

### NATURE'S LAWS.

As Understood by Hon. A. B. Richmond.

Scientist, Prof. Lockwood.

He Explores with A MASTER-HAND THE FIELDS OF NA-TURE.

"That very law which moulds a tear And bids it trickle from its source, That law preserves the earth a sphere
And guides the planets in their course."

"Could any but a knowing, prudent cause Control such motions and assign such laws? A conscious, wise, designing cause, Which freely moves and acts by nature's

WHAT IS LAW?

and on it we base our argument, in the feel, taste or smell. following answer to the critics of my

"Order is nature's fundamental law."

law in the material universe but the to the earth. But in the open air the all its chambers desolate. The throne, with caprice of the innumerable gods and resistance of the atmosphere will re- all its regal trappings of veins, arteries,

of science to-day that her demonstra-tions prove that the material universe is governed by natural laws, "inherent accuracy the relative position of the woulds and sure in the calculation and with it a thinking, reflecting being, has field forever. In vain do the votaries of science search for it among the "potenin nature as in infinitude."

But of the spiritual world, or the realm of thought and consciousness, we can only reason from the known to the unknown; and as law or "rules of action" govern all natural phenomena, as far as science has investigated, we must logically copclude that law governs all things, although many of its rules are yet undiscovered. I have here stated a logical deduction that seems as certain as the demonstration of a problem in Euclid. The axioms on which it is founded are to-day self-evident truths, and the conclusion inevitable.

PROF. W. M. LOCKWOOD.

I was surprised to read in the able article of the truly learned professor, W. M. Lockwood, the following para-

Before closing this article we will point out the misuse of one more term, frequently met with in his (my) communication, and in use by very many writers: The term, 'Law of nature,' 'natural law,' etc., etc. At the risk of being called by a name indicative of mental imbecility, I shall affirm that from well-established data, there is no such thing as a law inhering in nature as an infinitude: no such thing as a natural law, or law of nature. The use of the term in this connection is a misapplication of the true meaning of the word, and a fruitful source of disagreement and mental conflict among thinkers.

"No such thing as a law inhering in nature as an infinitude!" says the able scientist, Prof. Lockwood. I do not know that I correctly understand what he means by the expression.

Surely infinitude means a boundless number, encompassing within its embrace all things in the domain of nature. Now it must be evident to every mind that if there are laws or "rules of action" in nature itself, they cannot be restricted in their action to a limited sphere of motion.

They must govern alike all things from atoms to planets. If these rules are not infinite they must be finite, and, therefore, while, according to Prof. Lockwood, they do not govern the Empire of the Universe as a whole, yet they control its minor principalities. But motion is infinite.

Therefore, if a portion of it only is governed by law, can the Professor inform us what part of nature is law-abiding, and what portion is lawless? Where are the primordial elements are they unrestricted by "rules of action" The Professor says: "There is no such thing as a 'natural law, or law of nature'-that is, no fixed and im-

more so than I am-and he surely is well acquainted with what is called 'the law of definite proportions," by which it is proven that all the elements of chemical compounds unite with each other in certain proportions only, and that these proportions are invariably His Comprehensive Reply to the the same. Thus, in nine grains of water there are eight grains of oxygen combined with one grain of hydrogen, and water could not be formed from any other proportions of its elements Again, one proportion of chlorine unites with one proportion of mercury, formcomparatively harmless cathartic; while two proportions of chlorine with one of mercury forms the "bichloride," most deadly poison; and these ele ments will combine in no other quanti-

an exception. pounds-a certain definite number of evades the researches of science beproportions of one element will combine fore its birth in the human body, and with a certain number of proportions of defies the investigation of her labora on to say that "every speck of matter nature's God"-from the finite mind, Nearly two hundred years ago one of the elements, producing a certain tories after it has "passed away." In the world's greatest jurists defined law result, and no other. This is a natural vain do we speculate and reason on the law of chemical affinity; a rule of action, and it is aplaced by a speck of force. That speck the Infinite mind of the universe, that when the law of chemical affinity; a rule of action, and it is appearance to proportions of the laws, in the law of intelligence openation. With a certain number of proportions of the laws, in the law of intelligence openation. With a certain number of proportions of the laws, in the law of intelligence openation. With a certain number of the laws, in the law of intelligence openation of intelligence openation. It is appearance that the law of intelligence openation of intelligence openations. It is appearance that the law of intelligence openations. It is appearance that the law of the l plied to all kinds of action, whether that governs all matter in its number—Philosophy alone will not aid us; faith It knows him when it finds him and animate or inanimate, rational or irra
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of infinited in tional." This is the accepted definition of infinitude in nature, what is it? It Nothing but the positive proof of Spiritof both scientists and lexicographers, certainly prevails in everything we see, life and communication will satisfy the

So is the law of gravity a rigid, inobstructed by other equally immutable sanetuary, This is to-day an axion of the taying days. For instance, all matter is acted upon alike by the attraction of gravity. In a vacuum, a cannon ball and a redulity or the denial of agnosticism. In a vacuum, a cannon ball and a OF THE SOUL,"

Long centuries ago mankind knew no feather will fall with the same velocity but only to find its portals vacant and

caprice of the innumerable gods and resistance of the atmosphore will be demons of mythology. All natural phetard the fall of the feather more than it nerves, "gray matter" and cellular ments differ in their angles of formation nomena, as well as the contentions and would the cannon ball, but the ratio of tissues, would remain, but its seat would from obtuse to right angles, yet they nomena, as well as the contentions and the the increase of the velocity of falling be vacant. The power that once sat are always the same in like substances, wars of mankind, were caused by the the increase of the velocity of falling be vacant. The power that once sat direct actions of invisible spirits or ce- bodies per second is the same through- there in all the royal splendor of human lestial beings. On Mount Olympus the deities that inhabited the earth, air and vater assemble to legislate for men and the world. It is a positive, fixed law, without change or variation unless modified by the interposition of in searching for the cause of its absence helps to shape one particular form of water assemble to legislate for men and posture of the seventeenth district nations. From his radiant throne in the other equally unchangeable laws. It is finds all the wonderful organism of the crystal must have an intelligent mather yesterday. Harley Swank, a boy eleven a law of "matter in the infinitude." So physical body as perfect as when it was edicts, and an awestruck world received it is with all the other laws of Nature: a living man; but the mysterious intelligent mather yesterday. Harley Swank, a boy eleven matician of its own, and one who knows years old, while studying his lesson, and an awestruck world received it is with all the other laws of Nature: a living man; but the mysterious intelligent mather yesterday. The containty of their equilibrium and the leavest of the mysterious intelligent mather yesterday. Harley Swank, a boy eleven matician of its own, and one who knows years old, while studying his lesson, and an awestruck world received it is with all the other laws of Nature: them with fear and trembling.

The certainty of their action and the lectual force and vital energy that once now all is changed, and it is the boast forces they control is the basis of all gave it warmth and motion, and made The certainty of their action and the lectual force and vital energy that once

existence of "Nature's laws" and affirms and its pathway is as trackless as the is no such thing inhering in nature." the swallow's wing in the evening air. where and what is the data? and who inanimate body a wonderful intellect. has demonstrated that science to-day is There learning had a home, and poetry mistaken in proclaiming the existence and music an abiding place. of the unvarying laws of nature? Prof. Lockwood says that "nature did drapery. There vaulting ambition

alone is infinite, and in her laboratory sought new worlds to conquer, while matter" is true, it would certainly proof omnipotent energies with inherent philanthrophy planned to better the tendencies toward a higher form, we condition of mankind. There joy smiled

nature, acting on the forces and matter or hatred frowned defiantly. decrees? greater than the throne itself."

has been evolved from potential energy ince of Spirit-life, from whence through the inherent tendency of mat-ter to a higher form, is the factor of in-spirits in their former home and birthdestructibility," etc. Now, who knows place, and where the infinite mind that that the conscious ego was evolved from pervades the universe has imparted to matter? Science does not even know them a portion of its own being; the that the lowest form of life is thus priceless prerogative of immortality. evolved; and if it is not proven that the tellectual consciousness: when and nate?" Ask the inquiring mind.

Huxley says: "It may be true of the ego is a part, or as the poet Dryden so of 'abiogenesis' at some occurrence time, but if the present day or any recorded epoch of geological time be a But that eternal Infinite, and one question, the exact contrary holds Who never did begin, who ne'er can good." And he continues: "Of the end. controlled by law, and when and where causes which have led to the origina- On whom all beings as their source detion of living matter, it may be said that we know absolutely nothing."

This is the opinion of one of earth's greatest scientists, who is also a materimutable rules of action. Now, Brother alist, yet he admits that there is no Brother Dawbarn's criticism of my es-

the keen-eyed microscope with almost I cannot agree. He says: ties or proportions.

God-like vision searched among elementary matter for the link that binds the living forces to the dead atom, And so it is with all chemical com- while the origin of the conscious ego longing of the human heart.

For weary centuries science has infinite rule that governs all matter with-vestigated the ego in vain: with saw and out a change except in so far as it is scalpel she has invaded its supposed

THE DOME OF THOUGHT, THE PALACE OF THE SOUL.'

worlds and suns in the celestial orrery tialities of matter or the possibilities of for centuries to come. tialities of matter or the possibilities of its inherent tendencies." It has gone

Yet Brother Lockwood ignores the somewhere in the infinitude of space. "that from well-established data there rushing keel in the ocean's waters, or A morbid curiosity leads me to inquire A few hours since there lived in this eloquence clothed thought in its splen-

find the promise of every type and con- in unison with pleasure, and sorrow anatomy and physiology, in accordance The teachers, who are strict Christians, wept in sympathy with suffering and This may be true, (?) but whence woe. There benevolence gave in kindcomes the promise except from our ness, and avarice coveted more. There knowledge that the immutable laws of love beamed forth in kindly glances, of the universe, cause progression and memory registered the words, forms and evolution in accordance with her infinite faces of loved ones long since passed What does Brother Lock- away. There hope had kindled its inex- years, as follows: There are two kinds of "inherent tendencies" promise tinguishable fire, and faith fanned its but a future result—the accomplishment | flame with gentle wing. We know that of a future design? And what could all these emotions are not a part of the for the growth and renewal of the systhus promise with certainty but an physical body, or the product of the poten, and are only found in the aliment intelligence with power to fulfill its tentialities of matter of which it is compledges? The very inherent tenden posed; and while they are all caused cies of nature prove the existence of and governed by immutable laws, vet a mental force in nature that governs they are not of the material world, for from the body, to be replaced by new matter-"a power behind the throne they have none of the attributes of its ones. Now, if Brother Dawbarn's theory ponderable elements, and therefore. Prof. Lockwood further says: "con- must belong to the realm of thought, or taken into the system carries with it a cious energy being the real ego that empire of conscious intellect, the prov-

"If the material universe is governed simplest, feeblest vitality is inherent in by immutable laws or unchangeable then, that in every human system there matter and evolved therefrom, much rules of action, from whence came they, less does it know of the origin of in- and when and where did they origiwhere it was begotten, when and where answer, from the unfathomable depths born, or whence its parentage. It is an of eternity. Coeval with matter, force old scientific maxim that "all life comes and intelligence, they exist not as an rom the living." This doctrine has attribute and power of a God that prebeen denied by a few scientists of ceded creation, but as a part of the inmodern times, and that of spontaneous finite whole, that had no beginning in evolution, or what is now known as the past, and can have no ending in the "abiogenesis" has been adopted by future—not an anthropomorphic God, them, only to be confuted by investiga-but an Infinite Spirit, that pervades the universe, and of which our conscious

> well expresses it: ---Who of himself is none

pend."

CHARLES DAWBARN.

I was amused and interested by Lockwood is certainly learned in chem- evidence of potential life in matter, say on Ingersoll's lecture on

the other the realm of mind—ooth gov- haps "tis true;" erned by immutable laws—and that for if Ingersoll's agnosticism shall "the glory of the one is not the glory of the other." It is true that these two existence, universal grief and woe will

covered. It is certain that there was a time in the remote past when all the matter of our globe existed in the form of intensely heated vapor or "fire ment and happy illustrations, yet I do mist." Uncounted eons passed, and it be- not clearly perceive the logic of the one istence of life germs in its caverns of with a beak like a nut-cracker," with fire and seas of flame. Billions of ages which he attacks the harmless sheep of rolled on like the waves of the ocean, each one carrying in its ceaseless flow the radiant heat of the earth and dis- of his "Gordon Setter Watch," which persing it through the regions of bound-less space, until at last our world was childhood, of the "House that Jack to a temperature that would Built;" if he can really see in these permit life to exist on its surface. Then incidents a logical argument against the life came; but from whence? Not from existence of an infinite design in the ing the "protochloride," or calomel, a the matter of our globe, for so science universe, his logic is deeper than mine, positively asserts. In vain has chemistry and I have no personal objections to his by synthesis and analysis attempted to affixing "Quod erat demonstrandum" to construct even the "protozoa," or lowest forms of primordial life. In vain has brother makes a statement with which

"In everything that has been dis-covered within the limits of the microscope and telescope, science finds matter in close association with force and in-

telligence." call the attraction of cohesion," etc., form the diamond are governed by the law of crystallization; but when and what sciences ever discovered a speck. A. B

istence The laws that govern all crystalline substances are fixed and certain even to mathematical precision. Different ele and never copy after their neighbors or neids to shade one particular form of occurred in

of intelligence" in their primordial ex-

the one it controls. Now, is it not more logical to conclude that there is one great Euclid that he was doing that knocking. The boy her mild sons) in marvelous purity—the demonstrates all the problems of crysbeing scared, said, "No, I don't do it." talline forms, than that every ultimate If the boy put his hand in the desk he atom possesses a demonstrator of its would jerk it out quickly so it wouldn't Surely the argument that would prove the existence of lesser intelli-same. The school miss tried to hold in there one great Euclid in the universe when the boy laid his hands on it. that knows all the secrets of mathemat. To-day the teacher kept him in and ics, or innumerable lesser ones with a said she was going to investigate that knowledge limited to their own little

sphere of action? If Brother Dawbarn's theory of "a speck of intelligence in every speck of matter" is true, it would certainly produce unique and marvelous results. pendent voices the first time, and the Forty-five years ago, when I lectured on controls said that he is a fine medium. with the knowledge of that day, I taught my pupils that all the matter in the human body changed in ten years; emanating from his thumb and fore-that gradually the old physical man finger. He can rub a knife-blade over passed off and a new body was put on. But modern science now declares that the change takes place in about three absorbing organs in the animal body viz., the lacteals, that act exclusively ary canal; the lymphatics, whose sole functions are to remove the wornout decayed and useless particles of matter is true, every "speck of matter" that is speck of intelligence and force which cannot decay or die.

These are taken up by the lacteals and built into organism. But as intelligence and force do not wear out or be come useless or diseased, they would not be reabsorbed by the lymphatics and removed, but remain when the dead matter is eliminated. Is it not obvious, is a constant accretion of "force and in telligence?" If, then, we could live long enough, what Samsons and Solomons we would become! But unfortu nately, the facts do not sustain the theory, but rather confute it. For if intellect was to be measured by the quantity and quality of the "speck laden" food taken into the stomach, it ought to change materially the logic in 1862. and mental ability of the orthodox min-

It seems to me that if the theories of Professors Lockwood and Dawbarn et al., are true, it would result in the destruction of our personality in the Spirit-world, which would be equivalent to annihilation. I do not care to live in the future if my personal ego is to be absorbed in the great infinite mind of the universe, or resolved into primordial "specks of intelligence," to be again distributed through the ever-changing chemical combinations of matter. I that has clothed my weary body in this wild animal.

How, then, can it be said that the intellectual, conscious ego is the offspring bounded confidence in the great agest of earth's formations, but I have an WIRCHAND R. lectual, conscious ego is the offspring of its inherent tendencies towards a higher form of being?

Is it not evident, then, that there are two kingdoms in nature? one of matter, the characteristic of the doughty orator." Perpossession of them forever. This alone the said that the intelligence is the doughty orator." Perpossession of them forever. This alone the said that the intelligence is the doughty orator. This alone the said that the intelligence is the dearth's formations, but I have an affection for the aggregation of "specks of intelligence" that constitute my mental personality, and I hope to retain the said that the intelligence is the dearth's formations, but I have an affection for the aggregation of "specks of intelligence" that constitute my mental personality, and I hope to retain the said that the intelligence is the dearth's formations, but I have an affection for the aggregation of "specks of intelligence" that constitute my mental personality, and I hope to retain the said that the intelligence is the dearth's formations, but I have an affection for the aggregation of "specks of intelligence" that constitute my mental personality, and I hope to retain the said that the intelligence is the dearth's formations, but I have an affection for the aggregation of "specks of intelligence" that constitute my mental personality, and I hope to retain the said that the intelligence is the feath's formations, but I have an affection for the aggregation of "specks of intelligence" that constitute my mental personality, and I hope to retain the said that the intelligence is the feath's formations, but I have an affection for the aggregation of "specks of intelligence" that constitute my mental personality, and I hope to retain the said that the intelligence is the feath's formation. is immortality.

In all this controversy my critics sovereignties are not independent of cloud the celestial dome now illumined seem to take it for granted that the the each other, yet the tie that binds them by hope, faith and the demonstrations of together is as yet unknown or undisstrongest and ablest advocates only claim that it is a possible or probable theory; and we must not forget that even in scientific investigations the apparent truths of to-day prove to be the came condensed into a flaming orb, like or the application of the other. Yet, if errors of to-morrow. That which sciour sun, burning with a heat so intense my learned friend can see in his illustration of the other. as to preclude the possibility of the exare not demonstrated. The problem of

When the theory of evolution can prove that life first originated in and by combination of material elements then, and not till then, will there be a solid foundation for its plausible and fascinating theory. And then it might follow as a logical deduction that a Max Muller: future life might evolve from this. Now, while science is in doubt, and her votaries in contention, how cheering is the philosophy of Spiritualism, and how convincing are her heaven-born manifestations.

While all of the mysteries of the universe are not solved, yet from what we do know the thinking mind can This much is true; but when he goes logically reason from "nature up to

I have not attempted to answer all of clasps him to his breast with what we my able critics; I am so much employed in court that I have not time to engage etc., I am afraid that he draws on his in controversy. Yet if my articles imagination for his facts, and mistakes serve to invite investigation, I shall nature's infinite laws for his speck of read with pleasure all that may be intelligence, . The atoms of carbon that written on so interesting a subject as

Fraternally with all,

# SPIRITS AT WORK

Sensation in School.

Work Through Harley Swank.

heard all over the schoolroom, and the teacher came to him and asked him if "shoot." but it would "shoot" all the gence would be as conclusive when ap- subjection the desk, which was screwed olied to the existence of a greater. Is tight to the floor, but it would shake "knocking," and she asked the janitor if he ever heard "spook noises" about the house. He said that he had not.

Last Tuesday night the boy was sitthink the schoolhouse is haunted. The boy while studying can see white spirals his hand and then pick up needles with it. His father, Reuben Swank, is a Spiritualist, and is highly elated at the boy's mediumistic qualities. DR. TOMAN.

Dayton, Ohio, April 26.

Rubinstein's first teacher was his mother, and his first concert tour as a virtuoso was made when he was not quite 10 years of age.

Raff was a school-teacher who studied music after the day's work of teaching a country school had been concluded. Scarlatti, one of the greatest musicians of his day, is now known only by the "Cat Fugue," a comical imitation of the mewing of cats.

Mozart's "Requiem" was left unfinshed at his death, and was completed by Schickenader, who repeated the fugue found at the beginning. Meyerbeer could sing popular melo-

dies at 2 years of age, at 7 he was an accomplished pianist, and at 9 was considered the best performer in Berlin. Bellini was the son of an organist in Catania, in Sicily, and began his mu-

while held in the arms of his father. Sullivan's first effort for public performance was the music for Shak-peare's "Tempest." It was first given

his occupation from fencing to music. Piccini wrote 133 operas, a number of

and stage. Something new in the art line is statnary made of paper pulp. Mrs. Cornelia the Caliph, the head of the Mohamme

It is a curious fact, as noted by Sir Samuel Baker, that a negro has never itualistic idea was not quite extinct. have no objection to the cast-off matter been known to tame in elephant, or any Also, about now, the Crusaders began

fense of His Country.

He Shows Why Christianity Has Been a Failure in India.

He Presents a Lucid Statement of a Perplexing Problem.

N EDUCATED HINDU REVIEWS THE CHRIST HAS NOT BEEN MORE READILY PERABLE OBSTACLE TO MISSION-

Forum for April: To understand the endency of modern Hindu thought one oust go to the beginning and follow the course of philosophical speculation from the Vedic times to the present. Says

"If I were asked under what sky the human mind has most fully developed some of its choicest gifts, and most deeply pondered on the greatest problems of life, and has found solutions of them which will deserve the attention of those who have studied Plato and Kant, I should point to India. If I were to ask myself from what literature we, here in Europe, may draw that corrective, in order to make our inner life more perfect, more comprehensive, more universal, and, in fact, more truly a human life, not for this life only, but for a transfigured and eternal life, again I should point to India."

This being so, it must be interesting o study the progress of the religious thought of the Aryans, from its infancy to its maturity. Again, every system of modern philosophy, excepting that of the Aryans [Hindus], is the direct descendant of Aristotle, Plato, or Socrates. But Indian thought is indigenous, and unaffected by any foreign philoso-phy. Nay, it is highly probable that the Greek philosophers borrowed many of their ideas from it. On the banks of the Ganges the Aryans [Hindus] grappled with the knotty problems of human existence at a time when their European brothers were groping in darkness. To understand the philosophy of TO THE EDITOR:—Quite a sensation dus], to explore the thoughts that deall scholars to be the motherland of religion and philosophy, it is necessary to go to her earliest records, which have been preserved (considering the foreign attacks that have been directed upon Vedas. Through these Vedic hymns runs the idea of the one God of nature, not an extra-cosmic creator standing apart from the created, and meting out rewards and punishments, but a permamanent essence underlying the whole universe, material and spiritual, of which the various forces of nature are merely manifestations. They were the attempts of the growing intellect of man to comprehend the Brahma which Western [European] philosophy has not yet comprehended. Brought face to face with the various aspects of nature, surrounded by an incomprehensible force whose subtle influence they felt, the simple-minded Hindus awoke to a sense of the Divine. Colebrook, Bentley and others say that the Vedas were arranged in their present shape 1,100 or 1,200 years before Christ: Mux Muller says that the time was 2,000 years beore Christ. Thus they will make the Vedas 3,000 to 4,000 years old, but Rigveda, the oldest, is more than 4,000

vears old.

IN THE EARLY DAYS.

When the various schools of philosophy in India were at the height of their lory, what we call European nations had no existence. The ancient kingloms of Chaldea, Assyria, Babylon and Egypt were in their palmy days contemporaneously with the best times of Aryan [Hindu] philosophy. Greece and Persia came afterward, and at the beginning of the Christian era Rome was the mistress of the West. The supremacy of Rome came to an end about the third century after Christ, and to a certain extent the foundation of the modern European civilizations was then aid. Christianity, though already born in Jerusalem, only at this time spread in the Roman Empire (which totteringly prolonged its existence to the twelfth century), and, mingling itself with the older religious sentiments of Egypt and Greece, it spread through Roman influence in the whole of Europe. The sical career by playing on the organ ancient kingdoms of Chaldea, Assyria Egypt, Greece and Rome had accepted the spiritualistic philosophy as found in the Vedas system. At that time litera ture and art were flourishing, of which the great Library of Alexandria was a Tartini was a fencing-master, but by a testimony. It can be easily seen that, as lucky quarrel was compelled to change long as Christianity followed the line of ancient thought, it had in it the essence of the older Spiritualism (soul-theory). While Christianity was thus continuing oratorios, 32 masses, and an immense its existence the Caliphate of Bagdad quantity of other music for the church the into prominence under the influence. rose into prominence under the influence of Islam in Arabia. The Pope, the representative of Christ on the one hand, Shout, of Pittsburg, Kansas, is the in-dan faith on the other, between them ventor. extirpated all literature and art. Although these were dark times, the spirto come to Asia. Genoa, Venice, and

Portugal began their mercantile con nections with India. Asiatic thought was then brought into Europe. The power of Constantinople, which was a branch of the Roman Empire, broke down; and the library at Constantinople, which had been located engaged philo which had been looted, spread philosophical thought throughout Europe. Commerce was on the increase; people were being educated in the warlike arts; gunpowder and other blessings of civil-ization, and the art of printing were in-vented. By this time also America was discovered. discovered.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.

The land and climate of the Western countries are different from those of India. In the former the climate is cold, and people have to wrest from the unwilling soil, fit for cultivation for only a ARYAN POINT OF VIEW-LICENSE OF lihood. Hence it will be seen that the very conditions of these countries are not favorable to the growth of spiritualistic thought. They are eminently fit for bringing out all kinds of materialism, and they did so. Bacon and Descartes, the apostles of new schools, opened new paths of inquiry. They would not take for granted the older thoughts without putting them to new tests. Materialism came into prominence. The existence of the soul was doubted. They attempted to prove that everything can be established by the assumption of the existence of matter and matter only. Atheistic materialism began to pro-claim itself as an established fact. It thrust its head into the social relations and political affairs of men. Its cries were heard everywhere—in the arts, in the sciences and discoveries, and with it appeared the glittering civilization of the nineteenth century, and from this time we may date the relationship of the Indian people with European coung tries, and thus the materialism which was reigning in the West set its foot in

The dogmas of Christianity—at least of Protestantism—are these: That God, the creator of the universe, is an extracosmic being, standing aloof from his creation; that Jesus the Christ is his son; that he was incarnated for the purpose of saving mankind, and, preaching truth, sacrificed himself for the welfare of man; that faith in him, and him alone, will save man, and that the believers in reincarnation, idol worship, and in the efficacy of rites and coremonies, are destined to everlasting perdition: that, as Christ sacrificed himself, so must his followers sacrifice themselves to spread universal love, and that this leads to their final salvation, the peace of God. ed at supernetally they seem very good, and to people unaccustomed to religious and philosophical thoughts they may appear as fostering the idea of love

It is no wonder, then, that at a time when the true spirit of Aryan [Hindu] philosophy was obscured by superficia rites and ceremonies, the teaching of the Christian missionaries could find favor with the natives of India. As the merchants went there for secular trade, so did the missionaries go for religious trade. Notwithstanding their great offorts, not a single true Aryan [Hindu] has been converted in 300 years. When the early missionaries found they failed. which might have been expected had they known anything about the material they had to deal with: when they found it impossible to convert the people to a religion for which they cannot possibly have any sympathy, most of them wisely abandoned their efforts and betook themselves to a more laudable undertaking-the education of the masses in European culture and science. The radical differences between the

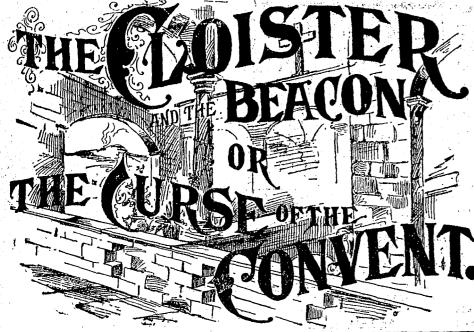
Christian and Aryan religions are not, perhaps, clear to most people; but those who have pondered on this subject see the all-sufficing nature of Hindu philosophy-how the simplest mind can have its cravings satisfied, how the intellectual giant can accept their reasonings; and they do not wonder that Christianity, with its narrow and intolerant dogmas, makes such little among the Hindus. Christianity has ended with the idea of an extra-cosmic creator; but the Aryan [Hindu] philosophy started with this theory, and soared higher and higher till it lost itself in the essential identity and openess of the intelligent cosmos. The human mind cannot soar higher.

UNIVERSAL LOVE OF THE ARYANS

Christianity boasts of the time-worn saying of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; but what is this compared with the universal love of the Aryan? Says the Bhagavad Ghita: "The enlightened look with equal love upon a Brahmin full of learning and righteouness, upon a chandala (the lowest of castes), a cow, an elephant, or a dog." Other religions teach, Love your neighbor as yourself; the Hindoo philosophy teaches, Look upon all as upon yourself. The philosophy of the absoute does not respect caste or creed color or country, sex or society. It is the religion of pure and absolute love to all, from the tinniest animalcule to the biggest man, Above all, the Aryan philosophy is expressly tolerant of all shades of religion and belief, for it looks upon all the different modes of thought as so many ways to realization of the absolute, devised to suit the capacity of various recipients.

The Christian might say that there is little difference between the "Essence that underlies the universe" and their own God. True, the Essence is one: but the moment you attribute human qualities to this Essence and limit it by

human conditions you diverge from us. CONTINUED ON STH PAGE.



vancement."

#### CHAPRER XIII, Continued.

["The Night the Light Went Out" was a most remarkable story, founded on absolute facts as testified to by a prominent gentleman of this city. companion piece, the scenes being laid in England. It is by Hammond Hills, of the Agnostic dwarf Nature to thine own span. To me supernatural, scarce drew breath until he and may not find me; yet, at least my punishment supernatural, scarce drew breath until he and may not find me; yet, at least my punishment when the supernatural is the price of the supernatural. yearly or trial subscribers will get "The Night to thee and to thy creed it is the brand of terbury. Then, his anxiety for Isabel lending "Repine not thou, but take thy cross and the Light Went Out" free.]

"The knight, my lord, may have transgressed the law!" rejoined the other in bitter wake follows the torture of a thousand hells! irony; "aye, such law as king may forge and break at pleasure. His crime is love for the maid of Kirton. Stay," he continued, perceiving the Archbishop make a sign of impahe did entertain the crime of shielding herin the absence of her father-against the advances of the King of England.

The King of England's right to visit his displeasure on a subject may not be gainsaid. Enough, thy first request shall be attended to; for the knight, De Brabancon"\_\_\_\_

"His birth is noble, my Lord, and he is"-"What?"

"Fit mate for the Lord of Kirton's daugh-

"That is as her father and the King shall decide. What is he to thee?"

"The son of a dear friend, now no more." "Thy friends can have no claim on our regard, since thou, equally with them, art un-

known to us. Our interview is at an end." "Not always was the father of De Brabanon unknown to thee; not always was I unnown to thee," rejoined the Briton; "not

"Thy name?" demanded the Archbishop

with a penetrating glance. "Men call me Cyvrangon," replied the man of mystery; "men call me Cyvrangon now; but once I bore another name, a prouder one to Norman ears; for, nurtured in Druidic faith, enough, I am-;" and Cyvrangon, apbert Fitz-Walter, almost recoiling, exclaimed, "Impossible!"

"Nay, not impossible, my Lord Archbishop. Have I, indeed, so changed that my feelings thus?" asked the Archbishop, in To morrow will the maid return to Kirton." still my features are unknown to thee to low and broken accents.

"But not so changed as thou; and Time, of all England, canst thou say the same?"

"Tis not for me to boast my soul is pure," and to confess my great shortcomings."

"Of which the greatest, perchance, hath been thy violated vow. Hubert Fitz-Walter, thou and I, in Eadhon Comhceangalladh, that inspired the 'Monarch of the Bards' to blood." sing his 'Iliad Gododin;'t thou to whom the whose glory crowned thy ancestor with bays, and casts a halo even around thee! Ambition, Pride, Power! for baubles such as these thou hast compounded with the Christian tyrant; for brubles such as these thou hast made of | God views the circumstance!" thy conscience a retributive fire, broken thy sacred vow on Aongusa Pit-an-Druch, Kerig y not envy thee thy sacerdotal power, despised re-cemented friendship. though I may be by Christian men! Primate oppressed by me can dog my steps; no genius thus?" hunted down can cry for vengeance on mel" "Oh! do not harrow thus my soul, thou

who alone mayst dare, my boyhood's friend

"Remind me not of friendship past, since between us the link hath long been broken;

\* Mutual confederation.

‡ Aneurin was called the British Homer, and the Father of Welsh poetry.

& Odes of the month.

grave of the hero.

'twas thou who severed it, and for worldly ad

"Nay, for the Christian faith." "They both are one, and avarice begat them! I tell thee, priest, the link which once united us is broken. To me the laws of Naso under Christian dispensation, for in its mate. Our paths are different, let me alone; I walk the earth unshackled, free, although an outelaim mankind's eternal doom. I have all command. nature for my God; thou hast-what wouldst thou more?-thou hast-thy Carpenter!"

"No more," the Churchman said; "no more; I am an ordained Christian priest; I may not listen to thy heresy: and, for thy charge, the Christian Church seeks not to crush, but only to put a fitting curb on gen-

"A fitting curb!" echoed the Druid; "a curb on that which hath no limit. Oh, it is a deeds." crime indeed to possess a noble intellect. Take thou thy calendar of victims, and place it by thy calendar of saints; which is the nobler rec- fair." ord? Arius denied thy Galilean founder was divine; for this denial Athanasius, thy charitable Christian saint, Archbishop, caused him to be poisoned. Porphyry and Celsus, two more noble men on whom Heaven bestowed the gift of genius--pardon me, Primate, I brand of Cain-Porphyry and Celsus, not aid again; but there is a maiden, fair, innocontent were thy priestly predecessors, thy saintly fathers, with tabooing them, but they Wouldst thou transfer thy protection unto also destroyed their priceless works; and we her, right willingly I'd yield myself as hostin Britain, we whose antiquity Celsus proclaimed to be greater than even that of the within the prison from which thy kindness but and descended from a long line of British Jews, and whose learning he declared more now hath wrested me." kings, my mother wedded offspring of the in- advanced—we, by thy persecuting Church, vader. But we, will not awake the past; have lost the record; the Christian priesthood has destroyed the key with which we might proaching the Primate, murmured a few words have opened the gates of knowledge, and we in subdued tones, which, upon hearing, Hu- perforce must stand without and accept tra- knight. dition for our guide, since truth found only martyrdom."

"Hast done, old friend, hast done, rending

classes, and for teaching mathematics; was though he hath ploughed deep furrows in my found guilty-guilty of instructing youth, cheek, hath left my soul unscathed. Primate guilty of improving the world's mental culture-and by a merciful Church massacred, the quivering flesh being scraped off her bones rejoined the Prelate, "my soul is God's to with oyster shells! Dost tell me, Christian ing who so strangely entered Kirton Manor on dium, of St. Paul, Minn.; Lizzie and May honest endeavor. Try and be with me and judge; 'tis not for me to prate of gentle deeds priest, thy Christian God gave to Hypatia the night of the tempest, and who no less Bangs, of Chicago, Ill., slate-writing, help me. -From your loving brother, Charlie. and kindly actions done; but only to repent powers denied to millions, in order that she strangely quitted it. might be punished for possessing them? Dost tell me, Christian priest, thy Christian God which heals old, can also inflict new wounds. looked down and smiled upon the zeal of the vicars of his Vicar, and on that mortal torwere consecrated by Druidic rite to worship ture? But let it pass; close we the record only the god of Universal Nature! Pride and now-it is so black. I say to you Archbishop. ambition caught thee in their toils, and thou, that unto endless time the hand of every direct descendant of Ageurin Gwawdrydd; priest who lives upon the Mammon garnered thou in whose veins flows the same blood as by the Christian Church shall bear the taint of

"True, Cyvrangon, I am an alien from my honor was given of transcribing from Welsh boyhood's faith, and from the faith in which Kirton Manor, whither the Abbot hath arrived tional instruments for band music on Sunday, and dislodge all possible doubts, will find that Homer's Muset the Englynion y Misoedd; your hopes are still embarked. But judge me with his lovely charge. thou who hast allied thyself with a flagitious not; thy frailties are not mine, nor are my erheresy, become a persecutor of that genius rors thine. My secession from thy faith thou atchment hung, and shadows darken the slug- and most popular songs appropriate for the by saying that I am now a temperate man, knowest: what the temptation was that lured gish waters of the moat; a solemnity pervades occasion. me to the Christian fold thou knowest not, Judge thou me not, who darest not judge thee. Leave me to heaven; man punishes the fault,

And Hubert Fitz-Walter, Primate of all England, and Cyvrangon the Druid-Bard, as she passed once more beneath its portal, a Druidion. Archbishop of Canterbury, I do clasped each the other's hand in token of their boding fear seized on her, lest over her retiling in aiding to advance the cause of truth. Circu-

A short, impressive pause in the conversaof all England, from thy almost regal throne tion ensued; when the Archbishop, breaking thou swayest with thy sceptre a nation's destine silence, said: "Methicks" the present tinv: I tread the earth an outcast, yet I would claims attention now; and for thyself-say not exchange my lot for thine. No broken why, since thou didst so strangely escape vows can haunt my path; no fellow-creature death, why hast thou concealed thy existence of maternal love.

> "Because in seeming death my life is safe from treachery—because in seeming death I may forego my Norman name, the blot upon died?" my British lineage."

the as the patriot of thy country. As the passionate sobs burst from her aching bosom; to The Progressive Thinker, 40 Loomis time and fabulous theology, too well known to passionate sobs burst from her aching bosom; to The Progressive Thinker, 40 Loomis time and fabulous theology, too well known to passionate sobs burst from her aching bosom; to The Progressive Thinker, 40 Loomis time and fabulous theology, too well known to passionate sobs burst from her aching bosom; to The Progressive Thinker, 40 Loomis time and fabulous theology, too well known to passionate sobs burst from her aching bosom; to The Progressive Thinker, 40 Loomis time and fabulous theology, then, and in memory Near her her sister stood; the silent calm of street. to the Gododin" poem written on the battle of of our former friendship, I grant thee thy re-resignation on her brow, she looked more quest. But scant time is there, would we saint than mortal: her eves were research to quest. But scant time is there, would we saint than mortal; her eyes were raised to prevent the Lady Isabel from setting out for heaven, and, though her lips were mute; twas idea of Death, Heaven and Hell. By Moses Winchester, Farewell, then. The maiden's plain to see her hands were clasped in prayer! Hull. Price 10 cents, safety looked to, Roland de Brabancon shall When Isabel's grief had somewhat abated, The Rationale of Mesmerism. By A. P. in getting out an edition in German. The be released from prison, and accorded sanctu- the elder sister gently said; "Murmur not at Sinnett. Considered theoretically, philosoph- book is well printed and illustrated, and sells

set out for Windleshore Castle:

Canterbury, in what direction none knew. of a monk, quitted his palace for Dover,

#### CHAPTER XIV.

lease of the King's Prisoner.

of Canterbury would be equally successful in everlasting and incorruptible." his undertaking may be premised, especially "Sister, sister," mouned Isabel, "not thus mate's voice was far greater than the King's; mother lived, and she is dead to me; I only and Hubert de Burgh, the constable of Dover know I quitted her dear side, and have re-Oastle, hesitated not to yield the prisoner John turned too late too late!" had sent thither, when commanded to do so by a "Nay, not too late, since Heaven willed it so, the powerful churchman.

ously shown in his fate by so exalted a per. higher path safe to the Christian fold!" man's genius is the priceless gift of Heaven; his protoctor were well on their road to Can hath been greater than my sin." Cain. The gift is rare, and well indeed it he him courage, he ventured to address the Pri- bear it to thy goal, following Christ, thy

prison, my Lord and Father," he said, "I done me." scarce have thanked thee yet. But thou hast cast! You kneel within the narrow cell, or saved me from a fate worse to me than death, pace the cloister lone; you chant the Latin and I would fain devote my future life unto indeed must be the consolation of religion tience, "stay, my lord, he is more guilty still: dirge before the altar, or from the throne pro- thy service; and thou wilt hold me thine to when it thus enabled her, who had watched

favored recipients are ever rich in thanks. In comfort after the cherished spirit had detime the service and he who hath bestowed it parted, which could soothe another's sorrows, will be alike forgotten."

"I will not boast, my Lord, that it shall not be so. Since words have little meaning, thou wouldst not heed such declaration. I'll him? Well nigh heart-broken, he, too, de-

awhile, then broke in passionately-"oh, my should be no more death. Lord, ill would it seem for one upon whom mean sealed them upon the forehead with the thou hast but now conferred a favor to ask thy cent, and unguarded, at our monarch's Court. age, and return, to end my life if needs be,

"Thou speakest of Isabel of Kirton?" "Ave, my Lord and Father!"

"In a few hours she will be safe."

"Safe, my Lord?" questioned the astonished

"Ere we quitted Canterbury we despatched

thee, who, of all men, methinks, should have remembered them? Gaze on me once again, and say, dost thou not recognise me now?"

by darling brother, as one lives on your earth what a death!

by attended is the debt I owe to thee. Isabel on this indeed rained blessings on and will and what indeed rained blessings on and will and while association, and willard J. Hull, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Several of the best mediums are secured, and other representing various phases have promplied to the plane they rest. Oh, my dearling brother, as one lives on your earth what was her crime? Genius! What the punishment? Death! And what a death!

Hypatia, daughter of Theon, was martyred for being a great philosopher, for holding other representing various phases have promples of the best mediums are secured, and other representing various phases have promples is to help the unfortunate ones who come into is to help the unfortunate ones who come into is to help the unfortunate ones who come into is to help the unfortunate ones who come into is to help the unfortunate ones who come into is one of line; Drivers into the death into do and the leaves of the best mediums are secured, and other representing various phases have promples is to help the unfortunate ones who come into is to help the unfortunate ones who come i Primate calmly, but in tones that carried con-

> viction with them. er through the agency of the mysterious be-

But the wheel of destiny rolls on, and time, And this from which the youth and maiden have been rescued is not the only dark shadow which is to fall upon their lives.

### CHAPTER XV.

#### One Sorrow More. We would conduct the reader once again to

its lofty halls-a solemnity which communicates itself to all who cross its threshold.

But Isabel, what of her? With hope and expectation animating her breast, she espied the clear-cut gables of her manor home; but, Approaching death! already had the grim ty- an early date. All mediums intending to be rant entered—already had he snapped the cord present and who desire to have their names which bound the soul to its frail tenement of appear therein, please address, clay-and Isabel de Clere had reached her home too late to shelter herself upon the bosom

"Too late! too late!" the maiden in her anguish cried. "What matter though I had not come at all, since I have returned too late-

And within the hour. Alexander the Abbot dence that works all things to its own purpose. Remember, 'God's will is not our will, nor are And Cyvrangon the Druid departed from His ways our ways; and, though the morning be overshadowed by threatening clouds, yet And the Primate of all England, in the garb the dawning light cometh like herald to proclaim the day hath broken—the day which, even in its imperfect, earthly state, points had the good fortune to attend one of his ever through the vista of long years to that great, glorious one when it shall be eternal summer, and when parted friends shall meet The Archbishop Demands the Re- again in a home of surpassing glory, there to be rewarded for trials past and gone, there to How Cyvrangon the Briton, after his jour- unite around the throne of grace, to join the ney to Canterbury, reached Windleshore in heavenly choir where saints and angels sing time to keep his appointment with Isabel with. their songs of everlasting peace, where each in the Myrtle Grove has been already recorded. rescued soul shall be adorned with its pure How Alexander the Abbot accomplished his robe of light, where it shall reap its bright reerrand is also known. That the Archbishop ward, the priceless crown—the crown which is

as at the period of which we write, owing to can I find solace in religion; it hath no power Spirit-land, and some are left blank. John's quarrel with Pope Innocent, the Pri- to stifle my great sorrow. I only know my

but at the proper time. 'Tis thy rebellious De Brabancon, whose astonishment was spirit whispers thee thou art too late; thy heart only equaled by his gratitude, and who looked is froward; sister; but the sorrow which now upon the interest thus suddenly and mysteri- wrestles with its pride shall lead thee by the

Lord. By sorrows we are chastened; this "So unexpected was my delivery from grief will purify thee, Isabel, as I pray it hath

When the voice of sisterly affection had softened the maiden's grief, Isabel felt how great with patient anguish by her mother's couch till "Enough!" replied the Churchman; "newly- death relieved her vigil, to speak words of and, patient to the end, be still the one who could sustain the weeping sister.

And the Lord of Kirton-how fared it with trust that time will give me opportunity to pended on the gentle Frances for consolation prove my faith, not by promises, but by in his hour of trouble. And as she murmured ter of mine who has been in the Spirit-world low, "I'hough I walk through the valley of over twenty years, goes into detail in such a "We like the sentiments thy words convey; the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for manner that no earthly power can convince we, too, will trust that time will prove them thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they me that it is not from the spirit of the one comfort me!" Geoffrey de Clere bowed him who signs her name; and to further substanti-"Wherefore thou hast displayed such inter- to the yoke, and forgot his sufferings in the ate the question under consideration, the est in my behalf, I know not," continued the joy he felt that she whom he so deeply loved penmanship exhibited is a fac simile of hers knight; "I only know thou hast made me thy had been welcomed to that land where sorrow penned while here on earth. My messages to most grateful debtor; but"-here he paused and tears might not enter, and where there her and her replies are as follows:

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

#### To the Friends and Patrons of Mt. Pleasant Park.

Arrangements are nearly completed for the Kindly go into detail as much as possible.twelfth annual camp-meeting of the Mississippi Charlie. Valley Spiritualists' Association, to be held Dear brother Charlie:—I come to greet you thought of the day:

refuse to surrender the maiden to her uncle?" ised to attend the entire month. Among the number are Edgar W. Emerson, of Manches-rimate calmly, but in tones that carried control with them.

And so it will be seen that Isabel and her over were both rescued from immediate danger through the agency of the mysterious bear through the agency of the mysterious bear through the seen that Isabel and more one over were defined by the seen that Isabel and not clair addient through the agency of the mysterious bear through through the agency of the mysterious bear through through through the agency of the mysterious bear through through through the agency of the mysterious bear through the agency of the mysterious definition of the time to me in darkness. I must the my habit of drinking intoxicating liquors and you will come to me in darkness. I must the propensities love; Wist is go—good bye. Loving sister, Junie.

My dear sister.—Of course you know that that my habit of drinking intoxicating liquors will be difficult to overcome, circumstances considered; but my habit of drinking intoxicating liquors will that my habit of dri clairvoyant and business medium. Many ceed. - Spirit sister Junie. other test, business and healing mediums, also "May" means a niece of mine who died truth ever given to the world.

will furnish the instrumental music, with addiselves in the belief of an existence hereafter, A quartette of male and female voices will a seance or two at Mr. Riley's will not yield Kirton Manor! Over its lofty portal is the furnish the vocal music, introducing the latest negative results. I will bring this to a close

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Mr. Riley gives everyone the liberty to take his house all to pieces, only asking them to put it back as good as they found it. After all are satisfied that everything is as it should be, several slates with a pencil are placed upon the bed (which is in the room). Some have messages written on them to those in the

Mr. Riley has a teaspoonful of common flour placed in his hands, and then he takes his seat inside of his cabinet, at the left of the door, at which time the curtains are dropped, leaving him in total darkness.

The light in the parlor where the circle sits was then turned about half-way down, and a few familiar tunes were sung; only to he interrupted by a rattling of the slates that were placed on the bed, showing us that the medium has become entranced by his spirit control, Mr. John Benton, who soon parts the curtains and makes a polite bow to those present. Mr. Benton is about six feet tall and is in full dress. Most of those that materialize are generally recognized by some one in the circle as friend, relative or acquaint ance. When dematerialization takes place, it presents a scene to the observer as if a form gradually sank down through the floor.

Col. Robert Ingersoll says that from the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there came no answer; that we cry aloud and the only answer is the echo of our wailing voice also that the witnesses who taught the immor tality of the soul have been dead nearly two thousand years, and hence his agnostic views,

The following message, received from a sis-

My dear sister:-Can you tell me about the spirit land a little more? Do the departed dwell in spheres, and is your world as real as ours? And is it a fact that everything on this earth has its counterpart in the Spirit-world?

at Clinton, Iowa, commencing Sunday, July and to give information asked for. Dear 29th, and closing Sunday, August 26th, 1894. brother, when one comes to our world, they The following first-class talent has been en are met by some one of us and welcomed with gaged for the rostrum, who will interest and a kiss, then escorted to a place of rest, where instruct the people in the higher phases of they are permitted to rest and think over the practical Spiritualism and the advanced change; then they are guided back to the earth-plane to visit their earth home and see Prof. J. S. Loveland, of California, presi-their loved ones. Yes, we are all graded here her uncle, Alexander the Abbot, to Windle-dent of the association; Mrs. H. S. Lake, of according to our standing morally and intelshore Castle, there to demand her of the King. Cleveland, Ohio; Oscar A. Edgerly, of New-lectually. Yes, everything has its counterburyport, Mass.; Prof. W. M. Lockwood, of part here. May and I have our work to do: it PART FIRST---Religion and Science. "Oh, my Lord, I knew not until now how Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Adah Sheehan, of Cincin is to help the unfortunate ones who come

lover were both rescued from immediate dan-Ohio, slate-writing medium; Mrs. Mary A. T. will be difficult to overcome, circumstances and materializing mediums; Mrs. Olive Oh, bless you, my darling brother; May and A. Blodgett, slate writing, trance and I will aid you. Every time you are tempted platform test medium, of Davenport, I will impress you with my presence. Oh, Iowa, and Mrs. S. Ita, of Rock Island, Ill., my loving earth brother, I know you will suc

> trumpet and independent voice, will be added about three months prior to the death of my to the list, affording ample opportunity for all sister, about two years old: and I had nearly investigators to obtain evidence of the grandest forgotten her, but, as will be seen, they are associated. In conclusion, I would say that Prof. Hoffman's orchestra, of Clinton, Iowa, those who have any desire to strengthen themand intend to stay so the balance of my days Friends on earth may speak to us occasionally cured, the outlook for a grand and successful relative to our weaknesses and imperfections, with favorable results; but their influence is A cordial invitation is hereby extended to not to be compared with those who speak from

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Late in the month of January we were called to Boston on important business connected with the National Association, where we found many workers in full sympathy with us and our endeavors to form a closer union among our Spiritualist friends. Mr. James H. Young, of Onset; Mr. F. B. Woodbury, Mrs. Loring, of Fitchburg; Dr. Fuller, of of the people to the comforting knowlof Roxbury; Mrs. R. S. Lillie, of Melrose; Worcester; Mr. James, of Linn, and many others were endeavoring to complete their State organization, which had been so aus. piciously formed in December, 1893. These friends were strong allies of the National Association and have done much toward sustaining it and assisting its officers in furthering the work which that association purposes doing throughout the union. We were invited to address the Ladies' Aid Society, also the Berkeley Hall Society, and the First Church of Spiritualists, in Lynn, on the subject of "The Aims and Objects of the National Association." We were greated on all three occasions by large audiences, and found much sympathy for the cause of organization, in every instance. The National Association has to them modified their opinions of its merits very materially. After we had been made active the importance of this work may be realized quainted, we could ask for no more cordial reception and kindly treatment than we received while in that State. From Boston we were called by telegram to

Skowhegan, Maine, where we addressed many friends, upon the subject of organization and the principles of Spiritualism. We found several very earnest Spiritualists in this place. Dr. F. S. Bigelow, who for fifteen years has been a faithful defender of our faith, and one who has endeavored to make it known to the deck, endeavoring to discharge his duties in the same faithful manner as of old. Many of our school friends and associates of bygone years ad disappeared from the mortal plane, and go up to their immortalities, since we few familiar faces. Time works changes

as the poet says:

"Like one who treads alone

ophy and religion. We were invited to address our friends on the subject of Spiritualism, and were greeted by large audiences on was the closing solo by Prof. Hudson, entiyears of continued absence from their midst,

On the first of February, we were called to Cornville, Maine, to attend the funeral of Rev. Samuel Woodman, who for thirty-five years had been an earnest advocate of our cause and an outspoken defender of its claims. He has gone up to his immortality at the ripe age of 88 years and 7 months. His mind was clear ety has prospered under the ministration of so." Is not that a beautiful doctrine? Could ing it quite as offensive as anything Mr. to the very last, and with almost his last Mrs. Tillie Reynolds, during the month of the highest altruism be expressed in fewer breath he expressed his love for and knowl- April. Several delightful social events have words? Would anything more be needed to edge of the religion of Spiritualism which had transpired also, at which she has officiated; bring the kingdom of heaven to our very stood so faithfully by him during his earthly among these, I may mention a threefold doors, here and now? Surely, if this were pilgrimage. He was educated for the Metho- birthday surprise party at the pleasant resi- done the art of living together in harmony trated, by Watson Heston. A series of amusdist ministry, and for thirty years was a min dence of Mr. L. A. Austin, commemorative and brotherly love would be found and the ing cartoons illustrating the Bible texts. ister in good fellowship in that denomination. of Mrs. Austin's, Mrs. Winch's and Mr. Stowe's whole mission and purpose of Christianity Price in strong, board covers \$1. Cloth Spiritualism came to him in his own house-birthday, which all occur on the same date. | would be fulfilled, yet Mr. Richmond pro- \$1.50. hold, and because he was brave enough to Some forty or fifty friends assembled. The nounces those words as "most pernicious docheed the voice of the angel loved ones he was opening remarks were made very happily by trine, and if carried out would end the pro- says, sketches, poems, etc. Cloth \$1. dismissed from fellowship in that body. He Mr. L. V. Moulton. Friends had prepared gress of civilization and enlightenment." uttered his convictions in regard to Spiritual- some simple but beautiful gifts. These were seems strange to me how a man of Mr. Rich- of Spiritual Laws. By Augusta W. Fletcher, ism freely and fearlessly, and by so doing presented by Mrs. Reynolds; also the triplets, mond's ability can take such a view. I M. D. An excellent work. Price \$1.50. won the respect even of his opponents or as they were facetiously called, were each cannot believe that all his readers will agree enemies, if he had any. He was repeatedly christened with a full blown rose given them, with him. called to positions of honor and trust by the with poetical and symbolical remarks in Mrs. citizens of his native town and county, and Reynolds' own inspired and attractive manner. institutions of learning that future generations was everywhere honored for his honesty and She was followed by Dr. Shermerhorn, Mrs. may reap where he has sown," is not that the integrity. We met him for the first time four- T. V. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay and way he takes his happiness, here and now? Spiritualism. Paper, 50 cents; cloth, \$1. teen years ago, and heard him utter some very your humble scribe, as the inspiration of the When the 'husbandman plows and scatters the earnest words in behalf of Spiritualism, on hour dictated. Music was rendered by Mrs. seed that he may reap a future harvest," and Power of that occasion. As that was about our first Dr. Batdorf. Refreshments were daintily the "scientist investigates, that future genera- 50 cents. introduction to Spiritualism, Mr. Woodman served, and amid laughter and kindly con- tions may be enlightened by his researches," is took a deep interest in us, and came to us af- verse the evening passed, one long to be re- not that their way of taking their happiness, ter the meeting was over, and said with emo- membered by those who participated. Another here and now? Or when Mr. Ingersoll and Mr. tion: "My young brother, no man can ever birthday surprise was held for Mr. Winch at Richmond (both iconoclasts from an orthodox sacrifice anything for truth's sake; remember his residence a few days ago. Mr. Winch view) are upon the rostrum preaching the doc- copies for \$1.00. For sale at this office. it," We have remembered it; and those words has passed his eightieth year. - Friends gave trines that square with the eternal principles have been with us during all the years that we have been endeavoring to work in the interest of our beloved religion. That remark was woven into our discourse at the funeral services, which were attended by a large concourse of his friends and neighbors. His wife, two sons and two daughters survive him, all have been with us during all the years that him a fine umbrella; this also was presented by of right, sending their hot shot of truth to Resolve. By Lois Waisbrooker. Dedicated

to greet our many friends, through your ple of Zion in that city. We were greeted by are large and appreciative. good audiences, both afternoon and evening, and honored by the application for a charter

from the N. S. A. as the result of our labors. Spiritualism in Maine has no more earnest workers than Nelson Lord and H. C. Berry. The State is ripe for a rich spiritual harvest, and it can be reaped by any earnest worker who will go there in the spirit of truth, and with the sincere desire to awaken the minds edge that Spiritualism alone can give them of present. If the Spiritualists of the country could only be made to realize the importance of missionary work, they would be astonished to see what great results would follow even the slightest effort in this direction. The unjust laws of which so much complaint is now other denominations, would disappear before thought. by our people throughout the country, and closer attention given to it hereafter.

Of our subsequent journeyings we will write in a future letter. H. D. BARRETT.

#### Saginaw Valley Association.

To the Editor: -Perhaps a few lines from meeting was a success in every particular.

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#### Social Events of the Grand Rapids Spiritual Society.

The President of the National As- of whom have the comforting knowledge of services freely, it was decided to give her the light and knowledge, and in preaching and Spiritualism to sustain them as they mourn day's offering, whatever it might be; it proved writing grand truths (certain portions of the to be five dollars. This was presented her article under review excluded) which tend to From Canaan we went to Portland, where by Mrs. Reynolds and was gratefully re- lift up and elevate humanity. Others seek we spoke for the First Church of Spirit. ceived. Mrs. Reynolds gave some beautiful theirs by gratifying the propensities of the ualists on the 11th of February. We were remarks on the occasion; a poem was also animal man, while others, like Howard, make welcomed by Brothers H. C. Berry and Nelson given by the undersigned. A large circle martyrs of themselves, and engage in deeds of Lord, both of whom are pillars in the holy tem- was in attendance. Mrs. Reynolds, audiences philanthrophy, here and now.

MRS. C. H. HINKLEY. Grand Rapids, Mich.

#### Col. Ingersoll and Hon. A. B. Richmond.

In your issue of February 17th, Mr. A. B. mond's article I regard as able and scholarly. their hearts-nay, commanding them, pushthe after-life, and of their relations to the part deserves a few words from some one martyr's sacrifice. who looks at the matter from a different stand-

I think Mr. Richmond's argument in support of an immortal principle, spirit, or entity, horrible than any ever formed or painted by which exists in man, yet is independent of him the creeds of the past or the superstitions of which lives on after this form of matter is mythology." I an sure all kind-hearted and being made by our people, and the spirit of laid aside, and of which this is but its expres- benevolent people will disagree with him here.

the piano produces the melody; in each case views of life and living and the way for them The Coming American Civil War. there must be a player working through the to be happy here and now, than any other instrument, although, of course, the power of man on this round globe. the player to manifest himself in thought or | Mr. Ingersoll does not say: "There is no in melody is limited to the capacity of the future;" that is Mr. Richmond's interpretainstrument.

me regarding the quarterly meeting of the though he believed in God as a sentient being, soll is a man who has a heart; he is a man Saginaw Valley Spiritualist Association will a God who plans and cogitates like man, a who has a soul; he is a man with a large. not come amiss. The meeting commenced on being possessing intelligence; yet intelligence, kindly, generous nature, and broad sympapeople of his resident village, was found on Saturday, April 21st, with a fine attendance; and the only intelligence we know anything thies, and his soul is tuned in perfect accord on Sunday commenced the rousing feast of about, implies limited faculties, such as mem- with all nature, and is too thoroughly satuspiritual things. The first on the program of ory, benevolence, calculation, etc., and these rated with the spirit of content and sympathy Sunday morning was a masterly solo by the can only exist in a being confined to locality, Sankey of Spiritualism, P. O. Hudson, fol. "finite in knowledge and subject to infirmi- that whatever the future holds in store for us. lowed by a charming address by Mrs. Martha ties;" he parallels his work with man's. Then is not wrong-but is best. had lat risited that place. The audience that E. Root, the gifted speaker of our city. The he speaks of creation and a creator. He greeted us was small and contained only a address was a feast of spiritual thought. The thinks it absurd to suppose a 'universe withfew familiar faces. Time works changes rapidly, and it has not stood still with the finds in Skowhegan. Many of those who were outspoken Spiritualities, in the olden time have either gone into churches, or else are endeavoring to keep their Spiritualism out of sight for fear of their neighbors' opinions in regard to the same. Yet we found a spirit of earnest inquiry among the people in all denominations, and we feel that a good speaker and medium would create a great revival in Skowhegan.

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We next went to Canaan, our birthplace, which we had not visited for five years. How where, and personal, intelligent interference point as to ends is perfectly apparent. They insist that the universe has been a power which came to proof, that we live again; yet I do not expect. Mr. Ingersoll or anybody else to become contented the time with a purpose as of mentators, for he says all the works of nature literate with a purpose and that prince of orthodox theologians and commentators, for he says all the works of nature literate with a purpose and that prince of orthodox theologians and commentators, for he says all the works of nature literate with a purpose and that prince of orthodo morning services closed with "On the Shore of out a God." In this he agrees with Paley, are strong evidences, amounting almost to which we had not visited for five years. How son; also the closing song, entitled: "Roll use in the world. Did it ever occur to them a future life, the single item of knowledge changed were the faces that were left to greet Back Again those Bygone Days." After this a that a cancer is as beautiful in its develop- would, I believe, do more to settle all our us! Schoolmates and the friends of the other sumptuous supper was served in the dining ment as the reddest rose? That what they trouble, all our social, political and industrial days have been scattered, and we almost felt room connected with the new Odd Fellow's are pleased to call the adaptation of means to problems, than all else combined. Temple, at which place our meetings were ends is as apparent in the cancer as in the April I know modern Spiritualism claims to solve this problem by demonstration or presenting this work, by held. The evening services were opened by "Like one who treads alone Some banquet hall deserted, whose lights are fled, whose garlands dead And all but him departed."

Yet many friends were still found in the Spiritualism; W. C. Fitzgerald, T. B. Bar, eret, Geo. W. Johnson, Dr. Yorty Lowe, Mrs. M. B. Bragg, C. A. Boston, Frank Rand, Henry Johnson, Levi P. Barrett, H. C. Gower, Amos Stephens and others were found to be investigators and believers in our philoson, Mrs. Stephens and others were found to be investigators and believers in our philoson, and the earth standing still while he was perinted to address our features of the work of the season of th was crowded and many were not able to gain it is a marvel of order and beauty. All the cause we differ with him as to the meaning or was crowded and many were not able to gain it is a marvel of order and beauty. All the cause we differ with him as to the meaning, or and answers about any question which may arise in admission. The musical gem of the evening ingenuity of man cannot stop its growth. because we draw different conclusions from the forest extints office. Think of the amount of thought it must have same facts, or supposed facts, are we to be two occasions. We may well characterize it tled, "Mother Come to Me in Dreams," after required to invent a way by which the blood called a "visionary idol of Agnosticism." as one of the happiest moments of our life to which the audience was dismissed, all ex- of one man might be given to produce one greet our old friends in this way after many pressing one grand general opinion that the cancer. Is it possible to look upon it and savant has analyzed the elements of the im- Its Facts, Theories and Related doubt there is design in the universe, and that ponderable agents of nature, as heat, light, the inventor of this wonderful cancer must be infinitely powerful, ingenious and good?"

(Gods, p 7.) Then Mr. Richmond quotes Mr. Ingersoll as saying: "The time to be happy is now, To the Editor:—'The Grand Rapids soci- and the way to be happy is to make others part there is to my mind a dogmatism pervad-

A Jesus suffering upon a cross, or a John Rogers and Michael Servetus, expiring amid flames and smoke in order that the truth might more abide in future generations through their sufferings here and now, is the highest possible happiness I can conceive of, when viewed with a wider horizon and measured by the higher standards; they were only obeying the Richmond has an article under the head "That voice of God (speaking after the manner of Criticle Review." The first part of Mr. Rich the world) which they heard whispering in PICTORIAL TEXT-BOOK. I like it very much, but I feel that the latter ing them to the glorious consummation of the

Mr. Richmond continues: "He has broken the church and creeds, and on their vacant pedestals has set up one of his own, more persecution, so rife among the ignorant in sion—is very fine and affords data for earnest He thinks that to exist forever in torment and enduring most excruciating torture and sufferthe sunshine that would come in from the illumination of the spiritual natures of men. Men cannot fail to be broad in civil, political and social matters when they have come out into the larger light of the clearer truth of Spiritualism. They can only be made to see this by earnest missionaries who are themselves touched, as were the lips of Isaiah of old, with coals of hallowed fire from off the altar of truth. We sincerely hope that altar of truth. We sincerely hope that the content of the sunshine that would come in from the the sunshine that remark of Mr. Ingersoll's about "wonderful chemistry by which a loaf of bread is changed into the annihilation. I hesitate not to say that Col. Ingersoll has done more toward enlightening the world; done the world more good; done the world more good; done the world more good by taking the feoliers, and the friests; 2. The libraries at follows: 16 represents uncle sam and the Friests; 2. The Church and the Church; 3. The Church and Thomas Fainer; 4. Studies world; done the world more good; done the world more good; done the world more good by using men and young women more good by tacking them to love, worship and aspire to all that is high and noble in human nature; to show the sincerely hope that altar of truth. We sincerely hope that altar of truth of the clearer truth of the world more good; done the world more good by teaching the world more good by teaching the world more good by teaching the content of the clearer truth of the clearer His exposure of the fallacy of that remark ing would be preferable to passing into a state been misrepresented to our rriends in New selves touched, as were the lips of Isaiah of the printing press is converted into all that is high and noble in human nature; to The brain no more produces thoughts than now, by giving them broader, higher, better

> tion. He simply says that as he has not seen In some places Mr. Richmond talks as the evidence, he does not know. Mr. Ingerwith the purposes of the universe, to doubt

> > Mr. Ingersoll's belief as to a future life does not accord with my own. I feel that there

Well does Mr. Richmond ask: "What electricity-either gravity, or the phenomena of attraction and repulsion?" Has he done so, that he speaks with such assurance?

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#### Ancient Gods.

An interesting chapter could be written on the making and the capture of ancient gods. Incidentally such information would pave the way to a better knowledge of modern ones. All who are posted in the rise of nations are aware that about the first thing necessary to secure a stable government was the invention and construction of a these gods could not discourse in ordinary language, it became necessary to have priests to interpret their will.

The priest was prolific in promises so long as the subject observed the will of disregarded.

These priests followed the soldiers to the battle-field, and the chaplains of the and emblems of slaughter, then is the in thought. conflicting armies implored the favor of time for philanthropists to weep. Let his special god, and made him all sorts no one lay the flattering unction to his of wondrous promises if he would soul that all these preparations for war of wondrous promises if he would are destitute of purpose. It means the writer illustrates his position by fratricidal strife, in which neighbors this example: That a grain of common this example: Grecian poet, makes his readers well and friends will meet in deadly array. acquainted with the doings of the gods, It means a revival of the medieval proportions of chlorine and sodium and shows their plots and counterplots, each striving to make his own arms victorious.

In process of time foreign wars were waged with the sole purpose of capturing a powerful god who had led an ophe was dragged in triumph over a path- cohorts for the clash of arms. less desert to his new home, then was set up with martial pomp; new shrines were erected to his honor, and new priests were designated to minister in Pontus on the Black Sea, to Alexandria. during the reign of Ptolemy Lagus, is a case in point as to an imported god.

Bible students are sometimes shocked when they read Judges 1: 9: "The Lord was with Judah, and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountains: but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had charlots of iron." This God, powerless against chariots of iron, was probably the one who was caged in "the ark of God," of fourth, fifth and sixth chapters of 1 Dagon, cutting off his head. He smote the people with disease, and they were glad to get rid of him, so they loaded "the ark of God" into a cart, to which they tied two cows, and these kine took the straight way, lowing and bellowing, turning neither to the right nor left, until they reached Beth-shemeshhouse of the sun-where the poor cows. so sorely distressed because they bore a god, were slaughtered and sacrificed to "the Lord." We are then told 50,070 men were also slain, because they looked into the ark.

This "ark of God"-chest of God would be more correct—finally reached the temple, where, according to Bible narrative, it remained until the Babylonian captivity, when it seems to have disappeared. After that the Persian, otherwise the Zoroastrian God, seems to have been substituted in place of David's God, before whom "the man after God's own heart" leaped and danced in wanton mirth.

#### They Don't Like It.

"I don't see why this man, who is no worse than the rest of us, only he has been discovered and we have not, should be punished, unless we are to be hypo-

Thompson, the leading lawyer of client, as are multitudes of churchmen who pose as favorites of heaven. Observation has taught us to distrust that whole brood of religionists who make a display of goodness for public honors, who pray to be heard of men, and who legislate to make other men good.

#### The Process of Translation.

The world must have been profoundly shocked when Father Hardouin, a Cath olic priest, about 1690, first gave his That Is the Important Ques-'Prolegomena" to the public, wherein ne exposed the terrible frauds of the Roman church, and showed that the entwelve centuries is absolutely fabulous; that the series of popes back of that pe-27.50 riod was fictitious; that the pretended Published by Special Permission. writings of the fathers of the church, as make their fictitious manuscripts ap- pressions from him. pear genuine; that ancient coins were lit is a very strong expression to make, ransacked for names, and others were but it is true nevertheless, that the forged to aid in the great fraud. basis of thinking, the formative constitutions are constituted in the great fraud.

more extreme positions.

written in Latin, and has never appeared in English, but THE PROGRESS IVE THINKER is glad to state that Prof. Johnson, at the instance of his salivation is a means to salvation. That American readers, is now engaged in translating the "Prolegomena" into English, to which he will add copious

We are led to this cynical form of reflection by the fload of cynetions continue. english, to which he will add copious notes. The hope is that thousands of copies will be in the hands of English-copies will be in the productions, which appear in the Cyclo-pædias, American readers are almost ation but its condensation. The very wholly indebted to our friend, Wm. H. statement takes the old-time concepts of Burr, Esq., of Washington, by many articles in the liberal press, for all the lem, yet nine in ten ask and comment American readers know of this Catholic as

#### Preparing for War.

scholar.

We chronicled the fact awhile ago, day-school scholars, and were drilling old form of thought puts that intellithem in the use of arms. Now we note gence "behind" it-a strictly personal god who had power to hold his people the same thing is being done by Cathogod who had power to hold his people the same thing is being done by Catho-with an ominous air of injured sanctity calls pantheism has this personal ideal 18 appeared a notice stating:

> organized into a juvenile military compersistence of force, the indestruction, to the number of sixty, and had tibility of matter, conservation of entheir first drill last night."

> bat, and are loaded with instruments concession made the controlling factor ages, with all their bloody horrors. Inin arresting the movement.

Churchmen do not seem content to trust their future to the State, nor to the pacific policy of advancing civiliza-

If a more worthy sentiment ever fell change of terms-words. from human lips than that sublime one been our fortune to see it:

in the games. They did not injure their adversaries, but strove to gain the victory by their own worthy endeavor." the back of a fallen foe.

### Joan of Arc a Saint.

say of her priestly representatives?

#### More Heresy. .

leading ministers of his sect to resign opporation. The naughty man, educated instead of getting bigoted and adusing in the modern languages, and for what in the modern languages, and for what passes as Hebrew, twelve years a prodiscover the fact lying back of it.

Thinkers are perfectly aware of the fact lying back of it.

It is very evident the Inquisition must were things—a most trite and truthful be revived, if all men are to adopt a saying—but they are things very awk-common belief. Excommunication does wardly used sometimes. Did you ever not seem to crush out heresy. Stronger means must be employed.

#### The Spirit Artist Campbell.

The Spirit-artist, Mr. Campbell, has returned from California, after sojourn-Such was the language of Col. festations given through his mediumship are always highly interesting to Breckinridge, on the occasion of his believers, while they confound the skeplate trial in Washington. "You are a tics. His next stopping-place will be hypocrite," Colonel, as was your at Cassadaga, N. Y., where he will remain for some time. He leaves a host of admiring friends in this city.

> The falls of Niagara are traveling backwards at the average rate of nine feet a year.

> On the shores of the Mediterranean the beets grow wild.

WHAT IS THE USE?

tion!

tire ecclesiastical history of the first It is Lucidly Answered by the Clear-headed Col. Van Horn.

"As a man thinketh so is he," save Origen, Augustine, Tertullian, Jerome, Col. R. T. Van Hora in the Kansas City Clement, etc., are really modern forgeries, not older than the fourteenth century; that the forgers employed all the arts known in their day to give apfossil in the rock. The teacher has an pearance of antiquity to their produc-tions, using parchments and inks in initation of the earlier centuries, to poor humanity that takes its first im-It is a very strong expression to make,

Hardouin, like Galileo, at the direction cept in the thought of the mass of of his superiors, repudiated his own teachings; but before his death he rethousand years ago. The average inaffirmed his statements with augmented structor, in all branches of so-called knowledge, thinks on the plane of Prof. Johnson wrote his "Rise of Ptolemaic cosmology. Then, again, Christendom," in which he maintains men in the very highest walks of modern equally extreme positions, unacquainted science gravely tell us that science and with Hardouin's labors until he had religion are two distinct "professions," reached similar and in many respects and that they have no connection-calomel and jalap for the one, catechisms The Catholic priest's work was for the other. Yet they overlook the

though the fact was untouched. Another will look at it in the Berke-leyansense, of there really being no such thing as matter at all. All these seemingly radically different forms of thought are really from the same basic God idea—a personal manipulator of that Protestant churches were organiz- things. Even when the idea of an "ining military companies of juvenile Sun-telligence" in nature is conceded, this simply homeopathically diffused in cos-"The boys of St. Mary's parish have mos. Nearly all our formula, as to the ergy, etc., are tinctured with this unthe divine being they had enthroned; but they never forgot the terrible curses only saying, "Prepare for war, "is but they never forgot the terrible curses only saying, "Prepare for war, and you that would follow if his commands were will have strife." When children are disregarded.

"In time of peace prepare for war," is only saying, "Prepare for war, and you that would follow if his commands were will have strife." When children are trained by the churches for mortal comthinking instead of being by an a priori

For example, we have read a long disquisition in contradiction of the theory of "intelligence and law," in cosmic conditions, as a "mental vagary," raised by electro-chemical action to a stead of encouraging these military certain vibratory rate, when they comdrills among children, officered by bine, and we have common salt. And priests, government should lose no time as this is always so, he claims it as a fact of molecular action, and not of an intelligence at all. But he totally overlooks his own intelligence that has disposing army to victory. When secured, with great toil and tardy movements, are marshalling and instructing their forms the salt, or separates it. Or, in other words, but for intelligence he learn is to think. The first lesson to learn is to think for yourself. Let us would never have known the fact to tell it. So, after all, there is but a

The higher knowledge never will come as long as we use the old concepts his temples. Serapis, imported from accredited to Pythagoras, it has not of thought. We must come up highera new philosophy can never be built up "Those who aim at honors will do out of the old cosmogony bricks of the well to imitate those who are crowned personal creative concept-that the world somehow was hand-made. The 'intelligence" in creation will always be more or less anthropomorphic as long Merit never rises to eminence from as this creative idea is allowed to color thinking. It is this idea that has dwarfed the theory of gravity. That theory in the mind of Newton was essentially a mathematical one, and in The Maid of Orleans, burned at the that aspect is a working hypothesis yet, stake, May 30, 1431, for sorcery, her but as a creative concept it is, as has been illustrated in former mention, not whom we get a good account in the crime the leading of the armies of equal to all demands. Now it is very France to victory, has just been easy for a mere imnemotechnic machine Samuel. The Philistines captured this beatified at Notre Dame, Paris, with to ask or sneer about knowing more God, but he was so intractable he killed sided at the templal average of the state of sheer about knowing more than Newton, but that is the privilege numerous bishops and scribes were in text-book in the pocket to be knowledge attendance to see that the orders of the in the brain. We are talking for men Vicar of the Inquisition were faithfully who are students. Gravity is as much observed. What does the church now a fact today as it was in the hands of Newton, but it is widening as a fact. The attraction of gravity exists as ever, but instead of being the cause of cosmic phenomena is itself part of those Prof. Garvin of Butler University, phenomens, or in other words is the re-Indianapolis, Ind., is now the target at sult of force in one direction. The fact which bigots are alming their ecclesi- of gravity, so-called, has been too often astical popguns. He is charged with suspended and is of too constant witbeing a false teacher, and is asked by When suspended, what is it but force leading ministers of his sect to resign operating in a different direction. Now,

of Christ had no more to do with the interpreting thoughts in words, there salvation of men than the death of any must be a great deal yielded to words. The recently buried Kossuth said words think in a dream, or dream when awake, and then try to express in words what was so clear to you? We are doing or attempting to do that impossible thing all the time. After all, these disputes and arguments are but different words for the same thing. The priest says ing there for several months. Great God; the philosopher says intelligence success accompanied him there as well the statesman tells you it is law, natural as it does everywhere else. The mani- law, and the scientist and chemist in sist that it is molecular action, while the physicist discourses about atoms. All are mere words as the field of mental activity in each has given birth to. But all mean the same thing-the cause immanent in all things. And so it is that in the end we come back to the starting point of all knowledge-the origin, the creation, or the nature of suns and planets, because this is the basis of all thinking.

And here we take up the thread where it dropped last week-the vortex concept-or the idea that instead of

gravity, as popularly understood, organic form is the result of external lorce rather than an outgrowth, but this outward force is not the whole, any more than gravity is, but it is the primal force. Modern science tells us that the other is so subtle that it pervades everything-that it is between the particles of granite as the air is between our houses or between the trees of the woods. What is this but he current of the vortex—the force that is external to all form? Will anybody tell us why a block of wood weighing a pound will fall to the earth, while a bird weighing ten pounds will rise from it? What does the bird do but change the direction of force by its mechanism? In one case force acts in

the force external to both was changed by conditions. Again, the gravity theory tells you that worlds were formed by rings thrown off from suns, and that moons are but rounded rings of a planet. This may be all true, but how can a force pulling eternally and potentially to a common center throw off a ring and hold it there for ages, and then by an extra pull in the one direction roll it into a moon and throw it off 240,000 stroy scientific dogma, as well as those of science dispel theologic platitudes. Now let us take an ordinary tornado, or whirlwind as our fathers called them,

and see how the vortex acts-for they

are the most patent and potent form of

the vortex known to us. They are formed in the air, of the air, travel in the atmospheric ocean and display their infinite power so palpably that there is no mistake. They carry everything before them, but destructive as they are over the belt of country covered by them, they are calm in the center-for animals and persons have been carried distances by them and deposited unhurt -being in the center and discharged at the end or pole. These tornadoes burn even green timber carried in themfrom the friction gendered. Then they are visible because the current forming them condenses the saturated atmosphere into the funnel-shaped cloud. Here is present in atmospheric miniature as a sign or symbol to our quickened intellectual perceptions the worldcreative vortex in the infinite ether or space. What made the tornado, or rather how was it formed, but from cloud substance in solution? Was our atmosphere, as is space, undisturbed and original as to state, the tornado would never be dissipated, for there would be no force external to it. Its vortex would then be as enduring as that of a sun or a planet. Is there anything in the vortex theory that is harder to understand than there is in that of gravity? We are not urging it as the true theory at all, only to point out to the thinking mind that there is no infallible dogma in science any more than there is in religion or any other department of human inquiry, but that the human mind can and ought to reason for itself. The field of knowledge is by no means exhausted. We have a profound respect for human acquirement in any branch of knowledge, be it in the field of religious, scientific or philosophic inquiry, because all are legitimate and a part of the universal field of knowledge, but the most unendurable of all ignorant people is the learned man in any of these departments who turns up his nose at a fact outside

outside world and to what is called the "practical" side of life. What the world needs is to look up, look at our self-constituted thinkers and examine their credentials: First, the clergy: They spend their student years over books written centuries ago by men who didn't know a tithe as to God's works that our high school children know today. And the ideas of those old time men are held up to us as infallible truth. Then take the next most influential class, the physicians: They are run through a rigid formula, based entirely on experiment, when for 1800 years they didn't know the blood circulated, and for the last hundred years denounced human magnetism as a fraud, when every person they shook hands with was an object lesson to its truth. And even our scientists, who have done so much for mental emancipation, are

his professional mill. It is this habit

and almost rule with the teaching

class that has banished progress to the

too prone to denounce as vagaries any knowledge that is outside their currioulum. As late as 1893 certain papers, by two of the most eminent scholars and scientists of America, were subjected to censorship and mutilation before the results of their highest thought could be printed in the transactions of the Smithsonian Institute.

Is it any wonder, in the face of facts like these, that the modern student should protest against the conditions that make such teachers the ultimate educational authority for the people? But next comes the highest teaching of all-that of the philosophers. They have taken the hypothesis of another great student, Darwin, and by their reading of his idea built up a system of creative morality that would discredit the cave man they talk so much about. It is a curious fact that while we look up to these post-Darwinian evolutionists and endow academies and universities to teach their theories, our entire criminal jurisprudence and statutory enactment is based upon the very opposite of their teaching. Instead of recognizing the "survival of the fittest" as the ethics of creative justice and therefore paramount in the adaptation 'of eternal principles to human conditions, our civlization is based upon the idea of protecting the weak against the strong. Such a solecism in human theory and practice illustrates the superiority of instinct over arbitrary authority, or rather the superior power of spiritual perception over the teachings of hereditary perversion, through ages of habit in allowing others to keep a thought market for us, where we bought them ready-made, without regard to the qual-

ity of the goods. And so it has come about that from this habit we have as the highest theologic conception a forever hell, while philosophy as a teaching pursuit has gone to seed on a system of natural morality in utter conflict with the primitive inspirations of even gregarious ethics, to say nothing of a conscious intelligence that nurses offspring. And these are so far the highest results of our sys-

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### HOMO-MAGNETISM. Its Practical Utility Demon-

strated.

A PAINLESS SURGICAL OPERATION-CHLOROFORM AND WHISKEY-A PSY-CHIC PROBLEM-THE YOGI.

To THE EDITOR;—For a surgical operation, this ever-present, ever-living nerve-psychic commodity (if such it can be called) is now happily utilized. The surgeon of the City and County Hospital of San Francisco of late em-

ploys this agent instead of chloroform or one direction as gravity, in the other it acts different as levitation. The book in the pocket will tell you it is buoyancy, but the idea in the brain will tell you the force acts in physical sagent instead of chloroform or other anæsthetics. Being averse to the use of chloroform, he is the more readily disposed to adopt any answering substitute.

A few weeks or months ago, he operated on a Mr. Gray, who was the victim of lung trouble. Mr. Gray wanted the surgeon to cut into the thorax, hoping thereby some supposed local mischlef might be got at and removed.

The patient was made ready and

placed on a table. The surgeon then had as many students as could stand and form a circle around the operatingtable, six feet long. The students joined hands, and the members at the ends of the line held each hand of the patient. miles and keep it out there foreyer the line held each hand of the patient. This made quite a strong battery, with 80 times greater? Such questions de- their combined thoughts concentrated upon the invalid subject.

As the labor of taking out a section of two ribs to get a passageway into the cavity of the chest went on, the patient remarked:

"How is it it does not hurt? I expected it would hurt and pain me, but I do not feel the cutting." Thus the operation went on and was completed without any pain or suffer-

ing. It was a happy success.

My informant, an eye-witnessing It was a happy success. student, and a fully competent observer, said she had witnessed four operations, and most of them were painless. But one patient felt the cutting and cried

out with pain. These examples show the great advantage of homo-ansisthetics over chloroform whenever it can be made avail-But some are found to be insusceptible to the magnetic influence, therefore the operator selects his subects. What rule guides him in this function in the nerve than that of reselection I know not. Perhaps he can scarcely tell himself. However, this ity. Dr. Jarvis says: "It refers all beginning of a new anæsthesia in feelings and impressions which come to beginning of a new anæsthesia in feelings and impressions which come to cocoon, so very like diagram ground the nerve to those extremities." The following I copy from Jarwere much closer togeth matter to resort to chloroform when magnetism proves inadequate.

Here let me state a fact that should be widely known.

Over a quarter of a century ago my brother, Dr. A. T. H., discovered that a stout glass of liquor, as brandy or whiskey, given to the patient a few minutes prior to the use of chloroform, insures safety to its action, facilitates the gentle accession of sleep without choking, strangling, or coughing. Another point of value is, he adds about one-fifth of alcohol to the chloroform

that is employed. This method, which was adopted a few years before the late war, was used throughout his division of the army, and up to the present time not a fatal case has been reported when employed after this method. Hence we have really no fear in using chloroform on all needful oocasions.

The value of this drug is seen in the fact that besides the release from suffering it protects the patient from the hock of the operation. Records show that more patients re-

cover under its use than without it.

ANOTHER PSYCHIC PROBLEM.

He gathered a crowd of people around him and proposed to extract aching or decayed teeth without pain, and without brain where such molecular changes shall be on the careful watch that I lose struments.

On approaching the patient he examined the tooth, and with his thumb and finger, and without apparent effort, extracted a molar tooth. This surprised the spectators. They saw him do it re-

peatedly. In the evening he gathered an audince in a public hall and gave something of an address or lecture. Meantime he invited members from the audience to come forward and have their defective teeth removed without pain, and without artificial instruments. Many availed themselves of the opportunity. But the most astonishing marvel was that some of those teeth were removed without the patients

knowing it. A man brought his daughter, twelve years of age, to have a troublesome

tooth out. They came upon the stage, and the perator examined the molar with his humb and finger and made some little motion, when he said: "Well, this is a pretty bad tooth, you had better go to a dentist and have it out." Soon the disappointed parties turned to leave, when he operator said: "Here, as you are going, you may as well take your tooth with you," and handed the girl her tooth in her hand. She did not know t had been extracted at the time; he only seemed to examine it. In like manner he took out several teeth before the audience.

There was an item in one of our medical journals, recently, on this subject, though I cannot now put my hand on it. The journal reported the instance of an American in Japan who had occasion to seek the services of a dentist. To his surprise the tooth-surgeon, after looking in the mouth, with thumb and finger brought forth the aching member without pain or further motion. Now. Mr. Editor, we ask: How are these things done? Who can explain the enigma? This is eminently a prac-

tical problem, and it does not look like the feats of hypnotism. To my view, these dentists are like the Yoghi of India; they are expert mediums through whom spirits exert their

The spirit force which lifted Slade up two flights of stairs could extract a tooth without pain. This is merely guessing at the reason. But it is a pity this gift, faculty, or whatever it be, could not be cultivated and made available in everyday life.

A. S. HUDSON. M. D. Stockton, Cal.

power.

The Hawaiian Islands have 600 policemen regularly employed as such. Four thousand Sioux Indians are said to be regular church attendants.

## PSYCHIC INFLUENCE.

STRANGE MANIFESTATIONS—THE CAN-CER-THE MACHINIST-JARVIS' VIEWS -THE NERVES-UNACCOUNTABLE PHENOMENA.

TO THE EDITOR:-Two classes of cases of the sensation of amputated members seem to be hopelessly confused n the minds of many intelligent people. I have noticed this fact for several years and have hoped that some recognized physiologist would make the point clear. I have avoided the task myself, but have at last concluded to make an effort to separate these two classes. A few years ago "a smart Aleck" in the Religio-Philosophical Journal took up one of these classes and explained it as applying to the other, and thus were matters rendered still more hopelessly confusing. I will now try to make the two

classes understood. First class:—A. has his arm ampuated, and experiences sensation in the fingers—sometimes he endeavors to scratch the finger, and is startled for an gone. A man was suffering from can-cer in the palm of his hand, the hand was amputated at the wrist; he felt this cancer for many years. A machinist recently had his arm

literally crushed to pulp up to, or near the elbow. The stump was amputated, and the entire mass placed in a jar filled with alcohol. In this mass there was not even the semblance of a hand; still he feels sensations at times in the fingers and in the hand. I will proceed to discuss this, the ordinary class, before presenting the demonstrated cause of these phenomena. I say demonstrated because the experiments so thoroughly elucidate the theory that no thinking mind can entertain a doubt of it. I will summarize as much of the teaching on this subject as I deem pertinent to my topic, borrowing the ideas from facts proven by scientists. All impressions are made on the outer extremty of the sensory nerve implicated. This sensation is in the brain. The nerve is simply the channel of transmission. The brain recognizes no other ceiving impressions at its outer extremvis:
"If by accident or disease any impress-

ion is made upon the trunk of the nerve of its course between the outer and inner ends, this impression is conveyed to the brain, but that organ refers it not to two wires on the inside of the cocoonthe point where the impression is actu-like battery came to the palms of each ally received, but to the end of the hand, with a like sponge pressed to nerve where impressions should be received. If there is injury of the nerve, the pain is not felt at the wounded tached to the head wire. 3 was a longer place, but at the minute extremities."

He instances the striking of the elbow leads to the fingers; we teel a tinking sensation in the fingers in that case. In some of our books instance is given of a lady who suffered much with sharp lady who suffered much with sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and white cubes were given me to be a suffered by the sharp blue and the shar plications failed to affect her. The seat of pain was traced to the spinal column. Amputated limbs are discussed in all our physiologies so far as the delusion of pain in the amputated part is concerned and the cause traced to the trunk. These facts are demonstrated in many ways. I will mention a few known to all reading people. Disturbing the gustatory nerve produces a sensation of taste; disturbing the optic nerve, sensa-A few years ago there appeared a tion of light; auditory nerve, sensation man upon the streets of the city of of sound. That is, the irritation is felt to be at the extremity. Now, if one is suffering from a corn

this sensation is telegraphed to the anæsthetics, and without the usual in- transpire as are necessary to produce the sensation of pain at the affected point. If these changes in the brain could be produced without the presence of the corn, then the patient would feel the corn notwithstanding. Now in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of March 17th, the doctor tells the armless patient who is suffering (no doubt) from irritated nerve trunks that he must dig up the books on neurology and medical juris-prudence, where the entire limb has been mashed and yet the sensation of the extremities is continued. I consider, then, that the first class of cases is thoroughly and scientifically accounted for by our experimenters and ex-

Second class:-But observe the striking difference as experienced in class number two. A friend of the writer had a leg so badly bruised that amputation was found necessary. Two of us Barrett, H. L. Hutchinson and others took the leg to the beach, west of San have to say. Francisco, and buried it. On our return our young friend complained that he felt as though the leg were still there, and something like a "chair round" continuing, two of us agreed without his knowing it, to go to the beach and examine the leg; a third (in the secret) remained with the patient. We found a small cherry limb pressed against the page alone is well worth the price of calf of the buried leg. We found him sleeping and heard no more from the Then turn to the sixth page and see leg. On the barque Russell (I think) a seaman had his hand so mashed that it on deck (we were in the tropics); for a Herald. little while the hand had been suffered to remain on deck. He complained of pressure upon the hand. Examination lying upon it. The young surgeon then tried three different positions for the hand, all unknown to the patient. Every position was described by him. I am perfectly familiar with one other case equally as striking as the last.

The point, then, is that all cases of or-dinary sensation in the amputated part are accountable. Those corresponding to the actual condition of the limb are absolutely unaccountable except under the psychic theory.

B. R. ANDERSON.

#### A Scholar's Opinion.

monastic books. It cannot be detached) from the atmosphere of the monasteries, and made to fit our modern life, without glaring contempt of the fitness of times and things .- Prof. Johnson.

### AN EXPERIENCE.

Sensations in the Lost Limb, Of Vital Interest to the Thoughtful.

A Spirit Battery to Generate Force.

LETTER TO SCIENTIST, E. C. GET-SINGER. BENICIA, Cal., April 2, 1894.

MR. E. C. GETSINGER, Scientist, Deroit, Mich.: Please pardon me should I intrude on our valuable time. Your letter pubished in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of March 24 seems to call on me to respond by writing out a wonderful experience I had in the spring of 1883-at east wonderful to me.

I was stricken with a very severe sickness; for twenty-one or more days I . lay in an entirely helpless condition, semi-conscious of this life and surroundings, but hearing and seeing much on the borderland of future life. A spirit came to me and said: "You will sorely grieved to come over on this side of life and leave your aged mother, who scratch the finger, and is startled for an instant to remember that the finger is will for some time to come. You must exercise your will, forcing the nervo-vital fluid to energize the molecules of your body to regain their normal condition. The blood corpuscles are be coming elongated and flat. This passive condition is depleting. By exercising your will we can help you. Unless you do you will be out of life before you are aware of the change you call death."
I said: "Teach me, that I may know how. Command me, that I make no

mistake." "We will prepare you now. Take no drugs whatever, unless we direct you what to take."

My sickness was caused by the poison gas from a brewery sewerage, and I was directed to take a half wine-glass of malt beer every half hour, that the microbes could feed upon that and not on the blood, there being sufficient coculus indicus in the beer to act as an antidote, clearing the blood of the poison.

'You must be kept as quiet as possible." Several wires were fastened by a south window, in and about the room, and were connected to a receiving battery which was set on the foot of the bed. I saw myself in a spiral wire cocoon, so very like diagram 6 in your Only the wires were much closer together. At the head, a dish about two inches

in diameter was placed. There was atif we touch or irritate it in any part moistened; a similar dish and sponge at tached to the head wire; 3 was a large post with a small cup on the top, closed, upon a solid, hurting the nerve that leads to the fingers; we feel a tinkling like a bellows; this had a hose to it with with a wire connected to the apparatus eat. After eating I breathed easier. I felt the electricity searching out the sore and painful joints, and soothing where I had such excruciating pain. Then the bellows were worked, and a blue-and-white spray, very like the human aura, was thrown all over me. As breathed that, the effect was reviving; it was called nervo-vital fluid, or superrefined electro-magnetic nervo-essence, the pulsation of causation, which, if I rightly understand you, you call energy.
I have written more than I intended,

of what I saw and heard. Fearing I may try your patience,

none of your letters to THE PROGRESS-VE THINKER. MARGARET LEPPER.

Benicia, Cal.

Look at This Paper Critically! Examine most critically this number of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. It is buried arm. This was very silly in the chockfull of interesting matter. The doctor; a school-boy should know betarticles are instructive, fascinating, and chockfull of interesting matter. The ter. Several cases are given in our soul-elevating. Commence at the first and read Hon. A. B. Richmond's article. whose intellectual sword clashes with other scientists and teachers. Then read what Virchand R. Gandhi has to

say about Christianity. Then pass to the second page and peruse the "Cloister and Beacon," and other interesting items.

Then go to the third page and peruse that carefully and see what H. D. have to say.

Then on to the fourth page and read the charming article by Col. Van Horn; the suggestive article by that critical pressed upon the calf. This sensation thinker, Dr. A. S. Hudson: "Psychic Influence," by that careful investigator, B. R. Anderson; and the wonderful ex. perience by Margaret Lepper. That

Then turn to the sixth page and see what that lucid writer, J. O. Barrett, was amputated. I attended upon the has to say. Then peruse that beautiful surgeon as he performed the operation article, an editorial in the New York

The seventh page is fraught with great interest also. L. J. Shafer's evealed the fact that a capstan bar was article is pregnant with suggestive thoughts. Other articles of special value and significance.

On the 8th page, Prof. Buchanan is a little caustic, and somebody may kick back in like style. Other items of interest.

In fact THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER leads in every phase that characterizes a great freethought paper; and particularly does it lead in building itself up without squandering the hard-earned money of stockholders, or selling fictitious bonds. There never has been and never will be a "gang" connected The New Testament is the chief of with this paper to prey off other people's

> Some of the largest ocean steamers can. be converted into armed cruisers in thirty hours.

pocketbooks.

## DANGER! DANGER!!

The Vaccination Idol.

Some Potent Facts for Consideration.

The Chicago Evening Post of April 19 stated that: "Dr. Garrott, who is directly in charge of the smallpox work under Health Commissioner Reynolds,' aid: "There is absolutely no danger of guished, for modern Spiritualism has smallpox getting into the schools, par-ticularly those of the tenth ward. Every history, that the death of the body is not year, and I know every pupil in attendance has been successfully vaccinated. are too well protected."

closed all day Thursday and Friday.
"We discovered that several children

who had been taken sick after being in being absent had come down with smallsaid Superintendent Lane.

April 23 the health commissioner was issued the following address:
"To the public: It is proved beyond a doubt that vaccination prevents small-

"A scar does not necessarily mean that the vaccination has been suc-

"Vaccination, to be effective against smallpox, must be repeated until it any of the old ones drop out I like to say

To our own knowledge, vaccination has failed to take until the fourteenth attempt. 'Vaccination will take on every one,

if tried often enough. Pure vaccinations never have, and never will injure any one, and may be done at any time through life, from the moment of birth to old age. 'It should be done on the arm, which

should be clean. "After vaccination is done, the arm should remain exposed until the virus is

dry."
There! If you take smallpox after vaccination, it proves the vaccination was not successful, or else it is the exception that proves the rule! Can anything be clearer? If you are injured by vaccination, it proves that you used impure virus, or otherwise you were careless! That's plain enough

As a mother strives the hardest to shield and excuse her wayward son when his crimes and excesses cry out the loudest for restraint and correction. so the advocates of vaccination cling the closer to their idol the more its weakness and folly are exposed.

vaccination is required before a child is admitted to a public school, and there is also a State compulsory education law. Physical force, when used by a printed before the Banner of Light was is almost universally condemned. Why, then, should it be right for a majority to compel vaccination? If we are not to have medical liberty,

month would finally overthrow all compulsion in this matter and dethrone medical ignorance and tyranny.

#### ALEXANDER. Shame! Shame!

Several newsboys have been interfered selling A. P. A. papers on the streets in this city. One, at least, was arrested was his lifelong, intimate friend, and from Kane City, six miles away, to atand "run in" to the police station, for mentioned many Boys might sell Romish papers with perfect liberty, and no one would even think of molesting them; but not so with a boy who sells A. P. A. papers—they are offensive to "our brave police." But the public outcry became so great against these petty police persecutions of the that the policemen were newsboys, that the policemen were ordered to discontinue their annoyances. But it seems they have found another way to down the newsboys, without subjecting themselves to reprimand. Romish saloon thugs do the work for themtiming their assaults to take place when the policeman is conveniently absent, as occurred on a recent evening when a newsboy was brutally knocked down and kicked by one of the Romish thugs.

Well, this sort of thing will increase the sales of the American, and make hundreds of new accessions to the A. P. A. Romish thugism, even though participated in by the police, will not win in this country.

#### Are They Hypnotized? Just at the present time a Rev. Dr.

Dowie is attracting some interest and drunk by the natives. notoriety in this city, as a healer by divine power, as he claims. Some of the lyn, following the examples of their scarcely short of miraculous, after the old, orthodox idea of miracles. It is noted, however, that Dr. Dowie did not heal anybody at his meeting in Central Music hall. In this unbelieving age, something more is required to substantiate a miraculous guest then the stantiate a miraculous cure than the bare testimony of the one on whom the miracle is performed. Experiments in Three Kings," in our paper of March hypnotism have established the fact 17th, has called forth a note from Dr. J. that what we may term transfusion of B. Braun, long a resident of Wurzburg. thought is a possibility, and a strong He states that the observance of the hypnotist or mesmerist may compel his day is peculiar to Wurzburg, and the subjects to testify to anything that suits principal object is to transact a lucrative his purpose. This power has been often business by the sale of myrrh and insubjects to testify to anything that suits principal object is to transact a lucrative Warne, formerly president of the Fifst week, and gave four lectures. At the Spirit-world I wish to announce that I his purpose. This power has been often business by the sale of myrrh and inspurpose. This power has been often business by the sale of myrrh and inspurpose and is unable to psychometric readings to parties in the Spiritualist rostrum, and respectfully demonstrated before public audiences, cease. Br. Brain writes that materi-stricken with paralysis and is unable to psychometric readings to parties in the psychometric readings to a buildence, which were all acknowledged the Spiritualists' society of this spiritualists' soc crutches under such influence does not women and aged men. some prove that a genuine cure has been may still exist. Catholics and Protest-

### FORWARD.

A Brilliant Light has gone out on Earth.

But it Will Still Illuminate the Spirit Spheres.

pupil in the public schools has been sucthe end of the man, so our veteran cessfully vaccinated, and cannot take the disease. Of course parents feel friend, Jacob Edson, is now a departed omewhat alarmed over the possibility spirit—no longer to be moving visibly hat their children may be sitting be- among us. He departed this life on the de a child who has just come from a 19th of April. His funeral services were ouse where there is smallpox, if any held in the Spiritual Temple at Berkeley such children are allowed in the schools. hall, Doctor Storer officiating. Brother But there is really no reason for fear. I have been over the schools of the tenth Edson was 75 years old. He was a vetward twice since the beginning of the eran Spiritualist and was a leader in the late movement known as the "Veteran Spiritualists' Union" very prominent in Teachers are not supposed to allow any it and one of its most generous benefacchild to attend when there is smallpox tors. He was a very modest man, one in the house from which he comes, but of the best men I ever knew, and that even if he were to come, there could be no danger to the other children; they him. He was constitutionally good and very practical also, and he will be missed April 21—two days later—the Evening by a great many who have been benefitted by his generosity. When I bediscovered in two of the public schools came a Spiritualist in 1857, he was one of the first in the codor that I become in this same tenth ward, and they were of the first in the order that I became acquainted with. At that time he, Daniel Farrar, Dr.H. F. Gardner and Dr. H. B. Storer were among, the then promiattendance at these schools without nent Spiritualists in Boston, and I have known them intimately ever since, or as long as they lived, Farrar passing on in his old age a year or two ago, and Dr. reported by the Evening Post as having Gardner, a leader and who carried on the best meetings the Hub ever had, he became a departed spirit about a dozen years ago, and now Jacob Edson, whose

> Mr. Edson has always been a consistent Spiritualist, he would have been a credit to any church as a "Nathaniel, in whom there is no guile." His business was that of an inventor. He has made many inventions, some of which have been and are practically useful and remunerative. I saw the "street sweeper" to-day rolling along the street and I thought of him, the city having used 24th, for a twelve week's session. for many years that invention which, like himself, does its work well, and the streets are the better for it, as the

face I have been familiar with these

forty years is a departed spirit. It seems

to me that these veterans are growing

beautifully less every year, and soon we

all will be only memories, and so when

a word about them.

world is better for his living in it. I do not know whether he left much quite different from most people, he did wise and proper way, and that was Brother Edson's way, and there was no M.D., Ph.D., is president. o the advocates of vaccination ching he closer to their idol the more its veakness and folly are exposed.

In this city of Chicago, a certificate of raccination is required before a child raccination is required before a child raccination is required before a child raccination and the instance or two. We all know A. E. Newton, who was the editor New York City.

> I could mention many such instances, reluctant to have the funeral at the Spiritual Temple. As he was not fond of any display, they thought it would please him better to have them at his home, but finally gave their consent, and the Temple was full; the home would not have accommodated a tenth who would like to have been present. The services were very interesting, and Dr. Storer, who is always good at funerals, was at his best on that occasion. After the services were over, his family were highly pleased at the spiritual service, and were glad to hear such fine tributes paid to the departed, and some of their Baptist friends who were present were also pleased, and I think every one present who was not a Spiritualist will have higher ideas of Spiritu-ualism for their attention to this subject. I always think Spiritualist funerals are very interesting and rational occasions, and this was emphatically so. JOHN WETHERBEE.

Boston, Mass.

The "cow tree" of Central America exudes a sap which resembles milk. It is both palatable and nourishing and is

Undertakers in New York and Brook

The article on "The Day of the Holy ants alike share the skepticism.



"M-D" writes that Mrs. Anna Robinson, pastor of the Port Huron sowhere she remained for a week. They hope to secure her services again.

Prof. Lockwood is open for engagements for May and June. The experiments he makes before his audience, showing the unity of nature's formular of progression, and tests in physical science demonstrating continued life have never been questioned as yet by the progressive thinkers of the day. He can be addressed at 128 Park avenue, Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins' meetings removed to Hofer's Hall, 227 E. North avenue, Sunday evening, 7:45. Clyburn cars, Halsted street, Larabee street, and North avenue cars all take you near the hall. The Masonic Temple people were prejudiced against bulletin boards are left to mourn his loss and who have an early day. Good results, of course, of Spiritualists at the door.

The educational department of the Spiritual Home and Institute at Liberal, Mo., closed its second term on the 12th, and the spring term commenced April last term was very successful, and the prospects for the future are flattering. Every branch of education can be fol-lowed here, that is taught in any insti-tution in the land—besides a special property, but I do know he distributed psychic departm at where those who a good deal of it as he lived his life; wish to prepare for public work as wish to preparation public work as speakers, healers or mediums can renot wait until death called him, and by ceive special course of training in occult will take what he could not carry with law as well as the general sciences. him, and have it, perhaps, contested as to the soundness of his mind. Ho gave are entirely free from religious bias, or sick. Address him at 291 Ogden avenue. grow together. We yearn for the liberally of his income as he went along any other. Students can attend in through life; saw it done with his own these departments without ever hearing hands, and it seems to me it is the anything in favor of, or against any be-Spirit-world is with them, for they are shall be swept from our fair land—we lief or disbelief. Rev. J. De Buchananne,

Mrs. C. M. Sawyer has recently been

of the first spiritual paper which was R. E. C., writes from Palco. Kansas: "Mrs. Emma E. Hammon, of Topeka, born. Brother Newton was in straight- Kansas, has delivered several lectures ened circumstances in the latter part of here and at Hill City, with good rehis life. Mr. Edson liked him and con-sults. Her lectures and tests were sidered him an able writer, so he more good. The public tests were generally

I could mention many such instances, but the above will give the idea: he and myself have just been making was doing it all the time, so I am honest another circuit of a few of the oil towns in saying he was the best man I ever of Pennsylvania. While on this trip knew. Mr. Edson's wife and daughter I delivered one lecture and Mrs. Sprague were Baptists, and had no sympathy held two seances in Tidioute, Pa. with Spiritualism or Spiritualists. Some From there we went to Oil City, holding months before he died he arranged with two meetings on Sunday, April 15, in with by "our brave police"-of the Roman Dr. Storer to attend to his funeral Rich Hall. Seventy-five persons were Catholic persuasion, of course—while services, which he did as I have men- present at the first and one hundred at tioned, and the services were in the the second meeting. There came seven incidents in his life, tend our lectures here, and they enthe offense to Romish sensitiveness, and his spiritual ideas. His family were gaged us to go to Kane City, where we two seances. From there we went to Rouseville, where we held the first meeting ever held in the interest of Spiritualism in that town. There were about two hundred people present. Thence to Oil City, where we held two more meetings. The house was crowded n the afternoon, and in the evening three hundred people were present, about fifty persons having to stand for want of seats. Thence to Tidioute, where Mrs. Sprague held another seance. We took a carriage to Me-Graw Center, five miles away, and lectured to two hundred people; and this morning we find ourselves in Warren, where we shall speak the coming three evenings, arriving home at Jamestown N. Y., Friday, to remain and speak for our society Sunday next, and Tuesday, following we will be off for Washington, Pa. Our cause is advancing very

rapidly in these parts." Alfred Weldon writes that Mr. Frederic Cushman, a medium who is new in the field, has succeeded in arousing an interest in Spiritualism at La some of the most prominent people of ric diagnoser and healer.

cently occupied the platform.

Samuel Walbert, secretary, writes that

Dr. J. C. Howes is now located at 1303 North 20th street, Omaha, Neb.

of spirit presence—11 o'clock every Sunday morning—at 323 West 34th street, dial gifts and sympathetic nature has New York. He will answer calls to lecour large edition, we go to press early Monday ing summer. Besides his lectures on all who heard it. There was good music morning. Short items only will be inserted if the Spiritual Philosophy, Prof. Price, rendered, which increased the harmony pleasure in publishing the movements of lecture in publishing the movement of lecture in publishing the movement of lecture in publishing the movement of lecture i pleasure in publishing the movements of lectures and mediums. Meetings, which are doing a grand work, are of local interest only hence we cannot publish long reports with reference to them. They are too numerous for that. A few lines explanatory of the good work being done are always acceptable. A great deal can be said of a meeting in a dozen work being done.

"M—D" writes that Meetings in the movements of lectures at the hall of the occasion. The lecture given by above. He passed to the other life fourteen years ago last June: I find on the subject: "The Present Outlook, that channot be set aside as mind-reading."

New York. In the delivery of this and was an able, eloquent, interesting and instructive discourse, which was listened to with the closest attention. Spirit artist, who has been in California and frequently applauded. The meetings every Sunday will be a mediums' weak for a was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' weak for a was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' weak for a was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' weak for a was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' weak for a was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' weak for a was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' weak for a was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' weak for a was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a mediums' was in the city last ings every Sunday will be a medium was a connection to the other life fourteen very successful of the occasion. The lecture given by dove. He passed to the other life fourteen very successful of the occasion. The lecture given by dove. He passed to the other life fourteen very successful on the occasion. The lecture given by dove. He passed to the oth history, from the third century, A. D., meeting at 10:30, which all mediums to the sixteenth century. He has just are invited to attend, and at which Mrs. received a highly commendatory letter Lyman will preside; an afternoon meetciety, has been winning the heads and from the liberal Arabian thinker, Hajji hearts of people at East Saginaw, Mich., Abdalla, Arab of Alexandria, Egypt. Abdalla, Arab of Alexandria, Egypt. will be made, questions answered, and Prof. Price can be addressed for en- tests, or other spirit manifestations

Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, a prominent

without my papers. For instance, this Over its pages I see notice share the generous super. C. Phillips has taken to himself a wife. friend of the cause. Having had the pleasure of meeting the Doctor in Chicago, as well as the lady who is now his wife, the item is one of personal interest. The transition of Frank T. Ripley is engaged at Language personal interest. The transition of Frank T. Ripley is having crowded General Estabrook, whom I met at the houses at 77 31st street. He gave a National Convention, fills me with sorrow, benefit last Saturday evening to the not for him, but for the loved ones who society, which intends to build a hall at my sincere sympathy. So it is with the were had. transition of Mrs. Hooker Boozer, who P. D. Merill writes of the lack of in-

Dr. T. Wilkins has returned from lown and will devote one-half of each beautiful sunlight flowers of truth and

morning and evening. For a few weeks, with the exception of one Sunday, Dr. excellent satisfaction. She is well de-

day evening at eight sharp, until further

Mrs. G. Partridge has returned from particulars.

Mrs. Celia Hughes, the trumpet medium, has left the city on a professional visit to South Dakota and will return in a short time.

Geo. C. Stoll writes from Dayton, O. Mr. Dell A. Herrick, of Columbus, O., gave one lecture and Mrs. Sprague gave has been in the city a week giving seances and will remain another week. He has turned people away from several seances. Mr. F. N. Foster, the spirit photographer, has arrived in this city and is stopping at 26 S. Warren street. Benny Foster accompanies his father. Ben gives physical seances in the light which those who have seen, pronounce yery satisfactory. Brother Herrick gave a very pleasing address before the Mystic Association the 22d inst.

A new society has just been organized at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, having the first regular meeting Sunday, April 29th with Mrs. Celia Hughes of Chicago as the speaker for the first month. ments in this part of the country can and wealthy residents, and the interest speakers who may desire to fill engageaddress C. E. Irwin, Cor. Secretary.

Robert A. Dimmick wishes a correction made in his circular letter to medi- other places. At Albany she lectured ums. In alluding to the question: What to large audiences, and she is under are the two greatest sine? the reply engagement at Monroe and Bellville. Should have been Selfishness and Ignor-She is doing a grand work with our ance; instead of "sin and ignorance."

Dr. G. W. Vail writes from Port An-Crosse, Wis., greater than was ever geles, Washington, that the majority of Ohio: known before. Mr. Cushman does not its officers are Spiritualists and Free- Mass., lectured to an audience of over give tests from the platform, but his thinkers. They have organized a Psycontrols are of a high order, and his chometric Society, which meets every Milan Opera House after night ago. lectures are cultured, spiritual in tone, Sunday for discussion. April 22d Mr. The theme was, 'Facts and Philosophy

the city. His private sittings during the week are highly spoken of. It is kansas: "For the first time in the expected a society will be organized. history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, Kansas, we have a supplied to the history of Graham County, known and history of Graham Cou A. B. Coman writes that incited by the guides of Mrs. Nickless, a "pound and readings by Mrs. Emma E. Ham was given for the benefit of Dr. mon, of Topeka. She was with us one condition of the Society of Spiritualists byterian Church of our city kindly camps desiring their united services at Manchester, N. H., where she regard us the use of their church building will please address at once, at that city, to hold our meetings in."

Secretary writes as follows of the ded-Samuel Walbert, secretary, Middle-ville Mich. "We received our charter, No. 10, April 5. There will be a grove dedicated with appropriate and most dial gifts and sympathetic nature has made many friends. Her address under ing at 2:30, at which short addresses gagements.at 301 East 19th street, New given; and an evening meeting at 7:30, with a lecture on some subject, to be announced in the Chicago Sunday Inter Spiritualist of Philadelphia, writes: "As for me, I do not know what I should do without my papers. For instance, this All Spiritualists and Liberals are welweek's PROGRESSIVE THINKER is full come, and those who attend once will be sure to go there often, for the characof news, both glad and sad. As I look sure to go there often, for the character of these meetings entitles them to the generous support of every true the generous support of every true

Frank T. Ripley is engaged at Lan-

us, and now they are gone from our seems to be at a low ebb. He says: sight. Every page of the paper contains something of instruction and interest. Even the 'Vile Heathen,' as containly will assist every one whose powtraved has something interesty. portrayed, has something intensely in- aspirations are toward goodness and teresting, to say to the readers of THE truth." He thinks the places mentioned PROGRESSIVE THINKER, not forgetting constitute a good field for missionary the excellent article of Walter Howell work, and concludes thus: "Romanism on the first page: but I must close with flourishes here—we might say, holds best wishes for all." full sway, and as usual where this noxious weed thrives so luxuriantly the "M." writes the Spiritualists at Lan- dawning of that glorious day when believe that the light of that day is aldoing remarkably well. They are now believe that the light of that day is allocated in the old Presbyterian church ready appearing, and we believe that and are having good meetings Sunday the advent and growth of Spiritualism has done much to hasten its coming."

A subscriber writes from Minneapolis. for the last two Sundays Mrs. F. V. before filling her engagement at Sioux Jackson, the test medium, of Grand City, and lectured last night to an audi-Rapids, Mich., was with us and gave ence of two hundred people. Subject: 'Our Homes and Occupations if we are not to have medical liberty, on what ground can religious liberty be maintained?

The American Anti-Vaccination League has been formed, its address being 19 Broadway, New York City. Would it not be well to have a national defense fund? Voluntary contributions of five cents or upward every week or month would findly now defense fund? Voluntary contributions of five cents or upward every week or month would findly now defense fund? Voluntary contributions of five cents or upward every week or month would findly now defense fund? Voluntary contributions of five cents or upward every week or month would findly now defense fund? Voluntary contributions of five cents or upward every week or month would findly now for the public tests were generally seance at Mrs. Bell's she gave cattis, because at Mrs. Bell's she gave cattis, difficult difficult acknowledged as correct. The private factory tests to over thirty difficult acknowledged as correct. The private factory tests to over thirty difficult nized. She has a good presence, a wontifuction. The private factory tests to over thirty difficult nized. She has a good presence, a wontifucture. The private factory tests to over thirty difficult nized. She has a good presence, a wontifucture for manther than once asked him to write up some extremely for Caltonna of matter that control would find the work and the work of the Devil and the work of the Devil and set of medium shere who promise to do us a few sanctified Methodists here that seale at Mrs. Bell's she gave quarter. The private factory tests to over thirty difficult acknowledged as correct. The private factory tests to over thirty difficult acknowledged as correct. The private factory tests to over thirty difficult acknowledged as correct. The private factory tests to over thirty difficult acknowledged as correct. The private factory tests to over thirty difficult acknowledged as correct. The private factory tests to over thirty difficult acknowledged as correct. The private factory tests to over thirty d will be held every Sunday and Wedneswill be held every Sunday and WednesNo known medium is present. One of bled April 15 to listen to a discourse by

> Mrs. G. Partridge has returned from her unpleasant trip to South Dakota, whither she went to the sick bed and interment of an only sister. She is again ready to give readings. 291 Ogden avenue.
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> > Publishers know only too well, often to their chagrin, the wonderful stupidity of the little metal type they use in transmitting news and knowledge to their many readers. As a case in point, the name of our esteemed friend and contributor, Dr. W. P. Phelon, was omitted, by a dash line, from Mrs. Catlin's able report of the doings of Mrs. Cora Richmond and the First Society in last week's PROGRESSIVE

> > Allan G. Churchwood writes of the visit to Brodhead, Wis. Two stirring lectures, followed with tests, prepared the way for a class in a two-weeks' course in psychic science. The class included some of the most intellectual never failed. The cause was so satisfactory that there is regret that Mrs. Scovell had to fill engagements at farmer friends.

Mrs. M. L. Darrow writes from Milan. "J. Frank Baxter, of Boston, four hundred and seventy people in the Milan Opera House a few nights ago. rode thirty miles by private conveyance the remains of Mr. George Howell,

Dr. J. A. Marvin, of Lansing, Mich. writes: "At the earnest solicitation of fell to the pavement, breaking his neck many friends in earth-life and in the and otherwise injuring his head. He No. 11 S. Little street.

Lucian Carpenter writes: a series of lectures given by Geo. H. ication of Unity Temple, Chicago: "The looking over some of my old diaries, I Brooks, of Bay City, on Spiritualism, Society of Spiritual Unity, this city, of found a memorandum of the surrender resulted in forming an association with which Mrs, Mary C. Lyman is the gifted of Gen. Lee's army to Gen. Grant on hirty-five members, known by name as inspirational speaker, has obtained a the 9th day of April, 1865. My brother Barlow Lake Spiritual Association, with permanent home in our city in Custer and self had an invitation to hold a A. A. Abbott, president, Wayland, Mich.; Post hall, G. A. R., No. 85 South Sangassamuel Walbert, secretary, Middlesside, Mich. "We received our charter, and West Monroe streets, which they mam, Conn., where we resided, my brother being the medium. We ac meeting June 16 and 17, at Bowen's interesting exercises on last Sunday af- cepted, and between five and six o'clock Mills., Mich., conducted by Geo. H. ternoon, April 29. The hall is a very in the afternoon arrived at our neigh-Brooks, of Bay City. Would like to see handsome building of brick and stone, bor's. Several beside my brother and as many Spiritualists as possible one story high, and furnished in elegant self were seated around a table, my and tasteful style, with all the latest brother on the opposite side of me. He improvements. It is a few steps only was soon in the unconscious trance. He above the sidewalk and very easy of ac- struck his hands together with great Prof. Theodore F. Price lectures on cess from all parts of the city by the force three times, and each time said the philosophy of Spiritualism and gives West Side cable line. Mrs. Mary C. that Gen. Lee had surrendered to Gen. readings psychometrically, with tests Lyman has been engaged as the lecturer Grant. No one present believed in could be possible; but the telegrams the next day about eleven o'clock con-firmed the statement. Will the oppoture in New York and vicinity; also will inspirational control at the dedication nents of Spiritualism please note where fill camp-meeting engagements the com- on Sunday will long be remembered by the mind-reading came in? I have hundreds of as good evidences of spirit rendered, which increased the harmony power through my brother as the of the occasion. The lecture given by above. He passed to the other life

> here. He has gone to Cassadaga Camp, where he will be permanently located. R. R. Bratton writes that Minneapolis

s wide awake and full of Spiritualists and a fair supply of good workers and lecturers, including Mrs. Lepper, Dr. U. D. Thomas, Mrs. Lowell, Mrs. Dr. Aspinwall and others. Mrs. Aspinwall is an exceptionally fluent speaker and holds her audiences spellbound. There is need of a Farmer Riley for a time. J. S. Widner writes that Dr. A. W. S. Rothermel has stirred up the entire community in Milwaukee with his ectures, public tests and seances. His full-form seances are beyond description. He has held seances at private residences as well as at his hotel par-

V. L. Dial writes of a peculiar and most convincing test given by Mrs. Wells-Bedell, of Denver, Col., who was a stranger.

W. Jos. Hibbert writes: "The meetis known to me also. It is such a short terest in Spiritualism at Santa Barbara alists of Trenton, N. J., on Sunday, time ago that these friends were with and Summerland, Cal., where the cause April 15, were under control of Mrs. E. Cutler, of this city. She devoted the evening service to the memory of de-parted friends. A large number of bouquets were placed on the table by her audience, and Mrs. Cutler gave readings from them; her tests and readings were remarkably clear and direct. and out of the entire number, about twenty, only one person failed to recognize.

Spirito writes from San Francisco good words for many mediums and speakers who are or have been working for the cause in that city; among them Mrs. Maggie Waite, who is making many converts; Mrs. Jennie Moore, of this city; Mr. A. Campbell, spirit artist; Dean Clarke, a veteran in the cause; Prof. Buchanan, Mrs. Longley, John Slater, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. DeRines, Mrs. Scott Briggs, Mrs. J. J. Whitney; Mrs. Coleman, the writing medium; and the J. A. Marvif has occupied the rostrum. Minn.: "Mrs. Aspinwall returned home white-haired veteran, Mrs. Hendec, April 15th Mr. Moulton was with us. from Marshalltown for a week's rest who is still on the platform with all the vim of younger days.

H. P. Wardell writes that on Friday night, April 13, there was a benefit seance given by the Spiritualists of Louveloped as a public test medium. In a Heaven, following with tests from the isville, Ky., to Mr. and Mrs. Hanley and seance at Mrs. Bell's she gave ratis platform, every one of which was recogfactory tests to over thirty difficient nized. She has a good presence, a wonparties. We are developing a number derful voice, and a strong magnetic speaking medium; her son a very good

notice, at her home, 757 Warren avenue. the sitters, an editor, will try and get Mrs. Robert Ward on "The Philosophy and Phenomena of Spiritualism.'

commencing at 3:30. Subject of the ited LeMars, Iowa, where there were lecture. "Ten Years of Travel in but four or five Spiritualists, and re-Eastern Wonderland." Admission 50 mained two weeks. On the first Sunday there were about eighty people out; on the next there was not standing-room for all that came. Mr. Kuyler's tests were all recognized. The Sentinel said: 'One of two things is quite certain-he is either a first-class mind-reader, or else he is assisted by more than the nat ural power of mankind."

Lyman C. Howe, the veteran worker is engaged as follows: July 19 to 25, at Lake Brady Camp, Ohio: August 4 to 10, at Haslett Park Camp, Mich.; August 11 and 12, at Anderson, Ind.; August 14 to 26, at Cassadaga Camp. For October and November he speak: work of Mrs. S. C. Scovell on her recent at Boston Spiritual Temple; December he is engaged for the First Society, of New York City; and during January 1895, at Philadelphia, Pa.

C. M. S. writes: "Mrs. Kingsley Carpenter, of Portland, N. Y., was with the people of Lottsville, Pa., one week, beginning April 9, during which time several open scances were held, and one lecture given. Some remarkable tests were given through Mrs. Carpenter: old friends, whose very names had been forgotten, returning and giving their names, and incidents connected with their lives, so as to be recognized by all who knew them." Mrs. M. E. Dobson, of San Jose, Cal.

writes: "We have just returned from the hall, where we have listened to one Maxwell. On the following day Mr. Hull is to deliver a funeral address over formerly of Chicago and St. Paul. Minn. While cleaning the windows of their residence he lost his balance and Spirit-world I wish to announce that I passed out at 10 o'clock A. M., April 21." will fill engagements to speak from the Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond's subjects next Sunday are as follows: Morning,

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### THAT IS TRULY IT.

The Reverse Standpoint.

From the Status of a Clear-Headed Minnesotian.

With much interest have I perused Prof. 7th of April. I want to thank him for his live in, simply for a temporary residence, preable defense of the materialistic side of the paratory "to a house not made with hands, yet unsettled problem-"Whence came we, and whither bound?" I do not undertake a physically, I am not as I was or shall be. review for discussion, for my engagements Paul is right: "There is a natural body, and forbid, but simply suggest that he apply his there is a spiritual body." analysis from a reverse standpoint. He is a Now, dear brother, take my hand, and let dear friend of mine, and however much we couragement of free thought for the discovery of truth.

If I correctly understand him, his premises on which he tries to build proof of immortality are, summarily, these:

There was a time when man as a conscious being was not.

matter, so-called, the man-elements, or qualities entering into his make-up, began the line Great Spirit!" The Christian tries to enlighten that culminated in man.

To put it bluntly and in perhaps plainer words, man evolved from unconscious matter, from the "cosmos universe," to use his favor-

These being his premises, a summary of his human thoughts or conscious minds in sensory | Helps they are to humanity. action are resultant of his physical organizaitself an inherent automatic tendency to rise to higher forms." I do not doubt the rise, because it is acted on or, better, in, by a force or power higher than itself. As to final re- immortals? Love is equal to all things, is all sults—from his own data—it makes no differ things in form and progress. Love is aflash ence as to the highest, descent ensues, and in the crystal, is alive in the plant, strikes lution of his body at death, man, as a conbetter consciousness is simply the evolution of matter, or result of his bodily organization, Here are the uncreate and deific, the all-presdeath blots out his conscious identity, and im ence, the "soul of things." How childlike, mortality is but a poetic dream. There is no yet philosophic, was the prayer of Theodore dodging the logic from the premises. Materialists generally see it, and accept the fatality Such is the inevitable conclusion of the whole

Brother Lockwood's analysis of nerve actions as the vehicle of conscious use is admirable, but I fail to reconcile his happy statement "that it is consciousness that sees, hears, tastes and has the sensations we call touch," yet base that consciousness where he does in a heaven." once unconscious matter. The trouble comes "in spite of pride, in erring reason's spite." To set Brother Lockwood's hypothesis, for it is hypothetical, in the light where he dates it. I wish to summarize his line of evolution: well stated. By some cosmic operation, the unconscious molecules are animalized. Life meeting. is born! and its firstborn is a vitalized speck. a monera. By the way, chemists have been ture sprouts it. Bravo! Does Brother Lockhis premises. Does he say here, that life is ship. cognate with matter, and, therefore, uncreate? If so, that is all I ask for. We are agreed, for uncreate life is anterior to "polarized molecules," and life implies consciousness, and consciousness implies deific powers to construct. I understand him to argue that life is an evolution, and so all other higher entities of being. To be true to his premises we must fall back again to "dark matter." By "crossing the breed" microscopic infusoria become progressive bacteriorologists, and at length metamorphose themselves into semi-animals in the sea; and they fight so bad in the struggle for existence, they crowd out on the land and become something else-plants now. And the race for a magnificent mastery begins. By "natural selection" our world is covered with enakes-our very ancient parentage. A pair of these monstrosities, smarter than all outangs, chimpanzees, gorillas, and despite the "missing link" a new type comes forthman and woman, who marry themselves "with out the benefit of clergy." Considering the raw material, this is the greatest miracle under the sun. Darwinian? Yes, and I rejoice in it, for it has turned the creedal hells all out loose.

Does Brother Lockwood mean to say this is the highway to immortality? It makes me tired. It may be, but I don't see how a stream can rise higher than its source. May be that feet climb to brains and brains to Gods.

It is a geometric law that the less is not equal to the greater. As true this of the life "polarized molecules," for it is but the servant of some masterly intelligence.

high to low, as does a sunbeam, and lower received. high to low, as does a sunbeam, and lower still and lowest to complete the administrative cycle. "Polarity of molecules"—well, but when a body is dead, what of the polarity way in magnetic healing. He is kept busy that creates, or, better, constructs? Death's sphere is the antithesis of life's sphere. But you say philosophically: "There is no desth." But there is such a thing as depolarity. But there is such a thing as depolarity of molecules, and that is equivalent to go as the other which is again to remain into for qualities of character—the love which has its origin in what the loved one is, she will remember the time, and I sphere for the month of May, and on June 1st to, so to speak, of polarity. To use a more if the preceded for mission of Maquoketa, Ia., is stirring when the breath leaves the body. It cannot that two she that the beard, all the preacher ided, of which I learned when the breath leaves the body. It cannot the truth the such that the preacher ided, of which I learned when the breath leaves the body. It cannot the preacher ided, of which I learned when the breath leaves the body. It cannot the preacher ided, of which I learned when the breath leaves the body. It cannot the preacher ided, of which I learned when my husband returned in the evening. He came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without saying the came in and looked at me, without s principle in things, evolving life and thence at several places on the way.

spirit materialized.

ending. As matter is uncreate, so is spirit that moves and acts by matter, making it its Neb. . instrument of use. The spiritual, not the material, is causative. Who made me, that is. my body? Spiritually I am. By the divinity in nature—call it "polarized molecules" if it W. M. Lockwood's article in your issue of the will help you better-I made the house I eternal in the heavens." Hence, materially,

us travel on. Matter in living embodiments, differ, our differences of thought but interland lo, this mysterious world, and we rulers link us closer, dating in the principles of en- of its matter and forms of matter, and other worlds and suns, a universe of bundles of life, orderly, true to ingrained law, freighted with immortal intelligences, descending to "polarize molecules" for diviner uses.

Why so disturbed as to the use of a title to what we are discovering in our journey in cycles? Looking at the mysteries neither you There was a time when by the evolution of nor I nor anyone else can ever solve, the Sioux Indian exclaims, "Wakantonka, the Poor Lo, but makes halting headway, for he (the Christian) exclaims, "Our Father!" Poorer than the Indian, for he has no divine mother! Let us inquire of the Brahmin. He tells us Brahm is avatar, is descent, revealed on every plane of being. It is not wise nor argumentation—and it is masterly—is that just to discount these definitions of deific life.

I like to apply ancient testimony, because tion. He says: "Matter possesses within it shows all this field has been thought over. "God is love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God and God in him." What better science or religion, or security of the "great is the fall thereof," for with the disso- in the animal, "adores and burns" in the human kingdom. Love is the pulsing life of the scious identity, ceases to be. If his mind or universe. It is another and better name for God. And love is inseparable from wisdom. Parker-"Our Father, and our Mother, too!"

It is not well, not helpful, not evolutional with a serene fortitude. What begins, ends. in its highest sense, to habitually lessen the historic conceptions of the divine, however crude they may have been or are. Reverently looking up in faith and hope, in love of the better life—this is human—this is the forecast of the immortal—and by this spiritual effluence of our thoughts and affections, our angels glide back to us, teaching us the first with the spiritual philosophy he defends, and principle of evolution--"I came down from J. O. BARRETT.

#### The Cause in the West.

smoothly in our work, and we look forward to "Polarized molecules"—scientific this, and the summer months when we can meet with inferior consequence. When the thirsty man those friends in the East who attend the camp. has water to drink he simply drinks it and is

months in Denver, Col., and my last audience banks he reposes in peace. trying to animate the inanimate, and are sen- was the largest of the engagement. I would But besides the bare fact of continued life, Far above defective reason,

> numbers and interest. For the second time 1 of us? was requested to speak upon 'Bible Spirit! Much depends on the answer to that quescause and cure of infidelity."

The Spiritualists of Pender are among the in America for the return home. most prominent people in the town. Nearly The problem is not difficult to solve if we The minister, Elder Church, took sick and owned by them.

use of one of the churches. Although the soul and motives cannot be concealed. president of the Spiritualists had given \$100 That this clearer sight will alter a great I was stopped by a most beautiful vision.

links as of mathematics. In application to its of Spiritualism and Orthodoxy from a Bi- which deprives us of our bodies, will bring der the shoulders and the other under the feet, our subjects, the less is unconscious matter or ble Basis," stating that the orthodox side that love to an end. We may know each and began to ascend up in the air, and then You see, we must begin where the architect look after the Spiritualistic side of the quest be no fuel for its flame and the flame must an age of time. I was spellbound, gazing at is. Where? In the realm of spirit involving tion. This was published in the local paper needs die out. Clearly that kind of love is a the beautiful sight, which grew smaller and

forms of life, an ingrained principle which in Sunday, April 15th, we organized a child- may soon become strangers over 'yonder, but

in which man lives awhile? The answer is, three, and we look for still further increase in shore beyond the shadow. attendance. We use Tuttle's Lyceum Guide There is no beginning, and therefore no and think it is very fine.

W. H. Васн.

### AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Shall We Know Each Other in Heaven.

ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE -A RINGING EDITORIAL IN THE NEW YORK HERALD -THE GREAT CHANGE GOING ON.

There is not as much skepticism in the world nowadays as there was twenty years

A careful survey of the times will convince you that the old lines of doubt have been aban- He died in the years of manly youth. doned and that men are thinking affirmatively about the future life.

Not that men are going back to church dogmas. On the contrary, they are getting further from them, if possible. But they are silently formulating a religion

the clergy are inclined to look at askance, but which contains the essential principles on which an honest life here and the hope of a life hereafter are securely based. The people were never more averse to creeds than now. That is a rather startling charac-

teristic of the age. Thoughtful men have feared that the multitude, after slipping the moorings of Calvinism, would drift out to sea on a lea shore, because it frequently happens that when one gives up his old faith he lives the rest of his life without any faith

The tendency is toward a wider and deeper faith than we have ever had. If the Church would recognize this fact and fit itself to the new condition of affairs, it could easily become the leader of the people in their explorations. But if the Church persists in emphasizing the formulas of other days, and continues to ignore all sources of information except those to which it has been accustomed, the people will go on without it and find leaders among themselves.

In illustration of this general statement, and also in proof of it, we may safely assert that at no hour in the world's history has there been so much interest in the subject of man's immortality as now. Nor has there Then I thought of death with sadness, been so much legitimate curiosity as to the conditions which will prevail in that other life to which we are hastening.

Whether this is the result of that odd movement called Spiritualism, which started in the forties and spread like a prairie fire; which loudly declared that communion between the two worlds is a privilege to be enjoyed by To THE EDITOR:—Things are progressing every shadowed home; or whether it came from a combination of other causes, is a matter of neeting. thankful, not stopping to equire from what Were the mem'ries that so Since my last report I have spent three mountain range the river flows on whose green Of a gentler mother's love.

sible enough of late to give it up. But na- advise any of our reliable platform workers to | we desire to know what our relations to each | Far above imperfect science, stop off at Denver on their way East or West other will be after we cross the golden threshwood say I misapply results? I would not and they will be sure of a hearty reception. old. Is our love a merely temporary con- Far above the hopeless skeptic, for any consideration do that. If I do mis- My time was entirely occupied while there, in trivance, a volatile element which will evapo. apply, it is an unintended misconception of teaching hypnotism and developing medium. rate at death, a bond of union based on the Into spheres of life immortal necessity of perpetuating the race which will I was wafted in the spirit; April 1st, I came to Pender, Neb., where be broken at the grave, or is it the mutual at Saw my mother with the angels, I found some old friends and quite a number traction of souls which have luckily found Heaven's pure, white-robed ev of new ones. Our meetings have been well each other in this life and which will continue Then I knew that ashes only attended and seem to be increasing in point of in force in all other lives which may lie ahead

> ualism," and it was received better than on tion. If love is an earthly convenience, and the first occasion. Last Sunday I took up: only that, then practically the end comes when "What shall we do to be saved?" looking at the curtain drops on our little drama, comedy and comparing the old and new methods of or tragedy, as the case may be. But if the THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, that perhaps it salvation. There were quite a number of mother's love or the lover's love, being a love will not be out of place to send a few facts as orthodox among our congregation, and the of souls and not of bodies, is a part of the experienced by myself a few years ago, espe. passed. He was the most popular priest in Curious Revelations from the Life inspirational forces seemed to be directed at soul itself, then both we who remain a little cially this one, that happened in the year 1853. Washington. One of several messages I rethem especially. Probably they may have longer, and they who go amid our sighs and It happened so long ago, I have forgotten the ceived was this: gotten an idea. Next Sunday we take up 'The tears, can wait patiently, as one waits in Eu- exact date, but think it was in the spring of

all of them own their own homes, and quite a face facts bravely. That we shall recognize lay in a critical state for several weeks. He I began to think it might be Father Walter, the rest, evelve at last into monkeys, ourang number of the leading business houses are each other in the life beyond needs no argu. was a man much beloved by every one and on looking at the death notice I found ment. Common sense simply says: "Of that knew him, and great anxiet, was felt by his first name to be Joseph Ambrose. I had One of the worst cases of religious bigotry course we shall," and that ends all contro every one, my husband inquiring about him often seen, but never spoke to him, and I do was shown here recently. The infant child versy. That we shall know each other better nearly every day as he went in the city to his not think he knew me. Why did the message of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren passed to than we do now goes without saying. That place of business, and reporting to me in the Spirit-life, and as the room we were using was | we shall see through all disguises, even as we | evening, on his return | home. | Sometimes he | Catholic; the priest had visited her, had met hardly suitable for a funeral (being on the shall be seen, seems to be very certain. There was a little better, and often much worse; and Mr Keeley, and told him that he (Walter) was second floor), application was made for the will be no deceptions, for soul will look at so it happened one afternoon about 3 o'clock, familiar with spirit phenomena. The story of

to help build one of the churches, and the many of our relationships becomes perfectly (For such I must call it.) There appeared in this city, as told by Father Walter.

(not evolving here) or rather descending from two weeks ago, but so far no answer has been merely earthly expedient, or incident, or even smaller, until it became but a small speck and Dr. Munson, of Maquoketa, Ia., is stirring when the breath leaves the body. It cannot standing in the center of the yard. That very the dry bones here by some remarkable on hence when we go but must be leave the body.

Those who love in an earthly way deaths, but none so beautiful as this one.

man is the very esse of conscious intelligence. ren's Lyceum with an attendance of thirty, they who love each other in this higher way Who, what has manufactured the body-house which was increased the next Sunday to fifty will come closer together when they reach the

This, then, is the truth—that we shall know and think it is very fine.

My address until June 1st will be Pender, love each other throughout eternity, provided each other, without a doubt; that we shall our love is that of the souls rather than of

### CREMATED.

the Ashes of a Friend Who Was Cremated.

hold in my hand a metal can, Containing the ashes of a friend. Are ashes all that are left of man? Do hopes of life thus sadly end? Ie thirsted for knowledge and the truth, His love for man was pure and strong,

"That life in ashes end," seems wrong.

Reason! thou subtle power of mind, That raises man above the brute, Are ashes scattered by the wind, All of our life, all of its fruit? And Reason answered: Clouds of doubt of their own—a peculiar kind of religion, which Upon the subject still prevail,

If 'tis possible to reason out That life exists beyond the veil. Tell me, clear, star-eyed Science, Revelator of worlds unknown, On what thou sayest there's reliance

Are ashes all of life that's flown? You tell of matter in fourth degree, A substance lighter than air we breathe: Hast seen a soul from form set free? It so, thy brow with fame we'll wreathe.

And Science answered: Every truth Must rest on facts beyond dispute. The danger, however, has been safely passed. My mission is, "though in my youth," Laws to discover, errors refute." No ray of light have I to give Upon a question so profound,

If after death we yet shall live; Yet hope and faith and love abound. Ye wise philosophers of schools of thought,

Are ashes all of life, its hopes and fears? For martyrs, no reward for truth they taught? Whose lives went out in groans and blood

The sages answered: "Neither y was or nay Have we to say; life is a mystery The race may solve some future day, And carve it on the page of history.'

And of those I loved so dear; And of hopes so full of gladness, All turned to grief with bitter tear, Oh! the darkness and the gloom On my doubting heart that fell, Only ashes and the tomb. Mournful as a funeral bell.

Soft as falling dews of twilight. Soft as moonbeams on the lake. Sweet as slumbers of a babe. Were the mem'ries that stole o'er me,

Then on wings of love I mounted, Far above the sage's wisdom Far above the earth terrestrial. Heaven's pure, white-robed evangels, Were not all of life and love.

LEANDER THOMPSON.

#### A Beautiful Vision.

To THE EDITOR:-I am so well pleased with rope for the coming of the dear one or waits that year. I was then a member of the Christian church and living in the city of St. Louis.

I was walking in the yard, and all of a sudden to help build one of the churches, and the father of the child had assisted in building the other (he being a carpenter, and donated his work), we met with a flat refusal!

Both before and since we have been "catching ing it" from them, so we issued a challenge for a public discussion of "The Relative Merits of Spiritualism and Orthodoxy from a Billis of Spiritualism from the each of Spiritual

MRS. M. A. COOK.

The Spiritualists' Encyclopedia.

EMMA HARDINGE BRITTEN'S LAST, BEST AND GREATEST LIFE-WORK STATEMENT AND FI-

For the past two years I have added to my other engrossing engagements the writing and compilation of the above named great worksending out thousands of circulars, letters, and notices-and receiving in return many hundreds of biographies, portraits of mediums, woodcuts, etc. Besides those sent me, I have collected many records of present-day spiritual workers, whose addresses I have failed to arrive at, and written from personal knowledge or other reliable sources, the wonderful experiences of the brave and devoted pioneers of the noble cause, most of whom have already passed on to the higher life, leaving none, but me, their friend and fellow laborer, to bear testimony to their dauntless courage and terrible trials.

As the progress of my great undertaking proceeded, I found it impossible to condense the record into less space than two large volumes of 500 pages each. To publish the first 1,000 copies, together with the numerous illustrations they were to contain, would involve, at the smallest cost, four hundred pounds (English) or two thousand dollars (American money), and that without leaving one penny of recompense for the time, labor, and preliminary expenses of the author. 1 have hitherto published all my large volumes. pamphlets, leaflets; etc., at a financial loss, and my last magazine venture has exhausted all my available means, and I can do no more without such assistance as the work in question imperatively calls for. I have, hitherto, sent broadcast circulars to the alleged "millions" of Spiritualists of the age, announcing simply the immense value and importance of the work I was undertaking, and soliciting the promise of subscribers enough to ensure the bare expenses of publication. To effect this purpose, I have placed the subscriptions at the lowest possible rate, namely, sixteen shillings (English), or four dollars of foreign money, for the entire two volumes.

In response to the last circular announcing the completion of the work, the "millions" have narrowed down to fewer hundreds than would suffice to meet half the expenses of the first 1,000 issued. As I am neither versed in the art of begging, nor servile solicitations for what I insist on claiming to be a record which ought to be invaluable to every true Spiritualist, so nothing now remains for me except to close up my fruitless and expensive efforts to awaken interest in what the Spirit-world and its noblest earthly missionaries have done for a generation too indifferent to preserve the record of their stupendous labors.

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their money safely, by post office orders.

To the noble few, but true ones, who have freely sent in their names as future subscribers, I hereby return my warm and loving thanks, and conclude with the fervent wish that there were one thousand such, when the spirit would no longer have to say (as they have too often done of late): "We have have too often done of late): "We have founded Spiritualism, and all that we need to make it the world's religion is-Spiritualists. EMMA H. BRITTEN,

The Lindens, Humphrey street, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, England.

Father Walter and Spiritualism. On the 9th of April, I called unexpectedly

on Pierre Keeler for a slate-writing. While waiting for it the funeral of Father Walter

"I rest from my labors. J. A. WALTER. I could think of no deceased person of that

name. About two hours later, at my home, "The two child spirits," as printed in the last PROGRESSIVE THINKER has long been current Washington, D. C. W. H. BURR.

only 21 years old. At 3 he could play on the

specific term, polarify is resultant of spirit the camp-meetings, stopping for a short time no more die than the soul itself can die. in the Spirit world. I have tokens of many interceded for music, and as a proof that suit able music could be prepared composed his celebrated masses.

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In THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of March | The French minister, Clemenceau, in his 10th, an article entitled: "A Priestly Govern- great speech last summer, said: "What is ment," deserves more than a passing notice. living and very powerful, is the Catholic It begins with the declaration: "It is not church, the greatest organized, political force Catholics only, who are making aggressions in existence.
on civil liberty." We may add, "and religious "The pope sees from afar. The pope is in liberty." In the early days of this nation a no hurry. Serving only one interest, that of statesman said: "The only power to be feared the church; always seeking for toleration, alby this government, is ecclesiasticism."

Is it not a fact that nearly, if not quite |. The motto is, "Concede, that you may every attempt to subvert this government by exact." "Concessions once accepted, the amendments to the constitution favoring class principle of intervention becomes an estaband religious legislation has been made by lished fact," Protestants; that is, organized ecclesiastical bodies known as orthodox Protestants?

cuted by imprisonment, whipping, stocks, Christendom would now be plunged in the grosstorture, banishment or death, those who est ignorance and superstition, the writer has differed with them in religious belief and pract the most profound respect and gratitude. For tice?

or hold office unless he belonged to the power, seeks to affiliate with Rome and tenchurch?

is a noticeable and remarkable fact, that when there is no language sufficiently strong to exever the conservative party which embraced press his detestation. the clergy carried the elections, intolerance and religious persecution followed."

were dissatisfied with the liberal provisions bind the consciences of men, had labored and religious restrictions of the constitution? for laws to prohibit emigrants who owe alleto induce Congress to prohibit the carrying of naturalized citizens, New York and Chicago the United States mail on Sunday?

Who, by their persistent determination to

Sunday Rest Bill, and Educational Bill," defend our sacred, inalienable rights? backed by petitions miles in length, with millions of signatures—a large per cent of them hand in this government! fraudulent?

Who solicited Catholics to take a part in this treason and counted the signature of a cardinal as seven millions?

resentations was the Supreme Court of the United States ensuared into officially declar- 1910 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. ing-"This is a Christian nation?"

Who, by petitions, social and political influence and threats of political boycott, wheedled Congress into passing the unconstitutional act to "close the gates of the World's Fair on Sunday?"

Who would fain have called out the United States troops to enforce the ordinance?

Who are laboring for an amendment to the Constitution that shall acknowledge the orthodox Christian God and his son Jesus Christ as the head of this government?

Who desire to be the exponents of their

Who are working in every city and town for laws to enforce Sunday observance, and who, having gained an inch, will take an ell in this city of Chicago, when once the municipal power is committed to religious legislation? Who drove D. M. Bennett to a prison and

to death as a martyr to religious liberty? Who, within the last decade have caused Christian men to be arrested, imprisoned, fined, worked in a chain-gang with felons, and their property sold to pay costs, for the crime (?) of quietly working on their own premises, in their own homes, on the first day of the week? these same men-citizens of the United States-having observed the seventh day of

their consciences dictated. Who are industriously grinding this popish axe of compulsory religious observances, blind to the probability that it will eventually sever their own heads, for the papal creed reheretic as Col. Ingersoll?

Who infest the several State Legislatures, when in session, and work for the passage of bills inimical to personal liberty?

Who seek to make laws that shall declare Christian Science, mediumship and all spiritual phenomena, and the practice of occult science, a crime and misdemeanor?

Who are breeding a swarm of spies and informers-the meanest creatures on earth, traitors not excepted? ...

Who have introduced militarism into the cure attendance at and interest in Sunday. schools? (Strange tactics to win converts to the Prince of Peace, and as innocent and harmless to contemplate as a caged tiger!)

Who boast that "In this city are four full regiments, or forty companies of young men, Uncago, III. Every Spiritualist should have and of the sixty-four operas that he wrote in in the house ever since, and proposed to stay is quite limited; orders should be sent at the wrote in in the house ever since, and proposed to stay is quite limited; orders should be sent at the wrote in in the house ever since, and proposed to stay is quite limited; orders should be sent at who are uniformed, thoroughly drilled in the manual of arms, and fully equipped with rifles that can shoot, if shooting should become necessary—the companies inspected on West Point lines, and the commissioned officers churchmen, and that these Sunday-school soldiers could be sent to the front at twentyfour hours' notice?"

-orthodox Protestants!

Catholicism does not need to be openly agway," systematically and craftily secure all to \$1, cloth.

within its reach, while Protestantism is battering away at the Constitution, to make a breach, through which Catholicism can enter and take

This being a "Christian Nation," the papacy is Christian and prepared to take "the lion's

If God and Christ are the head of this government, who is so well qualified to become their vicegerent as the Holy Roman Pontiff!

Protestants outnumber Catholics in this THEIR SCHEMES CATALOGUED-THEIR DEEDS country, but the latter have the advantage of a rigid organization and a head center whose word is law.

ways working for domination."

For Protestantism in its original and general sense, which made liberty, progress and In "the good old colony days," who perse- civilization possible, and without which all that apostate Protestantism which, for politi-Who enacted laws that no man should vote cal purposes and worldly aggrandizement and derly calls her "The Mother Church," and by A historian writing of that time says: "It unchristian acts proves the relationship true,

If Protestants had been true to principle, and instead of working to obtain laws to en-After our independence was gained, who force religious dogmas and observances to Who moved heaven and earth, as it were, giance to any foreign power from becoming would not be today in the grasp of Catholics.

The Pope's ablegate, Monseignor Satolli, use the King James version of the Bible as a would not be established in the nation's capital

Let us awake from this lethargy and take a Let us heed the signs of the times which

forbode evil to this country! Last, but not least-circulate THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER, the ONE faithful, fearless By whose crafty devices and specious rep. watchman on the walls of our American Zion.

L. J. SHAFER.

#### Coming Spring.

I feel the thrill of a passing breeze, And the murmur of distant streams, And the whispered breath from silent trees Awakens my boyhood dreams.

The sunshine broods with a golden And the earth seems all aglow; O'er mountain heights and woodland dell A spirit moves to and fro.

And my heart seems warm as dewy May, With the old-time fire of youth, When the sky was clear as a summer's day. And hearts were full of truth.

And I seem to hear from memory's shore The voice of an absent one, Breathing of constancy evermore, True as the fadeless sun.

And a world of beauty opens wide, Akin to the one of earth, When my heart shall clasp my absent bride In the land of immortal birth. BISHOP A. BEALS.

### Locating God.

To THE EDITOR:-A writer in the late number of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER locates the week as the Sabbath, as the Bible and God in the "center" of the universe but fails to locate the "center" of the universe, Now, I is a center, there is a circumference surroundgards a Protestant bishop to be as much a ing it, and beyond this limit, there is what? can form any conception of "Nothing." The other. human mind, in its main struggle to fathom and grasp the infinite, has generally tried to localize and limit the deity, in order to produce a correspondence with its its finite conception; but isn't it more rational to consider the deity as being the soul of the universe, utterly unknowable and inconceivable, except in a minute deformless, but existing in the universe as the the villages near Prague. Most of his early two of them were old men. All this time the Sunday-schools of the land, ostensibly to se soul and life of every molecule in all the limitless expanse of being? O. W. BARNARD.

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### DANGER AHEAD.

### Clairvoyant in Connecticut.

To THE EDITOR: -Judge Root, of Waterbury, Conn., this morning decided in the Police Court, in the case of Helen Ashland Kean, medical clairvoyant, versus the city of Waterbury, that "no clairvoyant who uses drugs, medicines or poisons," has any right to prac-

medicines, we are restricted from using them: & Co., now living in Bellevue borough. of mankind, used in your practice any herb. of her bed. Beware! you are violating the statute. God doubtless designed these herbs to counteract

imperial prerogative to alone kill or preserve, as it pleases or is possible.

the Superior court early in June.

HELEN ASHLAND KEAN. Waterbury, Conn.

All About Devils. By Moses Hull. traces the history of the theological idea of devils. Shows much research. Paper, 15

Rossini was so lazy that in his younger wish to ask if it isn't a fact in philosophy, days he was accustomed to compose in bed. corroborated by common sense, that if there Once he was writing a trio, and had it most completed when the sheet fell out of his hand and went under the bed. He could not nothing, you answer. Well, perhaps, if you reach it, and rather than get up he wrote an-

> tended him for a priest and thrashed him for and grounds, with eyes well-fixed for seeing trying to learn music. After enduring, much and ears sharpened for hearing, Mr. Johnson ill-treatment he ran away from home to the began to talk. When he asked if the spirit house of another uncle, who took charge of knew how many persons, there were in the A Rare Offer Secrets of the Convent of him and gave him d musical education.

gree—beginningless, endless, boundless and the violin at the dances of the peasantry in there were three men in the cellar, and that operas, especially those written for the London theaters, were failures. Handel said that

subscribe for it; in fact the whole world less than twenty-five years only one had the there. Mr. Johnson replied that he proposed Heights, Dhio. would be greatly improved if it could be good fortune to last more than three or four too stay there too, and was answered by a read by each family circle. Terms one Dol- years. His maxim was, "A grain of wit is series of loud knocks meaning no. "It" gave better than a bushel of learning," and never the initials of the owner of the house, "A. W. tired of repeating it.

Schubert was precocious. He learned to sons in her family. quantity of other music.

### THIS SPOOK IS GENUINE.

#### A Decision that Interests Every Remarkable Experience of Two Allegheny Families.

THEY RENT A HOUSE AND ARE MUCH DISTURBED WITH MYSTERIOUS RAPPINGS, -THEY CALL as possible both families moved away. THAT THE FAMILIES LEAVE THE HOUSE.

TO THE EDITOR: - According to the Pittstice, without violating the statute, which reads: burg (Pa,) Times, there is a genuine haunted that the raps took place every night and some-"This act shall not apply to the use of pro- house in this city. It sets forth that if the times in daylight. Mr. Johnson is not a prietary remedies, sold under trade marks is Spiritualists of this community are anxious to Spiritualist, and takes no stock in the docsued by the United States government, nor to secure a proving ground for the weak of that trines of that belief, He does not now admit any chiropodist or clairvoyant who does not faith or to convince skeptics, they will find it that the raps were made by spirits, but says use in his practice any drugs, medicines or at the corner of Wiley avenue and Brighton whatever the cause, it is beyond him to exroad, in the lower part of Allegheny. Raps, plain or detect. This is, of course, a test case. Upon Judge bumps and even materializations are there Root's decision hangs the future of every un- without the aid of durkened cabinets, or juglicensed, unregistered clairvoyant, chiropodist glery of any description. Doubters are reor healer of any description. We must not ferred to the families of Raoul Johnson and use drugs, medicines, poisons. As herbs are Arthur Bussler, bookkeeper for Bovard. Rose

even in our own particular families, we are Until about a week ago they lived in a house not allowed to prescribe an herb. We must at the location named, and left it only because decide between the privilege of dying or of they could not see their way to be continually but when she does take hold, after mature who, by their persistent determination to use the King James version of the Bible as a text-book in the public schools, gave Catholics just ground of complaint, the dire effects of which threaten to destroy the union?

Who made it difficult, and in some localities impossible, for a person, however well qualified, to obtain a position as teacher in the public schools unless he or she is a member of some orthodox church?

Who discharged an efficient teacher for reading the works of Thomas Paine?

Who conceived and presented to Congress when the privalege of dying or of the globe as a legate, monseignor Saturd, her moto seems to be "Hold as vice-pope. Our public schools would not be distinsted in the nation's capital as vice-pope. Our public schools well apply to the matter of Spiritualism, After distinguish. After which well apply to the matter of Spiritualism, After when a proposed the other with a sociating with spooks. The men of the call in line is effected than otherwise by its wild not over our public of the stamp of approval), who may cut, bleed, purge, saw, hammer or poison, ad libitum ad infinitum. He is the britth of a fabulous, miracle-working sain, for whose name there should be no room in an American calendar.

Trieding Americans, patriots, liberals, how some three should be no room in an American calendar.

Trieding Americans, patriots, liberals, how to conceived and presented to Congress when the or the integration of their bangs, and at the work of Thomas Paine?

Who conceived and presented to Congress the integration or shall we unite to the integration or shall we unite to the special patrious the discussion of the motor of the motor of the propose of the motor of the propose of the seed of the motor of the propose of th this interests you. Have you, for the benefit when the spirit was rapping noisily at the head seeds have taken deep root, the plant has

AN AGGRESSIVE SPOOK,

the "his to which fiesh is heir," but the medical profession, and the law which is the handbecause all hands were buried in the luxury of it unless you have a license." Is it not like have heard anything spiritual. But after they not like Portia's decision for and against Shylon hand aggressively all the time. The noises of the Religio Philosophical and the law which is heir," but the medical profession, and the law which is the handbecause all hands were buried in the luxury of ity a demonstrated fact. Spiritualism has been found a how, since it has been found a how, since it has been found a like Laws, "Parson Smithe Buthor, and some of her most been tried, and now, since it has been found a "igood thing," the people are flocking to it.

To realize this great fact, one has but to drop in Rayne's hall, where Oscar A. Edgerly, under the auspices of the Religio Philosophical Morning": Meat Head Single Morning": Meat Head Single Morning Meat Head Single Meat Head Single Morning Meat Head Single Morning Meat Head Single Morning Meat Head Single Mea lock. "Take the pound of flesh, but with it were kept up for some nights, though, before Society, lectures to large audiences composed shed not one drop of Christian blood." That either of the families took much notice of in great part of cultured, intelligent people is, perform an impossibility. If a sick man is them. It is not an easy matter for persons who listen with puzzled interest to the forcible thirsty, my dear nurse, don't prescribe even a not believers in Spiritualism to ignore a series and eloquent remarks of the controlling spirit glass of water. The majesty of the law must of raps on the floor at their feet or on the of this young medium on questions the most be sustained, if the heavens fall and humans doors beside where they were sitting, without varied, propounded by the audience; or he may perish. Doctors must be sustained in their being startled.

The mysterious rappings become so fre- First Spiritualist Church and be edified; he may quent and so annoying that they were unbear. follow the first efforts of the Christian Spiritu-With thirty years' experience in hospital and able. When the rappings first began to be alists' Society, yet in embryo. Or, if the inin families, I am not, by Judge Root's decis- noticed, if no attention were paid, they would quirer be as yet ignorant of our philosophy ion, as competent to diagnose disease or pre- be increased so rapidly that it was impossible and wants proof of the return of the spirits, scribe treatment as the fledgling who, caress- to ignore them. It was as if some one was let him go to Dr. Roberts or Miss Maggie ing his downy mustache or sucking his cane, knocking and becoming impatient at not being Gaule's crowded seance-rooms and have all looks down from the sublime height of his answered. More in a spirit of fun than any his preconceived notions of death upset by tender years and from behind the barricade of thing else, the two families agreed to make the wonderfully accurate tests given through his 'license' invokes the law and his compat- some answer to the raps and note the result. these mediums. riots to sustain his weak knees and the record Every question that had some air of inquiry I say nothing of the private investigations about it was readily answered, but no atten- going on in many homes. I know of manifes-An appeal has been taken from Judge tion was paid to those that were frivolous, tations thus obtained, of the most startling Root's decision, and the case will be tried in After a few days of this experience, Mr. Bus. character, the effect of which has been to sler and Mr. Johnson concluded that the bring comfort to many an aching heart and to matter was too good to keep to themselves restore abiding peace to many a troubled mind. and agreed to call in some of their friends. In Then there are the scientists and the minisresponse to invitations to talk to the "spooks," ters who are also "asking for the light." A nineteen persons gathered at the house. The few, dazzled by the first flash, retire into their whole house was lighted fully from cellar to wonted obscurity of ignorance, but the greater attic, and the party scattered through the number, interested, attracted, are fast probuilding and grounds, three men being placed gressing in the way of conviction. They no in the cellar.

HAD A LIVELY EVENING.

Spontini's uncle, who adopted him, in party had been distributed through the house Spiritualism is a subject-matter that pays. house, three raps. followed and then nineteen others as an evidence of the knowledge. Gluck began his musical career by playing In answer to other questions, "it" said that heads of the men in the cellar, who could dis-It said that it was the spirit of a woman who

Offenbach was the French Gilmore. He had died in room number 7 on March 9, 1869, S.," and indicated by raps the number of per- Them. By Moses Hull. A beautiful essay

Rights of Man, by Thomas Paine. Com- plap both piano and violin at 5 years of age, The matter of questioning was concluded by progression. Paper, 25 cents; cloth, 50 cts. prising an answer to Burke's attack on the and was put under the care of the village or asking if the spirit would materialize to which A Sex Revolution, by Louis Waisbrooker. The one answer to the foregoing questions French Revolution, and giving Paine's ideas ganist, who soon said: "I can teach him three raps replied. "It" said that it would Radical ideas. Paper, 25 cents. on government. Paper, 25 cents; cloth, 50 cts. nothing. Whenever I wished to give him not materialize in the presence of the quest. The Contrast: Evangelicalism and Spirit. Helen Harlow's Vow, or Self Justice. By something fresh, he knew it already." Schu- tioner or any other man, but would greet any uslism Compared. By Moses Hull. A gressive. It can 'keep the even tenor of its Lois Waisbrooker. Price reduced from \$1.50 bert wrote over 1,200 songs and an enormous woman in room 7, where the death had oc trenchant presentation of the subject. Paper, curred, and which was the bedroom of Mrs. 50 cents; aloth, \$1.

Johnson. At that declaration all the women in the house covered their faces, fearing to look around through fear of seeing the ghost, and demanding unanimously that the trouble cease at once.

#### THE AGENT'S EXPERIENCE.

The rest of the night was spent in discussing what had been heard, and no explanation covered the case. A thorough search was made for some electrical contrivances that would produce the raps, but nothing was found. There was no possibility that any living person could have been in the house without being detected by some of the many watchers on the look-out. At another time the agent who was in charge of the property called in the evening with the lease to be signed. While he was talking the spook began to rap, bringing out the question from him as to the cause. He was informed of the annovance to which the two families had been subjected since they moved into the house, and he remained to hear more. He stayed until midnight, and during all the time he was there the raps continued. When he had assisted in an Abominations of Auricular Confession. investigation he told them that if he were in their position he would refuse to sign any lease. The lease was not signed, and as soon IN NEIGHBORS AND A SUCCESSFUL SEANCE IS Mr. Johnson says that the raps would fol-

HELD-THE SPOOK BECOMES SO AGGRESSIVE low him and members of his family to their bedrooms, where the noise would be greater AN INVALUABLE WORK. than in the rooms down stairs. He added

It would be well for Spiritualists of this city to investigate this matter. Pittsburg, Pa. .

#### Spiritualism in Baltimore. Baltimore has the reputation of being an ul-

tra conservative old city, slow to take up anything new and which has not been well tried; grown, attracting attention by the beauty of its foliage and the fragrance of its blossom,

go and hear Mrs. Walcott, the pastor of the

gressing in the way of conviction. They no longer wait for the kindly mantle of night to go ring the medium's door-bell; they venture to walk boldly into a public seance-room, and Future Life According to Science. That was by far the most lively evening ex- some I have known manly enough to stand up perienced, the seance continuing until nearly, and testify to the truth revealed to them. The morning. By that time Mr. Johnson had be influence of the Spiritualist philosophy may be come familiar enough with the spook to talk clearly traced in the sermons of many a priest with "it" through an arrangement by which or minister, in many a newspaper or magazine "it" was to indicate an affirmative by three article. The press knows a "good thing" when raps and a negative by one rap. When the others don't, and it has been found out that PAUL.

the Sacred Heart.

The remainder of the bound edition of the above book, to extend its circulation, will be sent for 25 cents per copy; postage 5 cents, or four copies for \$1.00, postage paid. Many questioner was in a room directly over the in ordering have expressed a desire for the Gluck knew no more about counterpoint that tincily hear the queries as well as the answers. They can now please themselves. Silver may be mailed at always tried to please rather than instruct, was then 72 years of age, had remained publisher's risk. As the number of copies

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A kind friend has just informed me of an essay in which my quondam friend, Hudson Tuttle, has assailed a fellow laborer in the spiritual vineyard with depreciative sarcasm, and with the following language; which shows the very free-and-easy style of a professional joker, but which was evidently intended to be taken quite seriously by the

reader:

\* "the prophecies of Dr. J. R. Buchanan, which were of the usual tradamus in the sixteenth century. blood-and-thunder sort. The reiteration of the wails of Jeremiah; wars, hair of his head stand on end. The only remarkable thing about this prophecy is that not a word of it has yet come true, nor is it possible for the geological part to be fulfilled."

The editor of the Arena, which published my essay, has not lost any esteem for Dr. Buchanan, for he knows the foregoing quotation to be a combination of falsehood and burlesque, and so does of God affect our conduct have thus every reader of my essay; but you expect to be read by those who have Hindu: not seen it, who may rely upon your veracity, and therefore you may feel safe in such defamation, though it violates by the theory of an extra-cosmic Suthe principles of spiritual ethics.

You have made similar slurring remarks before, and been completely answered, and I supposed silenced (although you did not apologize), for you made no defense.

The essay which you thus burlesque

is one of the most valuable that I have ever written, and excited the deepest interest. It showed valid political throne. reasons for anticipating a terrible civil In Inc. war, arising from the increasing and angry antagonism of labor and capital. The reasons which I gave then (and I believe I was the first in this country to plains the aim and object of existence, set forth distinctly and fully the dangers shows the relation of man to man, and before us have been greatly reinforced supplies that real criterion of being by the additional facts developed in the which satisfies reason, and ennobles last three years, and I am continually emotion. In its passive aspect religion told, by those interested in politics, that my statement was too cautious, and that the nature and relation of God, man, the crisis will come upon us much and universe, shows the real aim of exsooner than I predicted. I was told so istence, and lays down the rules of right to-day by one of our most remarkable conduct. In its active aspect it reveals mediums, as an opinion derived from to the heart of man the supremest controlling spirits; but I adhere to my own calculation, for this is not merely a it ever strives to approach. Religion, matter of intuitive foresight, but is by the satisfaction of both these essenfortified also by one of the laws of the uni- tial parts of the nature of man, leads to verse which I have discovered and mental peace, spiritual exaltation, unisuccessfully applied to human life for versal good-all culminating in absolute many years. I have not been eager to self-realization. anticipate wars, but have more than CHRISTIANS' once truly predicted peace when statesmen and soldiers were predicting war.

You know very well that "coming events cast their shadows, before," and that prophecy is one of the powers of the human soul; if you do not fully and potent reasons which make it popularly heartily realize it, you ought to attend disagreeable. The conduct of the one of my lectures and be convinced, Christians in India has been anything markable and truthful prophecies. A debauchery, they horrified the simple-number of seers have recognized with minded Hindu by their defiance of the profound sorrow our coming calamities, moral codes of God and man. Nor was and Spiritualism a most sincere, faithful own foreknowledge expressed in my

My prediction is fortified, too, by a very similar prediction made nearly thirty the Right Hand of Warren Hastings,

ing storm have become so alarming that pioneers of Christianity in India. our country's best, thinkers, and nearly

The millions of suffering and angry liquor. When a Hindu is seen going alists in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in men are rapidly increasing in numbers, and turbulent strikes, which have long and turbulent strikes, which have long here more than one a day, are continued of the control of the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the Bible. Christian priesteraft in the city and surrounding in the ci The millions of suffering and angry been more than one a day, are continually growing in magnitude and violence.

But Mr. Tuttle claims a very superior wisdom when he looks upon all forecasts of danger with "pity" for our ignorance. He has exactly the wisdom of the secession orator who offered to drink all the blood that would flow after secession. And he is not alone in such wisdom. The monopolizing millionaires who have driven and are driving millions to the edge of the grave are insensithere are millions whose brains are so ror which the eating of animal food sodden in selfishness that nothing but produces in the Hindu mind. Why, country's condition.

heres to it, it will not require a great habits. It seems strange that Christians. many years to make him thoroughly ashamed of it. If he does not retract, he can lay no claim to wise inspiration or seership, or even sound political independ in this metter. It seems strange that Christians, who say they are willing to sacrifice their lives for their religion, cannot afford to sacrification of their palate. They say we are heathens. judgment in this matter. I expect him to disagree with me in some things, for he leans too much to the materialistic carnation, in the law of Karma and uniand Bundyistic view of life for us to harmonize; but gentlemen can differ manity that they preach all the seven

sufficiently in my former reply.

As for the asserted total failure of my predictions, I recognize only Mr. Tuttle's total failure to tell the truth. The stricken nations simply to enrich them prediction of war is rapidly approaching its fulfilment. The prediction of heathens? If to believe in one's own cyclones and diseases was fulfilled. The deeds as the cause of one's condition; cyclones and diseases was fulfilled. The prediction of Mr. Blaine's death was fulfilled as I expected, though the newsfulfilled as I expected, though the new expected the new expected the new expe prediction of the newspapers were reporting his fine health.
All whose deaths were predicted will
die in a few years. I had good reasons
for my prediction, but failed to appres
for my prediction and failed to force. I see no reason to be ashamed of the error, for half the diagnoses of physicians are either incorrect or totally erroneous, as magnetic healers generally know, although they have every opportunity of seeing and testing their opportunity of seeing and testing their patients. But I had not seen the parameter of the tendency of modern herent of that denomination for many there is a moral law innerent in the constitution of the universe. This can be constitution of the universe. This of the universe, and so thoroughly materialistic and so thoroughly materialistic and so thoroughly materialistic and so thoroughly materialistic and so the constitution of the universe. This period for the universe. This can be denomination for many there is a moral law innerent in the constitution of the universe. This period for the universe. This can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the can be described in the can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the constitution of the universe. This can be described in the c force. I see no reason to be ashamed

dictions to be like divine foreknowledge. by anything recorded, unless it be the prophecy of Napoleon's career by Nos-

These things are rare now, but in the coming century the prophetic power famine, pestilence, earthquakes and will become the guide of the enlight-a turning back of the Atlantic Coast ened; and though far from infallible into the Alleghany mountains, in a way myself, I expect to convince my friends, that made one's flesh creep and each before leaving this life, that prophecy has a practical value.

J. R. BUCHANAN.

San Francisco, April 17.

#### VIRCHAND R. CANDHI.

CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.

The ways our different conceptions admirably been set forth by a learned Let us for a moment try to analyze

the moral standard of those who abide preme Being, requiring strict obedience at our hands to his commands.

The end and aim of Christianity is to satisfy the emotional by subjecting man to a Supreme Being through fear of whom he keeps to the path of righteousness, in order that, by fulfilling his commandments, he may ascend to heaven to sit at the right of the eternal

In India religion has a triple aspect. ideal of love and bliss-an ideal which

CHRISTIANS' LACK OF PRINCIPLE. These are some of the great differences between Christianity and the Aryan (Hindu) philosophy which make the former unacceptable to the educated ourselves, body and mind, what is the my students sometimes make re- but holy. Steeped in drunkenness and been surprised to find their the conduct of the officials of the British East India Company exemplary. In the Bengali novels, "Maharajah Nandaku-mar," and "Gunga Govina Singh, or years ago by a wonderful German seer, is drawn a picture of the inhuman along with other prophecies which have cruelty and the gross misconduct of been fulfilled, so as to warrant some re- these brutal wretches-a disgrace to their nation and their religion. Well But since my publication, the light may their brothers disclaim any connings and winds that indicate the com- nection with them; but they were the

think we were on the brink of a civil of sheep, hogs, steers and poultry a one of our leading papers has advised its readers to prepare for the coming struggle by rigid economy, living as cheaply as possible leaving off to the control of the Hindu mind. There is a prevalent opinion in India the 10th of April aged 65 years. It was the first being the control of the cheaply as possible, leaving off tea, coffee, sugar, and everything that can be dispensed with.

The millions of suffering and angry linear a prevalent opinion in India the 10th of April, aged 65 years. Mr. Innis was a pioneer Spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction. Lying, coffee, sugar, and everything that can simply to gratify his appetite, to eat that a person becomes a Christian dispensed with.

City, and stood almost alone for some slavery, adultery, drunkenness and murble of the millions of suffering and angry linear When a Hirdu is soon going the little was a pioneer Spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanctioned that that a person becomes a Christian does not sanction. Lying, and stood almost alone for some slavery, adultery, drunkenness and murble of the millions of suffering and angry linear was a pioneer Spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction. Lying, and stood almost alone for some slavery, adultery, drunkenness and murble of the millions of suffering and angry linear was a pioneer Spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of Oil Protestantism does not sanction was a pioneer spiritualist of a grog-shop, his friends say, "He has friends and people of various religious turned a Christian." Indeed, they denominations collected to hear an adseem to think that animal food and

cidents of Christianity. Have they shaped their course to suit the true idea of humanity? People of, the western civilizations cannot underble to these widespread calamities. And stand the disgust and unutterable horbloodshed on a very large scale will one of the objections that the Hindus make them think seriously of their raise against foreign travel is the fear, almost amounting to a conviction, that Mr. Tuttle has made his supercilious their young men would contract in record on this question, and if he ad-

courteously.

As for "turning back the Atlantic coast into the Alleghany mountains," Mr. Tuttle did not add, "This is a joke," and so anybody else is free to add, "This is a falsehood." There is nothing to instity it in my essay. As for the graph of the week, are they heathens? Or is it the people who say that the soul of man had its beginning in time, but will pass into eternity, meaning thereby that it is eternal at one end without being so at the other (a contradiction in terms): who believe that man was instify it in my essay. As for the geo-logical impossibility of the earthquake bound down to destiny by the freak of I predicted as a future probability, such an irresistible being—judge and prose-an assertion is a display of geological cutor at the same time: and who ignorance upon which I commented preach brotherhood Sundays and the rest of the week meet in political cabi-nets to cut the throat of their weaker brothers, and to grind down poverty

Moreover, the tendency of modern herent of that denomination for many there is a moral law inherent in the

or thinks it a serious discredit to mistake thought, instead of implanting anything might associate with Spiritualists, and the future, even as badly as Secretary new in the naturally speculative minds be able to avail herself of the opportun-Seward in thinking the rebellion would be subdued in ninety days. The wonder is that any predictions are correct, for one good has resulted—and that is, it she talked much about the prospective failure is the general rule, and the prophecy of Cazotte, who pointed out the exact fate of ten leaders of French society before the revolution, is unequaled storehouse of religious philosophy The funeral services were of a very ciety before the revolution, is unequaled storehouse of religious philosophy by anything recorded, unless it be the which in comprehensiveness and daring speculation defies comparison.

Those that wish to teach a new rethorough knowledge not only of their understand the manners, the customs, phy of the Aryans? Have they mastered their sacred language? Even W. FLEMING. when Christian teachings disturb the Hindu mind it does not fly to Christianity for rest, but takes refuge in some of those so-called reformed reigious societies of India which have porrowed Christian thought and displayed it in Hindu garbs. Fortunately the old orthodoxy is reviving and the new-fangled societies are getting much smaller in number. From what has been said above it will be apparent that Christian missionaries in India have to encounter insuperable difficulties and that their labor is wasted labor.

VIRCHAND R. GANDHI, & Hindu.

### WHAT IS THE USE?

CONTINUED FROM FOURTH PAGE. tem of insisting on setting aside, or allowing a few to do the thinking for the many-and then to teach their conclu-

sions as knowledge.

Now no intelligent beings left to themselves ever imagined or imbibed such an idea as either of these conclusions. No savage people on earth ever had such an ideal of a future state so horrible, or such a code of morals, natural or evolved. Both are the result of perverted conditions of class privilege and assumed authority. And they exist simply because the mass of mankind has been too busy with the material duties subject. That is the special mission of this newer age-every man to be his from the coils of an anaconda. own teacher, his own priest and his own thinker. Why should one person "boss" another merely because he may know today what the other can know tomorlives who is not free in mind.

#### Passed to Spirit-Life.

V. E. Rillieux writes: "In the death of our brother in faith, Henry Rey, the city of New Orleans loses a good citizen, and stout-hearted worker."

He was a member of the Baptist church ment.
seven years; that being too narrow a Christian priestcraft in its Protestall reformatory political newspapers, have spoken in a manner which shows that they substantially agree with me. All deep thinkers are profoundly concerned now, and many have been for ten years past. I could show a list of the protections and the control of spirit return. In 1864 he moved to this State. The funeral was held at the place for the broad-minded man, he place for the broad-minded man, he ant guise has sought to bring all the to the church, investigated Spiritual song book and copy of solvered out of the church, world into bondage to an infallible control of spirit return. In 1864 he moved to the Roman Catholic the infallible represents a religion devoid of humane place for the broad-minded man, he gradually drifted out of the church, world into bondage to an infallible control of mediumship, a spiritual song book and copy of spirit into bondage to an infallible control of mediumship, a spiritual song book and copy of spiritual song book. What the infallible control into bondage to an infallible control of mediumship, a spiritual song book and copy of spirit into bondage to an infallible control of mediumship, a spiritual song book and copy of spiritual song book. What the infallible control into bondage to an infallible control of mediumship, a spiritual song book and copy of spiritual song book. What the infallible control into bondage to an infallible control of mediumship, a spiritual song book and copy of spiritual song book. What the infallible control into bondage to an infallible control of mediumship, a spiritual song book and copy of spiritual song book and copy of spiritual song book. What the infallible control of mediumship, a spiritual song book and copy of spiritual song ten years past. I could show a list of brotherhood of all living beings. That this State. The funeral was held at the after truth has been checked on the very instructive quotations from our representatives of nations who fatten Bundy schoolhouse in Hagar township. one side by Roman Catholicism with the press, that might lead a foreigner to and kill for selfish gratification millions think we were on the brink of a civil of sheep, hogs, steers and poultry a officiated.

I. K. Shimer.

dress from Mrs. H. S. Lake, of Clevespirituous liquors are inseparable in- land, but at the last hour it was dis-WHAT MISSIONARIES HAVE DONE.

What have the missionaries done to isolate the property of the p justice in conceding his right to think, ments before the world; and considering the position he was placed in he did exceedingly well. Mr. Innis was a progressive man, and he had a big human race. L. B.

Passed to Spirit-life, April 3, 1894, Bert, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. few weeks since, and now the aged mother is called upon to bear this early separation in earth-life from her dear son. He was a manly, kindhearted boy, quiet and unassuming in manner, respected by his companions and friends. and was just arriving at the age when he would have been a great support to his mother and sisters. Evidences of tender sympathy from his schoolmates were shown in a beautiful floral piece representing a broken circle upon which was placed the word, "Classmate," in immortelles. Other offerings of choice flowers robbed the scene of much of its sadness.

Prophetstown, Ill., April 20, 1894.

Passed to the higher life April 12th,

Pr. Buchanan to Hudson ties, and did not accurately get their at all. It produces skeptics and agnostics best interests of our glorious religion.

Tuttle.

Tuttle. ten years in the city of Pittsburg, at the Thus modern science and modern home of the writer, in order that she

> impressive nature, and were conducted by the Rev. F. A. Wiggin of Salem, Mass. An impressive song service by ligion must bear in mind that the first the choirs of the Pittsburg and Alle- pected diseases. condition is that they must have a gheny churches of Spiritualists was beautifully rendered, and was followed own religion but also of the one they intend to supplant. They must also Mr. Wiggin, after which he gave a brief Mr. Wiggin, after which he gave a brief but eloquent funeral discourse. He spoke medicine. The least inquiry will bring he condition, the religious susceptibili- of the beauty and sublimity of a noble ties and sentiments of the people. life, and feelingly referred to the influ-have the Christian missionaries done ence of the mother in the home. Even ence of the mother in the home. Even so? Have they understood the philoso, the most orthodox were sensibly touched

809 Bellefonte street, Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. Electa Cady, aged 88 years, passed quietly to the summerland. She had been a staunch Spiritualist for over forty years. She was a medium, and was loved by the whole community for her upright, honest life and charity, By

EVENING, APRIL 15, 1894.

forests of Brazil, should see a human being wrapped in the coils of an anaconda he would rush to the assistance of the unhappy victim, he would sever the anaconda's coils and rescue the human being from his dreadful fate.

Priestcraft is the anaconda that has encircled humanity in its deadly coils. The work of the man that rescues humanity from the coils of priestcraft is of life to stop and seriously examine the no more destructive than the work of a man who rescues a human creature is no natural right of man that priestcraft has not dared to attempt to strangle.

Christian priestcraft in its Roman Catholic guise has been bent on setting up an infallible church that should be the tyrannical mistress of all the world. use trying to be? The man only half This infallible church has buried men in Australian Electro Pill remedy free, for foul dungeons, slain men with the sword, catarrh, kidney, liver and stomach think and speak according to the principles of natural reason. This infallible church has invaded the home and Our readers should send at once, naming dictated to families what kind of food THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. they must eat on certain days of the week; it has dragged fathers and mothers and children into the confessional box and made them proclaim secrets Passed to Spirit-life, at the home of that ought to be confined within the his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Sherman, of hallowed precincts of the home. This Benton Harbor, Mich., Mr. Alby Emer- infallible church is the enemy of culture son, aged 79 years and 4 months. Mr. and the friend of ignorance; it is the Emerson was born in Genessee Co., N. Y., in 1815; moved to LaGrange Co., I.X., the late head of this infallible Indiana, in 1837, where he married Miss church, condemned well nigh every Nancy A. Barnes, three years later. principle of modern republican govern-

> cry, "Thus saith the church! Stop!" On the other side he has been checked "Thus saith the church! Ston!" scarcely a crime against decency and morality that this infallible Bible of making a persistent effort to change the republic founded by Washington and Jefferson and Paine into a Christian theocracy.

The man who is rescued from an anaonda acquires his natural freedom of body. The man who is rescued from the coils of Christian priestcraft ac-What have the missionaries done to quest made a few remarks, which were the coils of Christian priesteraft ac-disabuse the people of this impression; quest made a few remarks, which were the coils of Christian priesteraft ac-disabuse the people of this impression; highly spoken of as doing Mr. Innis quires his natural freedom of mind; he have they shaped their course to suit s free to think, to reason, to investihis honesty to act, his religious senti- gate for himself; he can give his attention to scientific studies without thought the embarrassment of Mr. Corselius and or care of what Biblical fabulists may have written.

Because I have given myself to the work of rescuing humanity from the heart. He sympathized with the whole coils of old Christian priestcraft, the thoughtless have declared that I have left the people nothing. But I have left humanity the ethical code. The keen-edged knife of reason which cuts Maxfield Passed to the higher life a wound upon the ethical code. The valuable and enduring part of religion is its ethical code. It is Christian priestcraft that is at war with the ethical code. According to the gospel proclaimed by Christian evangelists, the unbelieving woman who is chaste and modest and loving must make her future bed in hell, while the lecherous, brutal harlot, who shall believe the dogmas of Christian priestcraft at the eleventh hour and fifty-ninth minute shall enter heaven. This is the preaching that stabs the ethical code. I say to men and women we must be temperate, we must be chaste, we must be benevolent, we must discard every vice and practice every virtue if we would live true to the teachings of nature. The truth is that we are saved by vir

1894, from her home in Wheeling, West tue of what we are and do, and not by Virginia, Mrs. Mary Bender in the 71st virtue of what we may believe or disbeyear of her age. She was born in Carlieve, regarding theological speculalisle. Pa., Feb. 23rd, 1823, and came to tions. To overthrow the people's faith few years later she married Robert Aghew, who passed to spirit-life three and would develop the moral sense of every

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