their Smith, 250," indicates that his subscrip-first began to bless humanity with their the first began to bless humanity with their Smith, 250," indicates that his subscrip-the additional to bless humanity with their the first began to bless humanity with their the subscrip-first began to bless humanity with their the first began to bless humanity with their the subscrip-the subscription will explore the subscription of the subscription of the subscription of the subscription will explore the subscription will be but the morning of our the subscription will explore the subscription of the subscription will be but the morning of our the subscription will explore the subscription will be but the morning of our the subscription will explore the subscription will be but the morning of our the subscription will explore the subscription will be but the morning of our the subscription will explore the subscription will explore the subscription will be but the morning of our the subscription will explore the subscription will be but the morning of our the subscription will explore the subscription will be but perate chance of something better which

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SUFFERING IN SPIBIT.

(Norz.-This paper is copied from steno graphic notes, taken during the seance. Tom, who carries on most of the conversation with the spirit who is being assisted, is a control of Never would I come to you with this tale of

Eva. (Spirit daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey.) We have brought some very unhappy spirits to-night. Spirit. Well, I don't know! I am at a loss,

an entire loss, to know which way to turn. and how and what to do. Tom. What seems to be the trouble?

Have you lost your way? Spirit. I don't know that I have lost the

way. I don't know the way. Tom. What has happened to you?

Spirit. I'll tell you, my friend, as well as progression. When you sincerely and ear-I can. I don't know that I shall be able to nestly desire to repent and make restitution. make you understand, but I am perfectly miserable. I am wretched! I have struggled to get out of this condition, but how? Every wrong thing I ever did (and God Almighty knows my life was full of wrong) is arrayed which so stain your soul at the present time. all around and before me. Oh, it is terrible! It is most awful!

Tom. It belongs to you. That is your property, and you must expect to reap what you sowed.

Spirit. But must it always be thus?

I come back; if I go to the right; if I go to forgiveness. the left, it is always there. Haunting, pursuing me, tormenting me! Tom. Well, my friend, I sympathize with you in your sad condition; and I will do all I

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what you must do. You must feel it down in your heart: I will be good. I will do everything that is good. Won't you?

Spirit. Who is that? Tom. That is dear little Maggie. She is beautiful little spirit child. Listen to her,

and talk to her; she will help you, Spirit. That dear child! Be good! Why, dear little one! Why, yes, I will be good, bless your little heart! (Sobs.) Why; the dear child! Those are the sweetest words that have fallen upon my ears, in so long! Be good! will endeavor to be.

Tom. I will help you. Now I am going to leave the young man, and you look upon me; and when I come to you, you will know that I come to aid and help you, because I come in the spirit of love and charity, and wish to assist you out of these darkened conditions, up into the light where it is bright and beautiful; and where you will see one who loves vou. She tells me that her name is Mary.

Spirit. Oh, Mary! (Tom leaves Mr. Fisher.)

nes Mr. Bailey. That is Tom, the one who was speaking to you. Spirit. That gives me hope. With that one

shall I go? Mr. Bailey. Yes, with Tom. E. T. WASHBURN.

(TO BE CONTINUED.) .

Considered as "Croakers."

By a Writer from Minnesota.

TO THE EDITOR:---I see from an article Among so many independent thinkers there entitled "Opposed to National Charters," in is bound to be a diversity of opinion; there THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, that the croakers are bound to be insinuations and suggestions; are not all dead yet, but some are still breath but because we cannot all think alike it is no ing, vegetating and fossilizing. And I sup- indication that the critiques are back numbers, pose as long as this is the case we will be croakers, fossils, or chronic grumblers. When obliged to listen to their croaking and grumb- such terms as these have to be resorted to, ling at everything that does not readily fossil- the wise (?) author is out of argument and in ize. or is in touch with the times. Nobody who a passion. As a rule, those who have offered understands the question claims that char- suggestions, and criticized the National Assoters from the National organization will give ciation, have been and are among the ablest us any "legal standing" in a technical sense workers and the broadest and most liberal, and but any one whose range of vision is not lim- liberty-loving Spiritualists in the ranks. They ited by the length of his nose ought to be able are as used to invectives and faultfindings from without much effort to see the immense ad the ranks as from the prejudiced outside world. vantages to be derived from united effort in a and care about as much for one as for the National organization a concentration of other. They will probably keep right along in our forces into one strong and determined the work, whether they join the National Asso-

National organization a concentration of our forces into one strong and determined effort to advance our glorious cause and to place the grand truths of Spiritualism before to advance our glorious cause and to place the grand truths of Spiritualism before to advance our glorious cause and to place the grand truths of Spiritualism before the body, the broad and expansive for a notice of the body, the broad and expansive for an other depresent of spiritualism, and all are debatable questions so long as there is doubt, dissension and independence; and surely, Spiritualism and independence; and surely, Spiritualism for this shows that there is a sad lack of spiritual interest, for this shows that there is a sad lack of spiritual interest, for this shows that there is a sad lack of spiritual interest, for this shows that there is a sad lack of spiritual interest, for this shows that there is a sad lack of spiritual interest, for this shows that there is a sad lack of spiritual interest, for this shows that there is a sad lack of spiritual interest, for this shows that there is a sad lack of spiritual interest to anyohe, and the the the the there are no claims by the charter is only a certificate of the vision of a charter. (only then charter is only a certificate of the title, "Freedom of Thought," it appears that there is nothing to prevent incorporation under the there is on an open link, sttaching one to the the title, "Freedom of Thought," stands on the spirit ad summaria the protection of the make of the title, "Freedom of Thought," stands one of the totage and the spiritual states in corporation under the spiritual states in spiritual is a stack and there is nothing to prevent incorporation under the spiritual state and there are for also the protection of the make the spiritual states and the spiritual states in the spiritual spiritual states and the spiritual spiritual states and there are the spiritual spiritual spiritual states and there the spiritual spiritual spiritual spiritual spiritual spiritual spiri

it occurs to me that if these people would do tled without further debate. less croaking and more work for the cause The financial foundation, the business prin. mediums. And now; I wish to say that I

To Col. Robert C. Ingersoll.

(AFTER HIS TRIBUTE TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN.)

Must we believe there's nothing more to tell?

fray-What shall become of them-now, think of it

The master mind that touched a martyr's crown

To make it lustrous in all human love-

If some sweet perfume of your happy heart

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

Spiritualists have a right to meet and organ ize, or as many as feel so disposed, into a working unit; but being composed of so many grand and noble minds, so many profound and independent thinkers, so many old-time and noted workers, it is not surprising that after their many years of toil and privation, their bitter persecution, often by the young and new in the philosophy; after the hardships of pioneer life in the lone desert of a new reform, a new and dreaded religion, singlehanded, having brought Spiritualism up to its present standard of importance and popularity, that they can see but little reason for organization. But was there not a time in the great battles of the past when aid would have been Spirit. Oh! That must be one of the Holy of great value to them? Would not even a little nucleus of the faithful have been really serviceable to them? Undoubtedly. So much in favor of the National Association of to day, with its broader possibilities and greater necessities. The writer hereof favors organization, favors the present National Association, but if it cannot stand this intellectual discussion of its merits and demerits; if it cannot endure the criticisms of its enemies and friends, all reasonable challenges of its powers and jurisdiction, then it is not composed of the right stuff, but will serve as a stepping-stone to something higher and more potent for good.

- Its gates that were "aiar." And loved ones come close by our side Whom we had thought afar;

For this great blessing we thank God, Our hymns of joy we raise, And welcome back to earth's green sod

The Spirit-world has opened wide

WIDE OPEN GATES.

A Lyric-Air: Auld Lang Syne.

- Our friends of other days.
- On Jordan's banks no more we stand, With wistful, weeping eves, For o'er its flood the Spirit-land
- We see in grandeur rise; And souls who crossed its billowy tide. That rolls from shore to shore,
- In phantom barks return this side To greet us as of yore.
- The "King of Terrors," now transformed, No more we fear or dread.
- For now we are by Truth informed We know there are no "dead."
- And though he touch with icy hand The forms of those we love, He leads them to the Better-land.
 - To happy homes above.
 - No Rachels now for children weep. From their fond bosoms torn.
 - They are not dead, nor e'en asleep; Why should they hopeless mourn?
- Re-born to arms of loving care, By angels guarded well. In homes of light and beauty rare.
- With loving friends they dwell.
- Immortal spirits now come back To comfort all who mourn,
- And all who yet this knowledge lack Have but to seek to learn:
- We have no longer need for faith; We teach but what we KNOW. We talk with no imagined wraith,
- They're friends who tell us so.
- With gates ajar wide open flung, Great joy to earth is given,
- There's greatest joy in heaven;
- For open gates we now thank God,
- And welcome back to earth's green sod

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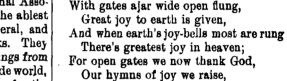
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YOU SHOULD HAVE IT.

DOEMS FROM THE INNER LIFE.

can to aid and assist you. Spirit. Take it away from my sight.

Tom. That I cannot do.

Spirit. Then how can you help me?

Tom. You must take it away yourself, by labor. I will give you some of my experience, which I think will be of assistance to you at the present time.

Spirit. Have you passed through this experience, or is it your experience now? Tom. I have passed through an experience,

but not just like yours.

Spirit. There's no turning away.

Tom. Well, my friend, it is what you creexpect, after leading the selfish life that you me very happy to try and bring sunshine into led?

Spirit. I prayed, and asked God to forgive me.

Tom. That doesn't matter. That doesn't change the effect of wrong doing. If Godsuch a God as you prayed to -- existed, and self of these things 1 have asked forgiveness, would pardon and forgive the deeds you committed while in your earthly body, would that take away the suffering and wrong from those you injured and made unhappy, many times, by your selfishness?

this thing; I have struggled to get away from so many opportunities to do so much good, it; I shat my eyes, but still I see it! I have that you deserve just what you have experilain upon the ground and buried my face; but | enced? still it is there! I have run; I have tried to flee away, but still it is always before me!

for wrongs which he has done-begging and fering? praying God to forgive him for the injuries labor and make restitution as far as you can. make them feel that I regretted it, but I cannot do it; they believe me not.

Tom. It is hard for you to say that you wronged any one, because you were of such a now you would not wish even your worst enenature that you only considered yourself, and everything and everyone must conform to your opinions. So, you see, you must begin by making full acknowledgment of your wrong. Should the wrongs not rise up before you as you have seen them, you would not realize the life you led while in the body.

Spirit. I think you are right there, my me.

what must be the first step? Tom. When I leave this young man (for

I am a spirit, controlling him) I will tell you what the first step is. I, too, have passed through the change called death, and have been in Spirit-life some time. Spirit. Have you, too, suffered?

quite forgotten; but to me they seem not

such enormous sins that they should pursue

Tom. No; man will, many times, excuse

great mistakes and great errors which he has

committed, but should others commit those

errors he would not excuse, but would con-

demn very harshly. These things, in one re-

spect, will be your savior; for this reason:

They will show you your condition through the reflection of your past life. Now, you

have entered a new life. Avoid any repeti-

tion of those acts of selfishness. Try and

cultivate unselfishness. Reach out in the

condition which you are now in, toward some

who are still more weighed down by the effects

of their past life, and try to assist them when

my misfortunes and my sad condition, were I

Tom. You must not be discouraged, my

friend; for the star of hope is shining above

you. There are many bright, loving, sympa-

thizing souls who have passed on and up

through earth conditions, who will reach

down their helping hands to you, and aid you

to cast off these conditions which so cling to

your soul and prevent you from progressing

as you should; for you have entered a life of

unselfishly, you will have help extended you.

and you will get thoughts in various ways,

which you must follow. They will help you,

step by step, out of these terrible conditions

Spirit. Yes, they are terrible. I would

be willing to do almost anything, if these dark,

Tom. You must brighten them up by

deeds of unselfishness. Some of those whom

you wronged are in Spirit-life, and you will

have opportunities, in the course of time, of

terrible presentations could be removed.

you are prepared to do so.

not discouraged.

me day and night.

Tom. Not in the way you suffer. I only suffered from false teachings.

Spirit. How could you suffer from false teachings if you were hones? Tom. Because I did not find Spirit-life as

And that grand spirit which we know so well Steal from its temple to the realms of lightexpected to find it. It was a disappointment to me for a little time. I wanted to see If your kind eves should close in peaceful sleep And gentle death compose your mortal clay, Should we, your friends, all unbelieving, weep. the saints whom I had prayed to. I was looking for them. Your education clings to your spirit for some little time after you make the sted, or sent on before you. What could you change, until it is worked off. Now, it makes Those flowers of thought you've strewn along life's way; Those sunny smiles, and flashing sparks of wit; these souls who are in such darkened condi-Those mighty truths you've wrought, in logic's

tions as you are. Spirit. Oh! I pray you, give me a little sunshine, for it has been so long--I have been so lonely-I have suffered. I cannot rid mywhich is something new for me, yet here 1 am, surrounded by everything that is unpleasant, Tom. My dear friend, I wish to put a question to you now; and I wish you to answer me honestly. Do you not think, after

Spirit. Well, what can I do? I have fought living the life that you lived, when you had If, should the grave a portal prove to be To wider life's screne, eternal scope, E'en though philosophers may not agree, Oh, let us crown it with fond wreaths of hope

Spirit. That may be, but must a man be Dear, splendid Bob, if you should die to-night, And hope be buried with your mortal clay-Well, Bob, I think my chances would be bright forever in darkness of soul, of spirit-nothing Tom. It is only part of man's extreme but the dark deeds of his life before him every selfishness to cry out to a God to be forgiven moment? No way out of this misery and suf-

Tom. By laboring, and following the advice which he has done others; because, if that for. of the spirit friends who wish to aid and asgiveness were granted, it would not take away sist you, you will rise out of these darkened the suffering and sorrow that you caused many conditions, and be able, in time, to labor and by your selfishness. Now, the only way is to assist others; for there are many in sad conditions, like vourself. And you, having Spirit. I have tried to make restitution to passed through this soul-purification by suffernumbers of the paper. Or, in place thereof some whom I have wronged. It is a hard ing, will feel more keenly for others, than had word to say; it is hard for me. I tried to you not had this experience. You never cared very much, in earth-life, whether anyone else was happy or not. Now, my friend, I think that you feel differently. I think that my to pass through what you have passed through. Would you?

Spirit. No. I would not

Tom. Then do you not see that this experience has been a benefit to your soul? Spirit. Inasmuch as it has made me feel more for others, perhaps it has been good for

friend, because there were things that were Maggie Dear, dear man. I will tell you above named free.

to natural diversities of opinion and minor the sun that is not assured a fair hearing and book designed en discuss them. Now is the time to work-the time for united effort. Will we do it?

that he is a representative of Spiritualism, a ency so delightful that a jar is positively pain-prominent one, and that Spiritualism includes full Perhaps I am wrong; I hope so, but here in a wolds. The book is trenchant, instruc-tread very interesting, even when regarded merely women full Perhaps I am wrong; I hope so, but here is the apparent inconsistency: Are not the widely from himself in looks, education, men-tal calibre and opinions, because they cannot GRESSIVE THINKER working to exactly the

help it. Each one grows up through certain same end? In fact is not the editor of that Researches in Oriental History. environments, the effects of which he cannot grand paper a public medium, and is not his shake off to suit the notion of another; and paper a medium of mediums? I cannot escape because they differ with him it is no indication the conviction that John R. Francis, of Chithey haven't a right to. They may not be 'cay. | cago, Ill., is one of the best mediums now beilers, carpers, backbiters, maligners and ob- fore the public. If this is true, then the inconstructionists, who should be squelched." sistency is apparent. In looking over the That is too Catholic, too autocratic for an ad- editorial columns of the very issue in which is

vocate of the broad principles of Spiritualism, the editorial indorsement of Mr. Bach's artiand absolute liberty. "Come let us reason together, with charity for all and malice toward none." Perhaps Spiritualism would kill itself with speed if there were no hindrances to its clear and perfect sailing. Indeed, if the phil-osophy be true, nothing was made in vain. Methods are debatable, but men are not; few would stand a perfect test. Another communicant "has been watching for an answer from some of the platform workers" to certain important questions, and sockers" to certain important questions, and so freely. The following articles on Spiritual is appearing: "A Creditable Blunder;" "A Christian on Christians;" "Another Railroad to Jerusalem;" "Frauds Everywhere;" "Sta-tistics of Crime;" "Formula for Making Hyp-ocrites." Turning over at random the pages of the paper, we find such interesting spiritual istic matter as this: "The Romish Octopus;" "The Bible;" "The Tobacco Habit;" "Sena-tor Vilas Meeskly Subservient to Catholicism," MENDA and absolute liberty. "Come let us reason cle, we find the very offenses that he criticises

finally performs the task, in his own way, etc. Now, that kind of stuff is what makes VERY VALUABLE BOOK. himself. There are no other thinkers in the THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER SO popular. The himself. There are no other thinkers in the ranks but 1 the platform workers" capable of expressing an intelligent opinion, we must presume. We should not wait to speak in high toned company only, but speak when time and place will permit and necessity de-mands, and arrive at some definite understand-ing of the situation. The writer hereof was an active working member of that convention, but does not consider that because of that fact, and because a National organization was formed, it is the duty of every Spiritualist in the land to subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest the outpuise of the subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest the outpuise of the subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest the land to subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest the outpuise to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest the subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tet interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-the interest interest interest. The subscribe to all or any of its con-tene the interest is a subscribe to all or any of its con-tene the interest is a subscribe to all or any of its con-the interest is a subscribe is all of the subscribe ranks but the platform workers" capable of people, or most of them, like to see fraud ex.

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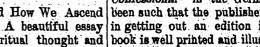
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Was He a Medium?

Swedenborg was the son of a preacher in Sweden; his character was that of honesty and sincerity, and he possessed great talents for learning, by which he profited, and devoted himself to the study of philosophy and natural history, but particularly to mineralogy, metallurgy, chemistry and geology. In order to perfect himself still more in the latter of these sciences, he undertook long journeys through Europe, and then returned to his native country, where he was admitted as a member of the Geological Board. To the surprise of everyone, this able, learned, and pious man fell into intercourse with spirits. He made so little a mystery of this, that frequently at the table, before a numerous company, and when engaged in the most rational and scientific cenversation, he would say, that he had just before spoken on this or that point with the Apostle Paul, or with Luther, or with some one who had long been dead. It is easy to conceive that those present gaped and stared at him with every mark of astonishment, and doubted whether he was in his right senses. However, he occasionally furnished proofs mosphere is incident to the frosts and snows statements have been controverted, and the fascinating June climate. good man accused of deception, just as the This land of roses, is grand and beautiful are recorded.

1. The Queen of Sweden put him to the test by commissioning him to teil her what she with her deceased brother, the Prince of Pruster some time Swedenborg announced himself, open, on this Christian day (?) of observation and stated to her what had passed. The queen and worship. was deeply struck with it, as may be easily borg, assures us that the matter was most un. where-a "dead letter." questionably true.

England, with a company of travelers. He there said he had learned from the angels that there was at that moment a fire in Stockholm,

borg told her that the receipt was in a certain press, at the bottom, in a concealed drawer, where it was immediately found.

4. About the year 1770, there was a mer-

swered, "No, he is not yet in heaven; he is still in hades, and torments himself continually with the idea of the restitution of all Of Temple No. I, at Lansing, things." This answer caused the merchant the greatest astonishment. He ejaculated, "My God! what, in the other world?" Swedenborg replied: "Certainly; a man takes with

him his favorite inclinations and opinions, and it is very difficult to be divested of them. We ought, therefore, to lay them aside here." The merchant took his leave of Swedenborg, perfectly convinced, and returned back to Elberfield.

The foregoing is a somewhat condensed report of Swedenborg's remarkable mediumistic quirements of the above-named charter. The powers, as taken from the same book which contains Wesley's remarkable story of Elizabeth Hobson.

That Swedenborg was a genuine medium, Ayres, G. S.; Charles W. Ayres, G. G.; no one who has witnessed the marvelous ex. Charles M. Schooley, G. C.; Daisy E. Chamhibitions of Edgar W. Emerson, Maggie pion, G. Scr.; Charlotte Camp, Society Finan-Slater and scores of other mediums of the H. V. SWEBINGEN. doubt.

From the Land of Roses.

TO THE EDITOR:-While your Borean atwhich were conclusive. It is true that these of winter, we are enjoying a beautiful and

best of mediums are accused at the present to the sensitive psychic man! There is someday, Swedenborg was no deceiver, but a thing about this old historical city that awakpious and religious man. The three following ens many an entrancing strain of soul-music! proofs of his having intercourse with spirits | Would you see the gay French capital, Paris, you find it here! The gay and festive, the dull and the brilliant soul, all are here!

Sunday, God's sacred Sabbath. is just as had spoken on a certain remarkable occasion gay as any other day of the week. The stores. saloons, and places of business, except the sia, in Charlottesburg, if I mistake not. Af- larger wholesale and retail houses, are all

The courts have some five thousand and supposed. This fact has been denied in the five hundred cases of Sabbath-breaking, but ism. To all such I will frankly say: First, deal of care will naturally be exercised by public papers; but a Swedish nobleman, who they cannot succeed in convicting any, and its membership is made up of fully ninety per such trustees as are chosen in the application was, in other respects, no admirer of Sweden- so the "Sunday-law" is, as it should be every-

The cause of Spiritualism is receiving larger 2. Swedenborg arrived at Gottenburg, from recognition, here and the "hard shells" of the Spiritualists wherever they may reside. In the power which has been lying dormant within us, orthodox are being cracked; for we observe society over which Mrs. Cors L. V. Richmond for the enlightenment of our fellow-men, will that no shell, however hard and obdurate, presides in Chicago, Mystics take active not only approve their own action in this recan forever withstand the power of the sledgesome who resided at Stockholm, and who felt philosophy. When the spirit world opens its them away, a large percent of her appreciative and built of the spirits, embodied and disembod-uneasy at this intelligence; but he came to battery of science and logic, and hurls the battery of science and logic, and hurls the audiences are Mystics. In the Lansing Spirthem soon afterward, and said that they need well-filled bombs of reason and intuition, the itual society is found every member of our always follows a kindly and beneficent act. not be alarmed, for the fire was extinguished. walls of religious bigotry begin to tumble, Order, and at the coming State Convention We hope all who are able will remember the next day they learned that such had been and when the spirit spheres bring their "Gatcan be seen what part the Mystics play. the exact case. This is most certainly true. ling guns" of philosophy to bear upon the 3. A respectable widow was called upon to priest-ridden ranks of dogmatic theology, it Moulton, Cora L. V. Richmond, Olney H. this country not only, but throughout the pay a considerable sum of money, which she melts away before this power, as snow-flakes Richmond, A. B. Richmond, R. S. Lillie, J. was confident her deceased husband had al- in the noonday sun. The facts are, and they H. Colville, J. R. Buchanan, Hudson and ready paid, but she could not find the receipt. stand out in bold relief upon the pages of to-Emma Tuttle, and other able speakers will al-In her distress she went to Swedenborg, and day, that dogmatic theology is on the run. It ways receive a kindly reception and a thoughtentreated him to ask her husband where the is going, going! Spiritualism is driving it into ful hearing by the Mystics everywhere. receipt was laid. Some days after, Sweden- the sea-the great sea of human brotherhood!

those who never before saw any good in our trials and persecutions, and I am thankful for charge of the same, which I trust can be ac-him to take a journey to Amsterdam, where the line is forward. Through muscle as the him to take a journey to Amsterdam, where backing and our watch for an along the protecting hand that has borne methrough, complished. The society is gradually grow-swedenborg at that time resided. Having the line is forward. Through myself as the heard and read much of this strange individu-heard and read much of this strange individu-al, he formed the intention of visiting him, have left idees with the people thet have taken

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A reverend gentleman, and, we assume, an earnest brother in the cause of Spiritualism, writes from Maine requesting information if Its Teachings Do Not Conflict with Spirbequests can be made to this Association legally and safely, and if so, whether it is more advantageous to be given in trust by which the Association would have a right to the income Under the authority of a personal charter granted to Andrew J. Champion as Grand only, the principal to remain a permanent Magea, by the Grand Council of the Order of fund. To this communication we have replied the Magi, at Chicago, Illinois, a branch Temple as follows:

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the Order of the Magi is inimical to Spiritual. at the discretion of the trustees. A great cent from Spiritualistic ranks. Its members are to be found associated with the more in-talligent telligent and best regulated societies of those who contribute to the focalizing of the part and hold offices of trust, and at spect, but they will also receive the plaudits the elevation of the cause of Spiritualism, in ROBT. A. DIMMICK, Secy. world. Washington, D. C.

Notes from G. H. Brooks.

TO THE EDITOR:--- I remained in Bay City We seek the highest inspiration and revelas during December and January, and my en-Our labors here are beginning to show. We tion, and demand integrity, fidelity and purity gagement was pleasant in every sense of the came into a strange land and among strangers. from gode, angels and men. I have been word. The meetings were very largely at We have been received as friends. Most dentified with Spiritualism since early man- tended. The society has a project on foot, of grandly and beautifully have we been met by hood. I have seen it pass through its many securing a vacant church, and having full al, he formed the intention of visiting him, placed before the heaters tood to thought and mortals, that "ye mue not your light under a state of the despite the new placed before called upon him, and found a very deep root! We have endeavored to probe, as therefore called upon him, and found a very deep root! We have endeavored to probe, as evenings of answering questions, and giving ue to labor in that field which promises the Mrs. Augusta Ferris has been one of the faithful, being elected president of the Aid and MICHIGAN STATE TEMPLE No. 1 works the Conductor of the Lyceum, and in every de-Diamond Quarter and confers the Master De- partment of the society rendering much valugiving sittings, have we endeavored to hold the confer all the rights and privileges conferred the campers can testify. Mr. Hovey, Mr.



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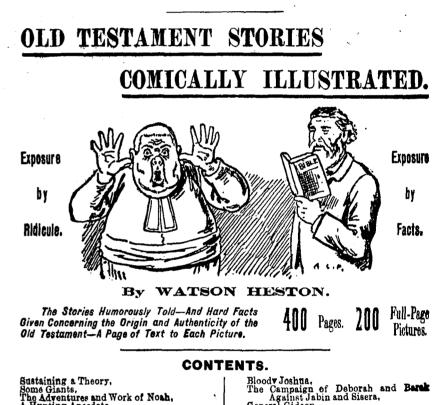
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We have recently been greeted by Brother from?

F. Corden White and his most estimable lady. M. I am from Elberfield, in the grand-duchy of the "City by the Lake," and Brother Donoof Berg. Your writings contain so much of what is beautiful and edifying, that they van, the celebrated independent slate-writer. trumpet and physical medium, and Dr. Fiquehave made a deep impression upon me; but the source whence you derive them is so extraor. ras, of Nashville, Tenn.

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S. It would be very unreasonable if I took it amiss; but I think I have given sufficient ciation. Sunday evening, the 21st, by request proofs, which cannot be contradicted. lecture, the 28th, was "Homes, Occupations,

M. Are they those that are so well known respecting the queen, the fire at Stockholm, Professions, and Callings in Spirit-life." We THIS SELF-EVIDENT APPEAL IS AS IMPORTANT and the receipt?

who has before ministered to the Association. S. Yes, those are they, and they are true. M. And yet many objections are brought We hope his labors may be even more success against them. Might I venture to propose ful than ours. The phenomena and philoso phy being again both well represented, we be that you give me a similar proof? speak for the citizens of this city a rare Spir-

8. Why not? Most willingly.

friend a short time before his decease; we con. of this matchless paper, so much perused here. versed together on an important topic. Could will hear of us as rattling among the dry you learn from him the subject of our dis. bones of defunct religious fanaticism, and endeavoring to resurrect the lost spirit of human course?

S. We will see. What was the name of brotherhood, so long buried beneath the debris your friend?

The merchant told him his name.

S. How long do you remain here?

M. About eight or ten days.

S. Call upon me again in a few days. I will see if I can find your friend.

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are followed in February by BrotherCordingly,

needs is one harmonious religion to blend in children and all, in the hall, and we were all unity all the inharmonious denominations. It surprised and pleased at the results, there was

winity at Dulsberg, where he fell into con- two months longer, laboring for the cause in from the contending sects is responsible in evenings in Owosso and had splendid audiensumption, of which he died. I visited this divers ways; and in the meantime the readers many ways for most of the ills we endure, and ces; the forces were gathered together and put is now the great obstacle to prevent the long- to work, and all societies will find the key of desired millennial era that is now earnestly success lies in work, work in the upbuilding looked for. All who have labored for this of societies, in teaching the young, and in good time coming should now be inspired to strengthening the social element of the sociagood time coming should now be inspired to co-operate in the general circulation of mill-and no work is too hard for me to do; and I

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will be heard from more than once. The next TO THE EDITOR .--- What the world sadly day I met all interested in the Lyceum work, S. Why not? Most willingly. M. I had formerly a friend who studied di-itual feast. We shall remain here at least is generally believed that the conflict arising a Lyceum was organized. I lectured two

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Noted Men.

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language, as testified to in the certificate Before giving an account of it, I wish before giving an account of it, I wish to go back to a previous sitting I had with the same medium on August 3, in order to show why I looked forward with special interest to what might occur at a subsequent one.

At that former sitting I carefully ex.

Bon jour allonsion vous des honne auporde L'Henre souve on la compte; elle n'est déjà polus: L'airain n' annonce, hélas! que L'étenne souve; on in annonce, hélas! que déjà folus: L'airain n'annonce, hélas! que ales moments perdus, son redoutable son m'étouvante, m'évéille; et c'est la vois du temps, qui frappe, a non overlle, s're me m' abuse point, le lugubre métal de mon heure dermière; adonné le signal: C'est elle ... où retrouver tant d'heures écoulées? vers leur source lointaine elles sont repoulées; le seue source lointaine elles sont repoulées; le seue réfroi me reste et l'espoir est banni. le faut mourin, finir... quand je n'ai rien fini, ou Vais-je ? et quelle scène à mes yeux se déploie des bords du lit funétre, où palpite sa proie aux lugubres clartés de son pale flambeau. l'impitoyable port me inontre le lombeau, Océon sins ivages de ce prime fatal c'est loi que pour envisage sur le fleure du temps, quoi! cest la que flo aux? d'eternité pour l'homme? il net siple de joursée. A communication in FRENCH, REFERRED TO BELOW.

A COMMUNICATION IN FRENCH, REFERRED TO BELOW.

amined the slates before and also after | was undoubtedly an oversight. they were washed, in my presence, find-ing no trace of writing on either of them. I myself placed rubber bands around them, and folded them up on a black cloth; and during the entire sitting they never left my hands for a single instant. On the mediumuntil July 31, black cloth; and during the entire around them, and folded them up on a black cloth; and during the entire sitting they never left my hands for a single instant. On the mediumuntil is Wasterious and the medium until July 31, black cloth; and during the entire single instant. On the mediumuntil is wasterious and the mediumuntil for the single instant. Then the covers began to move, and it single instant. On the mediumuntil is wasterious and the medium until for the single instant. The single instant is a single instant of the medium until single instant is a single instant. The single instant is a single instant of the medium until is wasterious and the medium until single instant. The single instant is a single instant of the medium until is the single instant is a single instant of the medium until is the single instant of the medium until is the single instant of single instant. On the medium's saying, "They have written," I opened the slates and found the inner sides of them intimate friends here. covered with writing. While we were waiting for the writing, the medium,

apparently entranced, has said, inter alia, was with nim; who seemed to be a and have known Frank S. Algerton, the shall never forget the night, for it was a solut in the solution of the about twenty-two; and that the elder one was Napoleon III.

I had repeatedly seen the Emperor in Paris, and recognized at once the accuracy of the description the medium had just given of him. I asked the control what had attracted him to me. The

opening the slates I found, at the end of mourn her departure, but her spirit,

Now this last statement was perfectly her. Intelligible to me. It happened that Mrs. Hart was a medium, and her writing have been for years-some of sick. All the Liberal and spiritualistic them for twenty years—warmly-at speakers who have visited this place tached friends of members of my family will recollect her well, for she enter-(though I must add, parenthetically, tained them all. them that the kindness has been altogether on their side). It did not, therefore, appear to me at all incredible that the soi-disant Napoleon III. was really what he claimed to be, and that he might deto his connections in this country, who, gives psychometric readings, tests, etc., being decided skeptics as to the possi- and heals the sick.

ible writer from some author whose name is less known to the public than Slate-Writing in French by the names appearing on the other slate. However this may be, the result arrived Noted Men.
 With F. C. Algerton, at Onset, Mass., Aug. 23, 1893. THE GHOST OF MRS. STINE, WHO DIED

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One Thursday night lately the family retired as usual. Mrs. Hazen was awakened about a quarter of twelve by

one's self for?" evening, for although we sat for an hour or more, we never had the slightest indication that any one, spirit or mortal, wanted to move the index. The next

am not a believer in Spiritualism, and I was determined not to let this thing drive me from my room. The next else. A young gentleman-I will call tered from Maine to Oregon, and from

Lynn, Mass., Aug. 26, 1393. the hand passing down my arm. All of after, the index moved.

Passed to Spirit-Life.

FRANCIS J. LIPPITT.

I, William W. Russell, dentist, of the

a sudden the pillow was grabbed as in At Kirksville, Mo., Jan. 27, 1894, Eliza powerful hand. I was determined answer was: "He comes to thank you abeth Hart, aged 63 years, 11 months for your kindness to his people." newer was: He comes to thank you abeth Harv, aged 03 years, 11 months or your kindness to his people." Taking "his people" to mean the weeks, her spirit, having laid aside its rench nation, I observed that I had no mortal body, passed on to the incor- hold of the mattress at the foot of the "Sixty-five cents," was the reply. French nation, I observed that I had no mortal body, passed on to the incor-idea of what he meant, and presently ruptible glories of higher life. A wide bed. I caught at the head, but with all the medium came out of his trance. On circle of friends in this world will my might I was only able to keep it opening the slates I found, at the end of mourn her departure, but her spirit, from flying to the floor. My slippers, two pages of writing, a statement by freed from its earthly thraddom, re- which were lying by the bed, went flying the writer that Napoleon III. desired to joices in the land of light, and is not through theair, nearly striking me. All thank me for my interest in some of his far away from them. She was one of this time I talked to the thing, whatand that at a future sitting he would write me a message to them in French. On the Saturday night following Mrs.

Hazen slept in an adjoining room, and locked and bolted the door between. Still the noises kept up. "It seemed," she said, "as if the thing was trying to break the door down. It would creak and groan for awhile, and then three hard raps would be heard on it." The funeral services were conducted DR. M. L. WARD.

air.

It was on Sunday morning that the most peculiar manifestations occurred. Mrs. Hazen was getting breakfast when

Mrs. Isa Wilson-Porter has removed she turned and saw one of the kitcher sire to send through me some message to 544 West Van Buren street. She chairs jump on the table. "It was the first time it had been downstairs," she said, "and it startled me. But I talked

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THE PSYCHOGRAPH.

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evening some friends came in, and we

"Now for the spirits," cried Bert.

had invited us to go to the theater that

tickets with sixty-five cents?" we asked.

"How are you to purchase three

"May I ask the questions?"

The reply was: "Yes."

evening.

even myself, knows."

"1891," was quickly given.

On examination, this was right.

be insulting to their intelligence."

said May, "as I did not know. You had better ask more worthy questions—such

as-if there are spirits here-would not

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town, and by its means Dr. Dobson has had over 100 patients here, and has been successful in curing or greatly hand over here, and has been successful in curing or greatly hand over here, and has been successful in curing or greatly hand over here, and has been successful in curing or greatly hand over here, and has been successful in curing or greatly hand over here, and has been successful in curing or greatly hand over here, and has had over here, and has here, and has here, and has here, and here, and has here, and "My cure made an excitement in our

TO THE EDITOR:--The folks all laughed when I unpacked the psycho-graph and gave the disc a whirl, which benefiting nearly every one. Myself sent it spinning like a top. "It goes so easy that one can just as well give the and wife will never tire in doing everything we can to induce the sick to send to Dr. A. B. Dobson, of Maquoketa, nessages one's self as not, " said sister Iowa, for assistance, the man that saved May. "Yes, one could, but one does not wish me from a premature grave. It is nearly a year since he cured me. It is to. What would one want to impose on through him and his spirit band of doctors that I am alive. GEO. YOUNG." We did not impose on ourselves that

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could not easily bility of spirit retur. be communicated with directly. To me the important consideration was, that if such a message-which was to be in French-should be written, it might not improbably furnish evidence of spirit identity, now the great desideratum in the investigation of the subject of spirit therefore looked forward return. I with no little interest to a fulfillment of the spirit's promise.

A day or two before the 23d of August I obtained an appointment for a sitting on that day, and presented myself at the hour appointed, which was 9:30 A. M.

Finding that he had no slate on hand, the medium sent to buy some at a store. In a few minutes the messenger returned and laid the slates, about half-adozen of them, on a table near me. Their appearance indicated that they were new slates, just unpacked.

Then the medium tried to dissuade me from having the sitting, saying that there was no hope of our getting anything, as he was entirely exhausted by constant sittings for three weeks, and that he had been up all night. But I sciousness in this life. She was an es-He then took in his hands the two uppermost slates, sat down in a chair tended by sympathetic friends. Funeral near which there was no table or other piece of furniture, washed them, put rubber bands around them, folded them up in a black cloth—all this under my own eyes-and then handed them to me. From that moment until I opened the slates-which, to the best of my judgment, was not over five minutes-I never let go of them for a single instant.

them writing as follows: "L'histoire n'est que le tableau des

crimes et des malheurs.-Voltaire." 'On dit que Dieu est toujours pour les

gros battalli'ons (sic).-De la Ferte." "Du sublime au ridicule il n'y a qu'un

pas.-Victor Hugo." "Nobilitas solo (sic) est atque unica

virtus.-Juvenal." 'Qui desiderat pacem praeparet

bellum.-Vegelius.'

Vegetius (not Vegelius) wrote a treatise Saved:" "How to Become Gods and in the fourth century, entitled "Epitome Sons of Gods:" "What is a Christ, and

in the fourth century, entitled "Epitome Reis Militaris."] On the other slate was a communica-tion in French, a photograph of which I here append. The first line may be ex-plained by the fact that I had been Single lectures, 25 cents. We believe in the state was a communicated that I had been plained by the fact that I had been in the state was a communicated that is the true meaning of the striptures." Time will be given for course, \$1. plained by the fact that I had been ingle lectures will prove highly course. This girl was par-tion in the true the house approximation of the state of the st punctual at the hour appointed; but his lectures will prove highly enter- ticularly brave, however. She said that that the medium was half-an-hour taining.

behind time. Oh looking over the writings, I asked Algerton who "Esprit C" was. He said

French language. On my asking him sionary and bu,000 barrels of whisky dance was over, the thing vanished who dictated the writing signed "Esprit" were landed not long ago, at the same amid snapping of fingers and clapping C," he answered—then apparently under time. From Jan. 1, 1890, to Jan. 1, 1891, of hands. spirit control—that "it was Napoleon there were 1,018,591 gallons of rum Not only Mrs. Hazen, but Mr. Hazen

III. expressing his last dying thoughts." shipped from Boston to Africa. In 1891 and the entire family have heard the The result, of course, disappointed the trade was almost doubled. The noises and seen the things flying through me: for it afforded no evidence of spirit percentage of missionary increase does the air. They seem to be very intelliidentity. Perhaps, like the French and not keep pace with the growth of the gent people. Mrs. Hazen says she is By W. J. Ceiville. Valuable to these investigating that a straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that Theorem and the second straid to live in the house, but that the second straid to live in the house, but that the second straid to live in the house in the house

Dr. Abram Smith made the change called death, Monday morning, Jan. 29. Peacefully and quietly he passed away. Dr. Smith was 80 years old. For thirty-five years he had been a firm Spiritu-Dr. Smith became a member of the parlor.' I crossed the sitting-room, the Harmonial Society of this place in the year 1870. He lectured in behalf and when I reached the parlor every of Spiritualism in many parts of this chair was piled in the middle of the State and was generally quite wellknown. Dr. Smith was an honest man, true to the convictions he advocated. He had been a Mason for many years,

and in accordance with his desires, the Masonic fraternity of Sturgis took charge of the funeral, which was held at the family residence on Thursday at 2 o'clock P. M.

DR. A. D. HOWARD, Sec'y. Harmonial Society of Sturgis, Mich.

Entered Spirit-life, February 6, 1894. Mary E., wife of Fred Davis. of Port Huron. Mich., after a brief illness of floor. twenty-four hours. She was stricken sciousness in this life. She was an estold him we must try, at all events, and timable lady, much loved by all who that I would take the risk as to results. knew her. The funeral was held at the family residence and was largely atservices conducted by Mrs. Anna L Robinson.

Lectures on High Science.

A course of lectures on the higher philosophies, unveiling the true doc- and in the most profane language ortrines of all Scriptures, will be given by dered me out of the house. You may On opening them I found on one of Ibrahim G. Kheiralla, at Dr. Phelon's parlors, 619 Jackson boulevard, on Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock commencing Sunday, February 11.

Mr. Kheiralla, a Syrian by birth, having spent twenty-one years in Egypt, comes laden with the wisdom of the far this book that her sons moved away East, shining by its own light. from Topeka, and that one of them died Among the subjects he will touch upon at Ottawa. She said, too, that she was ellum.-Vegelius." will be the "Vicarious Atonement," unhappy, and when I asked her if I [N. B.-I have since ascertained that "The Mission of Christ;" "How to be should pray for her, she answered 'yes."

Liquor for Africa.

dance. Then began the maddest revel she ever heard. She could plainly hear In a certain place in Africa one mis-Algerton who his guides, who knew the sionary and 50,000 barrels of whisky dance was over, the thing vanished

o had just Father to it. Finally it occurred to me to ask it that he felt that way himself, and that Science, by Richard Mansill, is now out, if it could write. It rapped three times, which Spiritualists say means yes. I we ought not to trifle in our questions. To this the intelligence replied: said: 'I'll get you paper and pencil,'

cents. Mystics, farmers, and thinking and I took the grocery-book and put it on the table with a pencil inside it. I looked in a minute and read: 'Look in the paylor'. I arcsed the still people generally should have it. foolishness."

"Who wishes to communicate?" "Mabel."

"It is mother," 1. exclaimed, and we floor, and the tidies and ornaments were all were so startled we remained silent. scattered all over the room. My little Our mother passed away six years boy came in just then, and we went back to the kitchen. We reached there ago, and this unexpected tidings of her was so strange, we scarcely could re-strain our feelings. For half an hour just in time to see the lid of a pot of beans that I had placed on the gasoline father asked questions and received anstove fly up and remain spinning in midwers, such as our mother only could

We all seemed to be standing at give. "I thought that if it was a spirit in the gate of heaven, and in the presence torment the Bible would be some conso-lation. So I brought it out and placed it of angels. It was only necessary for us to behold, them to make the illusion on the kitchen table, opening it at the complete. Even Bert was more serious, as he had been bantering and chaffing, salms. I had no sooner done this than the book was closed and dashed to the and when his brother, who died last

year, gave his name, he was quite over-"I had found out, though, that i and said he was convinced of its come. could write, and so I kept paper and truthfulness. He received this message pencil on that table all the morning. It "Bert, tell all you have seen to-night to my wife. Tell her that I am yet with wrote that it would give me a sign, so that I could recognize it. And it did. A her, unchanged; that I regret her lone-liness, and that I cannot help her, as I number of years ago-about four-an old woman with two sons moved near did before this change. She need not me down on Jefferson street. She was regret anything she might have done for me. It would have made no differsick with consumption, and her sons worked in the Santa Fe shops. As soon as I found out, that she was sick, I went ence in the result."

Bert explained that this brother's over and offered to help her in any way, wife at times was almost frantic with or to get help for her from Lincoln the thought that she might have done Circle. The old woman turned on me, something more; that she had neglected giving medicines, when really she had done all in her power. not believe me, but the very words she

"Tell her that, more than all things used then she wrote in my book Sunday else. I desire her to come here and almorning. She wrote many other things low me opportunity to talk with her." that convince me she is this woman. "Can you impress her with your She often speaks of her sons James and presence?" asked Bert. "It has been difficult. I may say im-John. This woman's name, by the way. was Stine, and she died about a year

possible. If she will sit, in your circle I after the time I speak of. She wrote in

nope I may be able to do so." "What advantage is there in sitting in circles for development?" "The controlling spirit receives the

assistance of the circle thrown on the more sensitive." "Somewhat like a relay battery,

I did so, and last night we did not hear the noises at all. To-day they returned, said Bert, who has a smattering of telegraphy.

"Quite like," was the reply. "If spirits have form and substance, what is their weight?" asked father. "Weight is the measure of gravitation, and as spirits are not subject to when the noises were at the highest that force, they have no weight."

she asked "it," as they call it, if it could I might prolong these conversations we had in circles, to columns, but fear-

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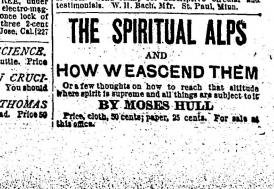
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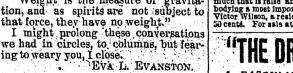
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