

## ATFER COXEY, WHAT?

A Discourse Given Under the Inspiration of ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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What do these signs portend? Are they of battle, or do they come like armies of peace bearing promises of future greatness?

No subject, perhaps, could be offered for the consideration of the one addressing you that seems so full of suggestion as that of the present hour-not that the may have any manifest meaning or any particular object that entitles him to distinction or consideration; not that a movement which seems to be the laughing-stock of many in high places, and has until recently been the subject of ridicule of the public press and the pub-lic mind generally throughout the country, is particularly entitled to consideration, but because every sign indicates something, and the signs that are abroad in the world to-day indicate an underlying state which it is not well to ignore. However ludicrous fanaticism purpose having is his coadjustre and co-workers those who are equally earnest, can arouse attention; but when a man who has at the foundation of his purpose that which pertains to the welfare of his fellow-beings, even though it be a dictates of conscience. There the namell portion it must receive consideration from whatever powers are appropositions of freedom that were suppropositions of freedom that we have the first that the first pealed to, and when he claims to have for his purpose the welfare of a major- ago.

Coxey army.
Six months ago—three months ago,
even—it was passed off lightly even by serious minded people, who foresaw that plication of the partially republican something was pending. No one monarchy and the state church, keep up dreamed that a man on foot with a few discussions that are entirely impossible hundred followers could ever achieve access to the capital of the nation, be- is it that confronts you at the very door cause, they said, the men will not go; of the citadel of freedom, threatening they will drop by the wayside; they will that citadel and stronghold more, possidesert. But a sufficient number to prove a purpose has arrived at the capital of history of a nation one man or one body the nation. Now it turns out that sim- of men is called upon to stand confront ilar men, or similar bodies of men, aning a great proposition with the great mated by a similar purpose, are press-welfare of the people upon his spirit, ing toward the capital of the country with all the precedents of history from all parts of this nation. There is spread out before him, with no lawful way to prevent their approach nation looking for a crisis s violate the laws of the community dom? If, perchance, he shall not hear through which they pass. Every detection of the viole; if he, occupied with what he or prevent their traveling, unless they with a people vice seems to have been tried, either to considers to be his duty, may not know induce them to pause in their marching the meaning of the whisperings that and not go, or possibly to detain them urge him from within; if he, with a mind with technicalities which have been in that from established precedent, judges the various parts of the country tried in what the nation's welfare is by what vain. A purpose that animates even a it has been, shall refuse to listen, and if. hundred men that are able-bodied, who as has been the case with the one adare not criminals, who are not vaga-bonds and who have intelligence enough infinite power, knowing that human to know what they are asking for, is a thought and human judgment must be purpose to think of, and when there are utterly unavailing in a crisis like that; several hundred men and several thou- and then if he fail to hear the one small sand men who are precisely animated by voice that speaks for freedom, woe unto a similar motive, at a similar time, and to his spirit and unto the nation! If he whom impetus is given by the great shall let any small technicalities arise; if stringency and stress of circumstances he shall allow any prejudices to inter-in different parts of the country, circum-vene; if he shall be governed by policy stances that impinge upon one great crisis, it certainly behooves all thoughtful people who have at their heart the welfare of the nation, and who consider the liberties of the nation worth preserv- that is the Nemesis to enforce it. ing, to think seriously, not only before You know what the nation passed laughing, not only before scorning, but through from which through a generaespecially before acting, to lay one impediment in the way of this petitioning. We have been informed that those ad-

foretold from time to time of great cessfully gone forward. There are new stringency that would be upon the issues in the world to-day. Nations and country; have predicted the financial straits that are everywhere confessed throughout the country, and have stated that the struggle which was impending must necessarily be upon the subject of moving methods and thoughts were sufstraits that are everywhere confessed

into a full discussion of the monetary els faster to-day, and the people who are schemes of this country or the world, or thinking with the thoughts of twenty-

question is it. The proposition ore you is, is are not to be answered by the answers it not a wondering hour of peace, when the unusual strain upon the pub.

upon the financial resources upon the financial resources country, when apparently everyther their was moving on prosperously, thereshould have been a sudden check in all h industrial pursuits; that commerce the calculd have been nearly at a standstill, they are

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sometimes almost interrupt commerce,

Is there a duty? Without one shadow of the parent, the lesson are helpless will not be paupers but the something must be done, not only to unify the commercial relations and the gress is over it must be coted upon, and before the Conunify the commercial relations and the gress is over it must be acted upon.

there are permanently associated with it. The Republicanism of Germany may posed to be settled here one hundred years There the people are struggling ity of his fellow-beings, one cannot ig- with those problems for which the war nore it. In precisely that position is the of the Revolution was fought and which movement which is now known as the it was supposed were fully settled. There, even in England, the laws of promogeniture and entail and various other statutes, together with the comhere, unless you retrograde. But what bly, than a mighty army, when in the

where duty calls upon him, then is unfaithful to his trust and the voice passes him, perhaps resting upon a lowier mind or raising up a strong arm

with a triumphant spirit of that weakness dressing you usually in this place have which was the result, the nation has sucpeople travel faster than they did when of science, art, mechanism, riches, Of course it is not my place to enter wealth and power. Thought also traved, since that is likely to be dis- sidered, new propositions are before the with which you meet this question. I very important place of every people, new religions are being inspired, political meeting for the new expressions of humanity are being

> neen no freedom are paramount at all times. very different legislation. The emerto of a mighty human need; What Mr. Coxey seemed to have conmillionaire that a millionaire cannot among the of the inpouring of ceived is a plan for relieving tempor afford it; and the Government can make of God.

born of the present hour.

To teach men that they are equal,

and not allow them to be so, is of course an inconsistency that cannot possibly

and that even the national and international jubilee of last year was not sufficient to check this tide or to produce a reaction against it; that the great peace jubilee of all nations, the Columbian Exposition, did only for the time being inevitably coming; that in the very midst of it the financial straits were such as to send that the constraint of the financial straits were such as and that the constraint of the financial straits were such as to send that to constraint of the financial straits were such as and that the constraint of the financial straits were such as and that the financial straits were such as to send that the constraint of the financial straits were such as to send that the constraint of the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the financial straits were such as to send that the sum of the proper way; if those in power can listen to that voice, not knowing what to do; the sail to bring about an entire change in the relations of human beings; and if that ure now proposed is the ultimate measure change in the relations of human beings; and if that ure now proposed is the ultimate measure than the sum of a perfectly free nation.

You do not suppose that Bellamy has written his prophecy of the future in vain. You do not suppose that the sum of a perfectly free nation.

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occur. People often say, according to the not only that the industrial problems population of the United States and the political party to which they belong: "Oh, that have been insisted upon by association that discussion of the tariff," or it is this question or it is that question. The discussion of the tariff is but one of the incidents resulting from the state of affairs. The entire question relating to the tariff is one of the incidents resulting to the tariff is one of the incidents resulting to the tariff is one of the incidents resulting to a question for legislation? Is it a problems which the gives an equivalent. The interest for which he gives an equivalent. The interest for which he gives an equivalent. The interest for which the laboring man left to the tariff is one of the incidents resulting to a question for legislation? Is it a problems world. It is this; if you have a country world. It is this; if you have a country when has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man shadle the warry, inventions, the results are his; if he produces pictures, staturely world. It is this; if you have a country when has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to cast a ballot, then every man has an equal right to ca affairs. The entire question relating to the tariff is one of the incidents result—lem that can be adjudicated by Congress? Is there a duty? Without one shadow

> fied enough for the consideration of Congress, and any question that will solve that which has for years been the most knotty problem for this people to tion, of everything that places a fictitious capital means more than you know, and, and serious consideration.

Every law that has been enacted the last thirty years has necessarily been a law favoring capital. I refer you to the records. Necessities of the war made an appeal to capital necessary. In order to make an appeal to capital there must be something offered; and that system, inaugurated as a necessity This is no utterance to alarm you. It part of the country: "We are coming of war, has been borne forward in time is simply that which confronts you. three hundred thousand more," so will of peace, and this is the result.

Now the reaction comes and the legis lation must be for the people. The time is now come to reverse that action. ful and earnest minds of the country, that he, more than the wealthy, is to be that is not dependent upon the synconsidered, and that the vast fields now dicates who rule capital; something to lying idle, the farms groaning under do that is not dependent upon any comthe heavy weight of mortgages; the pro- bination of moneyed men; something forth over all the land, until no statesducts of the land which are abundant, that will yield their livelihood, if all the man can be so deaf and no politician so gradually growing less from lack of various combinations should perish in abor-that these must yield to him a the land. commensurate portion for his toil.

when grain is burned, when stock brings se of the hour are not born of war nothing, when the labor of a man's hand wealth: I know of no labor association se struggle of any particular class counts for naught, there is time for a that favors it. But the Government can but they are the result of change.

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mighty thoughts and purposes that are born of the present hour.

To teach men that they are equal, ment where he lives, and these pil- labor, that it will be for every man's inand not allow them to be so, is of course grimages betoken no wild scheme. terest to be a laborer, and this is the an inconsistency that cannot possibly Droves of men walking on foot large only way it can be settled peaceably. If thrive under the name of freedom. To distances, and even coming from the there is to be a nationalization of the teach people that they should spring with all their might to the achievement of the highest manhood, and then not remove cursion, or who are professional tramps, lines; but this one act incidentally considered the impedimentation of the country, it is the impedimentation of the country. the impediments that are in their way, or who are worse, but mean that there adopted would change the whole tide of

eep all laws for the nation.

Plans for the future politically, cannot be have actually come to think about these mating that this design implies Deity.

What Mr. Coxey wished to do he has enlightened, then what? Who is to take things and the relations of human lives or God. Of all superstitions this God sometimes almost interrupt commerce, and that following it those straits have continued up to the present time, when there can be said to be no general revival of commercial prosperity?

Finance is the surest guage of the public pulse. It means something in any time of peace—without preparation for war, there having been no famine, no depletion of the population or any of the lates and that following it those straits have and that following it those straits have the notice of Congress, and the notice of Congress, but bringing it to the notice of Congress, and what the summer means with its impending armies of peace, beggars though they are not famine, no depletion of the population or any of the proposition as millionaires, but consider the matter to the notice of Congress, and what the individually? The proposition relates to every citizen of the up this mighty plea? Who is to take things and the relations of numan lives to each other, the duty that men owe to forward this voice that relates to every one of you individually? The proposition relates to every citizen of the up this mighty plea? Who is to take things and the relations of numan lives and that following it those straits have the motice of Congress, and what it to the notice of Congress, and what the matter to the notice of Congress, one of you individually? The proposition relates to every citizen of the up this mighty plea? Who is to take things and the relations of numan lives and the relations of numan lives the matter to the notice of Congress, and what it to the action of the pour individually? The proposition relates to every citizen of the up this mighty plea? Who is to take things and the relations of numan lives and the relations of numan lives and the relations of the to each other, the duty that men over to each other. This conserving merely up this mighty plea? Who is to bear to be each other, the duty that men over to each other. This conserving merely to each other, the duty that men over to each other. This conserving merely up this depletion of the population or any of the ployment from necessity, is this: it fly away the moment this question is him, which is not his, but what he outgrowth of man's ignorance. Ignoresources of the country—that this should means that some action should be taken; ignored, then it relates to the entire occur. People often say, according to the not only that the industrial problems population of the United States and the are his; if he produces pictures, status taker reach in the dark, the multiple

unify the commercial relations and the monetary basis of the world, but possibly to change it. It is not the same here as in Germany, Russia, France and England. Questions do not impinge upon this that the possibly before these matters could there are permanently associated with the possibly before these matters could be adjusted there would be violence and the proposition as further than the form the standpoint of those who have thought that possibly before these matters could be adjusted there would be violence and the proposition as further than the form the standpoint of those who have thought the favors the party or the politics that be adjusted there would be violence and the proposition as further than the form the standpoint of those who have thought the favors the party or the politics that be adjusted there would be violence and gave him his place in looking to the hopelessly enfeebled and the young, shall bear their own daily part of the favors the party is just as much into snadow and darkness, but will be made to feel the light and beauty of who works for three or four dollars a gress is over it must be acted upon.

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This is not said from the standpoint of who works for three or four dollars a gress in this, provided by the public benefator that the provided by the public benef ignore. However judicrous fanaticism may seem, its very earnestness precludes the possibility of turning it aside with a interests of the laboring the possibility of turning it aside with an interest of the laboring with, and unless their brothers in all purpose having the fight to workers those who are equally earnest, can arouse attention; but when a man arouse arouse arous and the proportion with an unless these earnest men are interfered by the favoritism which gives to capital and receive the the sall violated the does not understand that daily to the does not understand that daily to the arous that of the does not understand that daily to the arous that of the does not understand that does not understand that all violated the sall by the favoritism which gives to capital by the favoritism which gives to capi the right to think and the right to be brought before the consideration party, that is, meaning the party that is for the Government will see to it that speak and act according to individual of so august a body as the Congress of prophesied in the People's or Populist there is labor provided elsewhere; that the United States. Any matter that party, in the Farmer' Alliance, or in the inducement of all to seek pertains to the welfare of those who whatever shall include and represent the fresh air; to have possession of that must be citizens of the republic in the highest sense must certainly be digniby offering an equivalent for them to ness to themselves and their children.

meet, is a question worthy of all study value upon any of the necessities of life, in answer to one question offered here is what must eventually come, whether to-night, the millennium may be nearer it comes this session of Congress—but it | than you dream of. For if these pleadwill not—or whether it comes after ing lips, these tattered men, these months or possibly years of bitter experiences in which the nation is trying bear forward this mighty message, to climb to the heights of perceiving | then, as thirty-five years ago and more that which is before it. the answer came up from every town

Friends, this is no idle holiday speech. and hamlet and village in the remotes Where the spirit abides above the storm they come from the farms, from the and turbulence of human life, beyond its shops, from the villages, from the mills, hopes and fears and ambitions, where capitalist is one of the people, but his souls are not bartered and human lives the capital with white flags of peace millions are not of the people, and the are not sacrificed for policy, one can and with one voice asking that the Conlook with calmness upon scenes that in gress of the United States shall consider If it is reversed by the studious, thought- human life are often seen but blindly the needs of the hour, and make it posscoffs of derision and thrown into forward the testimony that will settle partisan politics as a part of their stock this difficulty, give it your serious con-in trade, it is not well. The people will sideration. To every sincere man, con-for outcasts do not seek the company of not be housed or fed, and farms will not sider that proposition, and to this vast be tilled; the works of industry will not body of people that are swarming about they can get by the wayside, with an go forward by any such methods. your doors in winter time, asking in vain There must be a way by which the for labor and then asking for breadhands of the laborer in turning the which we trust you give—give to them wheels of the mill and governing the vast the incentive that there will be somewheels of the mill and governing the vast the incentive that there will be somethat sweep toward you to-day, will be arms of power, shall feel that he is an thing to do that is not dependent upon integral part of that which is produced; the prices on 'Change;' something to do behind the human power is a mightier

dull but what he will hear the sound of these voices coming.

Have you ever stood upon the sea-I know that under certain emergen-It is the system, born of war and cies and conditions a certain amount of shore, and when all was still, heard, far carried forward in time of peace, and capitalization may be necessary for the out, a something like a rising wind, and the high pressure of the financial con-sake of bearing forward enterprises. It on and on it came until you could see the high pressure of the mancial con-dition of the country that, as I say, is known now that all these plans must brought about this reaction. But is the system itself right? Do you not care to is in your country at this hour, and change the ancient systems of com-bring about the very difficulties that are you ever heard the approach of the could be defined with specific precision, merce, and is not the name of the Re-now before your doors, and that we are wind that sweeping through the trees. public a synonym for doing that which creating as a people outwardly Cæsars seemed far away on the outermost shall be finally for the best good of all to rule the people; that instead of govhranches of distant trees, then at last this subject, the so-called creation, we
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in the financial policy of the nation, who the system that is admitted, makes that Even so is the voice of the people. It is ber: length, breadth, and thick or thick-shall complain? Can monarchies dictate power ultimately oppressive. You have rising like the tide of the sea. It is what your laws shall be, though the intelligence. There is placed in your rising like the sound of the winds. It is ator go to find the needful amount of custom of the old world is such, and if hands the machinery of a mighty nation rising, like the spring tides that leap to length, an equal amount of breadth, and industrial questions, questions that implies the machinery of a mighty hatton ficient, it could not have been dreamed monarchies cannot dictate your politics, and the weapons are all at your compinge upon the great problem of the what would be in the world at this hour shall they dictate your finances? Are mand. Why are not the people, then. shall they dictate your finances? Are mand. Why are not the people, then, you still under the control of the counsels represented? If it is true that your inyou still under the control of the counsels represented? If it is true that your in-that are born of a system of laws that terests are suffering this day; that your do well to heed this rising tide. you have rejected? India, all the small business cannot succeed, and that tributaries of England, still pay tribute. you cannot find labor as an artisan, as a to show where they may be fallacious or five or thirty years ago make a great Shall you? Whether you will or not mechanic, skilled though you may be; its that way they might essentially be mistake. There are new themes to be condepends upon the degree of intelligence if it is true that thousands of hands are idle when there is abundance of work do not advise any wild schemes of that might be done, then, is it not also finance that are not born of the actual true that the Government, holding the It is a problem to me why anyone once reading a copy should be without it, the or years or until the outwrought and the state will not rest resources of the government of the land; keys of this mighty power, should see to where it was. Questions of this hour but land and wealth of territory, all it that no such state of affairs exists? that the country produces, must be con- do not favor anything like the revolu e that in an of that time, excepting that duty and sidered as valuable as gold, and when tion that is sometimes predicted by theen no freedom are paramount at all times, the products of a man's hand cannot be those who have seen in other lands or The welfare of the people may require offered, and gold is the substitute—I say great crises and revolutions. I know there can be no distribution of existing

> Samuel was always a favorite name make it so very expensive to be a

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honest men subsisting upon the fare

honest purpose in their heart. No, as

many as the leaves of the forest, as

numerous as the great tides of spring

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tongues of flame and eloquence will go

glory through the trees. Friends, citi-

zens of the republic, members of the

A PROBLEM.

H. F. Cooley, of Omaha, Neb., writes on renewing his subscription:

"And your paper is indeed a thinker.

when by merely reading the ideas and

thoughts therein brought forward, a

knowledge of truth, demonstrated by

science, is right at hand. I feel proud

THE DESIGN DOGMA. It is Critically Analyzed by a

Californian. Thoughts Presented Worthy of Careful Consideration.

THE NAKED BUSHMAN—WILLIAM PENN -REAL ENTITY-SPACE-ATTRACTION

-WHERE IS SPACE?-SPENCER AND In THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, No. 221, the Hon. A. B. Richmond, the noted jurist, alludes to what I have seen fit to

designate as the "design dogma," intimating that this design implies Deity idea is the climax and the most difficult to avoid and the last to forsake. In his infancy man had a fatal facility

to guess the reason of things.

The paucity of proofs indicate that
Deity, Devil and Fetich are naught but figments of the imagination. They remain the terminology and dominating rance, not passive but potential; the ten-tative reach in the dark, the multiple reflex of himself.

As a rule the human race is taught these ideas in infancy. Mothers instill them into the child's mind as soon as it begins to ask questions. As the confid-ing mind of the child never or rarely doubts the word of the parent, the lesson

Ask a naked Bushman of Africa how came this river, this forest, these animals? The ready answer is, his "Fetich made them." Ask the orthodox devotee the same question, and you get the same answer, only substituting God for Fetich. Both stand upon the same irrational platform of senile superstition. Both portray the childish attitude

of grown infants sucking thumbs.

The first volume of Bryant's History of the United States furnishes this item

of personal history:
"William Penn's mother very early began to impart her religious feelings to her son, and to awaken the instinct which he had plainly inherited from her. When he was five years old she asked him a great question: "Who made you, William?" "Sure enough," said the eager boy, "was it not God?" said

"But how do you know?"
"You have told me so a hundred

ou have found it out for yourself?"

"I don't know." "Why, William, nothing is easier."
"Tell me, mother." "Do you see that stone lying there?" "What of it, mother?" "It is something, is it not?"

"But how do you know?"

'Why, I can see it, I can feel it, and

"Then do you think it made itself?" "I do not see how; it is a senseless hing, and no thing can make itself." This experience of young Penn is very likely to have been the experience of the Hon. Mr. Richmond. It is that of millions of mankind. This conviction of young Penn, the matter of which "was told to him a hundred times," doubtless staid with him all his life; and he most likely never took the pains to disprove or verify it. Note a most profound point: "A great question was asked of a

child five years old." The answer to which, says the mother, "nothing is easier." Guessing is always easy. A ready assumption is apt to be self-decep-How else but the lesson should be a life-long conviction when told to the infant mind a hundred times?

Mr. Richmond must admit that every real entity or thing that has existence can be defined. This proposition can be accepted without controversy. Touching this point we have the self-evident statement of Prof. Max Muller, who

says:

"The definition of God is an impossibility.'

Must we not say the same thing of the Devil? Then follows this major amount

If we touch upon the particulars of branches of distant trees, then at last this subject, the so-called creation, we length, an equal amount of breadth, and quantum sufficient of thick or thickness? These when mixed and spread out, make

the space of the universe. But these supposed preliminary steps are too absurd for our theme. The rational fact is space was never

created." It always was.
"Matter," says Prof. Tait, "is whatever can occupy space." We can conceive of no time when matter with its properties did not exist. These constitute the predicate of all material forms. Thus far we have got along with the universe void of creation.

Our honorable friend says: "Given the eternity of mind and what becomes and more philosophic axiom is this:
Given matter and motion, or the persistence of force, and what becomes of or thodoxy? Or, again, what is more modern, given two words, variation and conflicting. of a cause that commands such talent as of the dogmas of Ingersoll?" A better is represented in THE PROGRESSIVE and more philosophic axiom is this: among the Jews, and means the heart ern, given two words, variation and selection, commonly called "natural selec-

tion," and what becomes of the cosmo gony of Genesis?

Grant Allen says: "The doctrine of evolution of life disposes of the dogma of creation." As everything is evolved nothing can be created. If no creation, then no creator. No creator, no Maker,

Father or God.

That the universe is a thing of creation is in contravention of reason. If we address ourselves to the supreme faculty of reason, we may escape disastrous

conclusions.

Mr. Richmond says:

'In all the vast domain of nature, there is not and never has been the movement of a single atom of matter, that this force that moved it was govits motion."

erned by an intelligence that directed Of two masses of iron, one large and the other smaller and somewhat separ-

ated, it will be noticed that the larger attracts the smaller. Where is the mentality or intelligence here? The earth's magnetic current moves the metallic needle of the compass.

There is no intellection or thought here. The particles of crystalline matter move to form crystal. Where is the mental-ity about this motion? The sun lifts the water in vapor from seas and land to the clouds, but the motion is devoid of in-tellection. A carriage-wheel rolling over a muddy road throws fragments of earth from the rim of the wheel. Likewise the sun, ages ago, threw off parti-cles of matter-by its centrifugal motion—from its surface into space. These particles formed our earth. Where was any room for mind to act; on the wheel and mud, or the sun and its particles? Nowhere. No! no! There is as much design or intellect in cart-ruts, or waterruts, on a side hill as in any of the above, which is none at all. Where is the intelligence in tides, in the wind, torna-

does, cyclones and earthquakes?

Talk about wisdom, knowledge, and designs of God! Where is the normal habitat of mind and intellect? No one knows anything about mind and its functions but such as is set forth in man and animals. We know nothing about God or Gods,

and still less about the mind of them. Mr. Herbert Spencer and Prof. John Fiske have shown us how impossible it is that there should be mentality in Deity or the universe outside of animal organism.

A prime characteristic of mind is that it is circumscribed by limits. It has limitation. It is finite. Where is the limit of the infinite? How circumscribe the supreme?

Mind and intellection, as we know them, are based on brain and brain matter. Brain is joined to a body. Where is the brain or brain matter the mind of God? or the Devil? Can "But suppose I had not told you, could Mr. Richardson point to any? No. The universe is as devoid of brain and mentality as a granite rock is of arterial blood. The idea of mind in Cosmos, out-

side of living organisms, is a mistaken

idea altogether.

If one living being has come into existence outside of "creation," may not. others do the same? Is there such an instance? There is. This leads us to speak of the horse. The horse was never created. He was evolved from a fivetoed animal called Phenacodus primevus, which was not a horse; the size of a fox or larger. Man has the same progeni tor, but he has retained the plantigrade foot, and the five toes and fingers; while the horse has eliminated all the digits but one, and altered the foot from a

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Mr. Richmond resorts to the old watch and clock argument in support of the theory of design in nature. It seems to me a few words will show the clock

view of the subject, before it ran down, struck the logic of it dumb. As the mother of William Penn asked nim, "who made you?" the prime error in the creation dogma is in supposing the universe and its denizens were ever "made." Nothing in nature was made. All things were evolved; they grew, or

unfolded. The man who springs from an infant at birth and grows to manhood is not made: so the universe from primordial matter to a more mature form is not or was not made; it unfolds, developes, matures. Therefore, because man makes certain products of his hands, as machines and clocks, it is assumed mundane forms were made. How easy this mistake! Or, as Mrs. Penn said, ing is easier."
There is another great radical mis-

take. Nature's products and those of man cannot be compared. It is illogical to so regard them. The powers of the one are so out of proportion to those of the other as to render a likeness between them violent, contorted, strained, and irrelevant. What stultifying folly to compare the finite with the infinite!

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# ATFER COXEY, WHAT?

A Discourse Qiven Under the Inspiration of ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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What do these signs portend? Are they of battle, or do they come like armies of peace bearing promises of future

No subject, perhaps, could be offered for the consideration of the one addressing you that seems so full of suggestion as that of the present hour—not that the name of the individual which bears it may have any manifest meaning or any particular object that entitles him to distinction or consideration; not that a movement which seems to be the laughing-stock of many in high places, and has until recently been the subject of ridicule of the public press and the public mind generally throughout the country, is particularly entitled to consideration, but because every sign indi-cates something, and the signs that are abroad in the world to-day indicate an underlying state which it is not well to ignore. However ludicrous fanaticism may seem, its very earnestness precludes the possibility of turning it aside with a sneer, and any man with an interested purpose having us his coadjuters and co-workers those who are equally earnest, can arouse attention; but when a man who has at the foundation of his purpose that which pertains to the welfare of his fellow-beings, even though it be a small portion it must receive consideration from whatever powers are appropositions of freedom that were suppropositions of freedom that were suppropositions.

Six months ago-three months ago, even—it was passed off lightly even by serious-minded people, who foresaw that plication of the partially republican something was pending. No one monarchy and the state church, keep up dreamed that a man on foot with a few discussions that are entirely impossible hundred followers could ever achieve access to the capital of the nation, be- is it that confronts you at the very door cause, they said, the men will not go; of the citadel of freedom, threatening they will drop by the wayside; they will that citadel and stronghold more, possi desert. But a sufficient number to prove bly, than a mighty army, when in a purpose has arrived at the capital of history of a nation one man or one body the nation. Now it turns out that sim- of men is called upon to stand confrontilar men, or similar bodies of men, aniing a great proposition with the great mated by a similar purpose, are press- welfare of the people upon his spirit, ing toward the capital of the country with all the precedents of history from all parts of this nation. There is spread out before him, with a no lawful way to prevent their approach nation looking for a crisis and or prevent their traveling, unless they with a people asking for free-violate the laws of the community dom? If, perchance, he shall not hear violate the laws of the community through which they pass. Every de-vice seems to have been tried, either to induce them to pause in their marching the meaning of the whisperings that and not go, or possibly to detain them urge him from within; if he, with a mind with technicalities which have been in that from established precedent, judges the various parts of the country tried in what the nation's welfare is by what hundred men that are able-bodied, who as has been the case with the one adare not criminals, who are not vagadressing you, he shall turn toward that bonds and who have intelligence enough infinite power, knowing that human purpose to think of, and when there are utterly unavailing in a crisis like that; sand men who are precisely animated by voice that speaks for freedom, wee unto a similar motive, at a similar time, and to his spirit and unto the nation! If he whom impetus is given by the great shall let any small technicalities arise; if stringency and stress of circumstances in different parts of the country, circumin different parts of the country, circumstances that impinge upon one great where duty calls upon him, then is he crisis, it certainly behooves all thoughtful people who have at their heart the passes him, perhaps resting upon a lowwelfare of the nation, and who consider lier mind or raising up a strong arm the liberties of the nation worth preserv- that is the Nemesis to enforce it.

foretold from time to time of great cessfully gone forward. There are new stringency that would be upon the issues in the world to-day. Nations and rights of labor.

financial and political meeting for the new expressions of humanity are being

question is finally solved. upon the financial resources of the very different legislation. The emercountry, when apparently everything gencies of the hour are not born of war upon the financial resources of the hour are not born of war country, when apparently everything gencies of the hour are not born of war nothing, when the labor of a man's hand was moving on prosperously, there some sounds for naught, there is time for a make it so very expensive to be a should have been a sudden check in all legislation, but they are the result of what Mr. Coxey seemed to have constituted in the outgrowth of a mighty human need; What Mr. Coxey seemed to have constituted in the outgrowth of a mighty human need; What Mr. Coxey seemed to have constituted in the outgrowth of a mighty human need; What Mr. Coxey seemed to have constituted in the outgrowth of a mighty human need; when the labor of a man's hand wealth. I know of the flower association that favors it. But the Government can make of force, and what becomes of orcounts for naught, there is time for a make it is of very expensive to be a millionaire cannot among the Jews, and means the heart lection, commonly called "natural selection, commonly calle industrial pursuits; that commerce the outgrowth of a mighty human need; thought pursuing, they are the result of the inpouring of ceived is a plan for relieving tempor- afford it; and the Government can make of God

and that even the national and international jubilee of last year was not sufficient to check this tide or to produce a of it the financial straits were such as to keep all laws for the nation.

Sometimes almost interrupt commerce, What Mr. Coxey wished to do he has sometimes almost interrupt commerce,

any time of peace—without preparation armies of peace, beggars though they for war, there having been no famine, no may be called, tramps, men out of emoccur. People often say, according to the political party to which they belong: "Oh, that have been insisted upon by associating the discussion of the tariff," or it is that question or it is that question. The discussion of the tariff is that the probably for more—for fifteen years—leading to the tariff is that the same and probably for more—for fifteen years—leading to the tariff is that the same according to the tariff.

movement which is now known as the it was supposed were fully settled. There, even in England, the laws of promogeniture and entail and various other statutes, together with the comdiscussions that are entirely impossible you to the records.

to know what they are asking for, is a thought and human judgment must be several hundred men and several thou- and then if he fail to hear the one small

ing, to think seriously, not only before You know what the nation passed laughing, not only before scorning, but through from which through a generaespecially before acting, to lay one im- tion of time you have scarcely rallied, but pediment in the way of this petitioning.
We have been informed that those addressing you usually in this place have Or course it is not my place to enter weath and power. Intogrit also traviate are born of a system of laws that the small business cannot succeed, and that into a full discussion of the monetary schemes of this country or the world, or thinking with the thoughts of twenty-to show where they may be fallacious or the world. The property of the proper nestion is finally solved. where it was. Questions of this hour. The proposition now before you is, is are not to be answered by the answers

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toil and receive the recompense for unless the Government unwisely consid- the proposition will be very simple, and small portion it must receive consideration from whatever powers are appealed to, and when he claims to have posed to be settled here one hundred years for his purpose the welfare of a majority of his fellow-beings, one cannot ignore it. In precisely that position is the nore it. In precisely that position is the small portion it must receive consideration of the Revolution with the primary propositions of freedom that were supposed to be settled here one hundred years ago. There the people are struggling that position is the of the Revolution was fought and which has for years been the most knotty problem for this people to tion of everything that places a fictitious capital means more than you know, and. most knotty problem for this people to tion, of everything that places a fictimeet, is a question worthy of all study value upon any of the necessities of life, in answer to one question offered here and serious consideration.

the last thirty years has necessarily been a law favoring capital. I refer you to the records. Necessities of the here, unless you retrograde. But what war made an appeal to capital necessary. In order to make an appeal to capital that which is before it. there must be something offered; and Friends, this is no idle that system, inaugurated as a necessity of war, has been borne forward in time

of peace, and this is the result. lation must be for the people. The capitalist is one of the people, but his labor—that these must yield to him a commensurate portion for his toil.

It is the system, born of war and

mighty thoughts and purposes that are born of the present hour.

To teach men that they are equal, ment where he lives, and these pil- labor, that it will be for every man's inand not allow them to be so, is of course an inconsistency that cannot possibly thrive under the name of freedom. To teach people that they should spring with all their might to the achievement of the highest manhood, and then not remove the impediments that are in their way, is of course to stultify the very sources of the capital deadly seated that is to events and place affairs upon a different. ireedom.

I do not see that any particular measure now proposed is the ultimate measure to be adopted; but let me say most seriously that the one question the order that the one question the order than the order that the order than t proper way; if those in power can listen You do not suppose that Henry to that voice, not knowing what to do; if they shall consult with that inward suppose that Bellamy has written his arisen to the magnitude of being the if they shall consult with that inward suppose that Bellamy has written his paramount question for this part of the century, is the question of the settle- the best thing, then may it be solved in not suppose that the many thousands of reaction against it; that the great peace contury, is the question of the settle-jubilee of all nations, the Columbian ment of industrial problems; and that Exposition, did only for the time being divert the people from that which was inposed by the legislative body inevitably coming; that in the very midst in the property of the pr plans for the future politically, cannot be have actually come to think about tness or God. Of all superstitions this God enlightened, then what? Who is to take things and the relations of human lives or God. Of all superstitions this God enlightened, then what? Who is to take things and the relations of human lives or God. Of all superstitions this God enlightened, then what? and that following it those straits have already accomplished; he has brought up this mighty plea? Who is to bear to each other, the duty that men owe to continued up to the present time, when the matter to the notice of Congress, forward this voice that relates to every one another. This conserving merely that the duty that men owe to the matter to the notice of Congress, forward this voice that relates to every one another. This conserving merely that the duty that men owe to the matter to the notice of Congress, forward this voice that relates to every one another. one of you individually? The proposi- mine and thine, the mine being all that tion relates to every citizen of the you can lay hold of, all this is changing, United States, and if you count the and the hour is upon you when a man there can be said to be no good and the four is upon you when a man vival of commercial prosperity?

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Finance is the surest guage of the public pulse. It means something in the summer means with its impending public pulse. It means something in armies of peace, beggars though they proposition as millionaires, but consider which is not his at all; when a man shall possess not what is bequeathed to for war, there having been no famine, no depletion of the population or any of the resources of the country—that this should means that some action should be taken; ignored, then it relates to the entire earns. If he enriches the soil, its riches resources of the country—that this should means that some action should be taken; ignored, then it relates to the entire earns. If he enriches the soil, its riches where every man has an equal right to he labors and beautifies a place, that is this question or it is that question. The probably for more—for fifteen years—discussion of the tariff is but one of the incidents resulting from the state of affairs. The entire question relating to the tariff is probably for more—for fifteen years—equally represented in all interests for but that they shall be acted upon. Is it which he gives an equivalent. The interest for which the laboring man a question for latest tent years—equally represented in all interests for the work of nature, and belongs to native and God and to God's children. The interest for which the laboring man a question for latest tent years—equally represented in all interests for the work of nature, and belongs to native and God and to God's children. the tariff is one of the incidents resulting from this state of affairs, and the wisest financiers in this country as well as abroad saw with prophetic vision that something must be done, not only to unity the comparately relations and the grees is over it must be not addressed by Congress? Is the problem that can be adjudicated by Congress? It is an equivalent in this labor. If you give it with your brain or of doubt the one addressing you says with your hand it makes no difference. The salaried clerk in the Government office at Washington has just as much interest in this proposition as the man unify the commercial relations and the monetary basis of the world, but possibly to change it. It is not the same here as in fanatic, nor is it said from the standpoint of those who have thought that the factions, and when all other people, standpoint of those who have thought that the faction is more secure. Questions do not impinge upon this that there are permanently associated with it. The Republicanism of Germany may have its origin in far other causes than merely the interests of the laboring of the laboring of the interests of the laboring of the seed with, and unless their brothers in all leases. Nihiliam in Russia Russia was and the labor of the very hum.

the twhich is before it.

Friends, this is no idle holiday speech. and hamlet and village in the remotest has no utterance to alarm you. It part of the country: "We are coming, This is no utterance to alarm you. It part of the country: is simply that which confronts you. three hundred thousand more," so will Where the spirit abides above the storm they come from the farms, from the Now the reaction comes and the legis- and turbulence of human life, beyond its shops, from the villages, from the mills, hopes and fears and ambitions, where from all parts of the country, besieging souls are not bartered and human lives the capital with white flags of peace, millions are not of the people, and the are not sacrificed for policy, one can and with one voice asking that the Contime is now come to reverse that action. look with calmness upon scenes that in gress of the United States shall consider If it is reversed by the studious, thought human life are often seen but blindly the needs of the hour, and make it posful and earnest minds of the country, through selfish vision. And now, the sible for these men to earn their daily seeking for the welfare of the whole, solemn injunction of the one addressing bread. No idlers will be there, for a all is well. If it is met with sneers and you is, for every earnest purpose, to bear vagabond only walks to the nearest cor scoffs of derision and thrown into partisan politics as a part of their stock this difficulty, give it your serious connot be housed or fed, and farms will not sider that proposition, and to this vast honest men subsisting upon the fare be tilled; the works of industry will not body of people that are swarming about they can get by the wayside, with an the various parts of the country tried in what the nation's weitare is by what vain. A purpose that animates even a it has been, shall refuse to listen, and if, bundred men that are able-bodied, who as has been the case with the one adhands of the laborer in turning the which we trust you give—give to them numerous as the great tides of spring wheels of the mill and governing the vast the incentive that there will be somethat sweep toward you to-day, will be arms of power, shall feel that he is an thing to do that is not dependent upon these people. Do you doubt it? Then integral part of that which is produced; the prices on 'Change;' something to do behind the human power is a mightier that he, more than the wealthy, is to be that is not dependent upon the synconsidered, and that the vast fields now dicates who rule capital; something to ple from the depths that are within, and lying idle, the farms groaning under do that is not dependent upon any comthe heavy weight of mortgages; the probination of moneyed men; something forth over all the land, until no statescan be defined. This proposition can be

the land. I know that under certain emergencles and conditions a certain amount of shore, and when all was still, heard, far carried forward in time of peace, and the high pressure of the financial condition of the country that, as I say, is known now that all these plans must the whitecaps rolling, and at last the brought about this reaction. But is the ultimately yield the very fruitage that system itself right? Do you not care to change the ancient systems of combring about the very difficulties that are you ever heard the approach of the like other artities. public a synonym for doing that which shall be finally for the best good of all heart which shall be for the best good of all means an entire change in the financial policy of the nation, who is the system that is a period of that we are wind that, sweeping through the trees, wind that, sweeping through the trees, like other entities.

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Shall you? Whether you will or not mechanic, skilled though you may be; depends upon the degree of intelligence if it is true that thousands of hands are to snow where they may be landclous or in what way they might essentially be instake. There are new themes to be condemproved, since that is likely to be discussed at every important place of every people, new religions are being inspired, do not advise any wild schemes of that might be done, then is it not also people, new religions are being inspired, do not advise any wild schemes of that might be done, then is it not also people, new religions are being inspired, do not advise any wild schemes of that might be done, then is it not also finance that are not born of the actual true that the Government, holding the numbers and political meeting and the state will not rest resources of the government of the land; keys of this mighty power, should see to where it was. Questions of this hour but land and wealth of territory, all it that no such state of affairs exists? -Ine proposition now below you is, is of that time, excepting that duty and sidered as valuable as gold, and when then that is sometimes predicted by hour of peace, when there has been no freedom are paramount at all times. to not a wonderful speciacio shat in an of share paramount at all times, hour of peace, when there has been no irreedom are paramount at all times, the products of a man's hand cannot be those who have seen in other lands unusual strain upon the public funds or The welfare of the people may require offered, and gold is the substitute—I say great crises and revolutions. I know when grain is burned, when stock brings there can be no distribution of existing nothing, when the labor of a man's hand | wealth: I know of no labor association

have actually come to think about these population of the United States and the are his; if he produces pictures, statuworld. It is this: if you have a country ary, inventions, the results are his; if Time is coming when every human life will be cared for, and when people who are helpless will not be paupers but the wards of civilization; when those who are imbecile will not be thrust away into shadow and darkness, but will be made to feel the light and beauty of classes. Nihilism in Bussia means far the departments of labor shall make it control, as is the labor of the very hum-ripening fruit shall be theirs, and the other causes than simply the right to toil and receive the recompense for the very hum-ripening fruit shall be theirs, and the blest man. When this is understood beautiful homes springing up where toil and receive the recompense for daily toil. It means the right to breathe, ers that it is too insignificant a matter there will be the uprising of that new result; no swarming to crowded cities, to be brought before the consideration party, that is, meaning the party that is for the Government will see to it that of so august a body as the Congress of prophesied in the People's or Populist there is labor provided elsewhere; that the United States. Any matter that party, in the Farmer' Alliance, or in it is to the inducement of all to seek pertains to the welfare of those who whatever shall include and represent the fresh air; to have possession of that

> is what must eventually come, whether to-night, the millennium may be nearest Every law that has been enacted for it comes this session of Congress—but it than you dream of. For if these pleadto climb to the heights of perceiving then, as thirty-five years ago and more the answer came up from every town

> > these voices coming. Have you ever stood upon the searising like the tide of the sea. It is rising like the sound of the winds. It is ator go to find the needful amount of rising, like the spring tides that leap to glory through the trees. Friends, citizens of the republic, members of the

## A PROBLEM.

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## THE DESIGN DOGMA.

It is Critically Analyzed by a Californian.

Thoughts Presented Worthy of Careful Consideration.

THE NAKED BUSHMAN—WILLIAM PENN -REAL ENTITY-SPACE-ATTRACTION -WHERE IS SPACE?-SPENCER AND

In THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, No. 221, the Hon. A. B. Richmond, the noted jurist, alludes to what I have seen fit to designate as the "design dogma," intimating that this design implies Deity

to avoid and the last to forsake. In his infancy man had a fatal facility

reflex of himself.

As a rule the human race is taught doubts the word of the parent, the lesson apothesis of ignorance.

Ask a naked Bushman of Africa how Ask a naked Bushman of Africa how came this river, this forest, these animals? The ready answer is, his "Fetich made them." Ask the orthodox habitat of mind and intellect? No one for Fetich. Both stand upon the same and animals. irrational platform of senile superstition. Both portray the childish attitude

of grown infants sucking thumbs.

The first volume of Bryant's History ci the United States furnishes this item of personal history:
"William Penn's mother very early

began to impart her religious feelings to her son, and to awaken the instinct which he had plainly inherited from her. When he was five years old she asked him a great question: "Who made you, William?" "Sure enough," said the eager boy, "was it not God?"

"But how do you know?" "You have told me so a hundred

"But suppose I had not told you, could you have found it out for yourself? "I don't know."

"Why, William, nothing is easier."
"Tell me, mother." "Do you see that stone lying there?"

"What of it, mother?" "It is something, is it not?" "But how do you know?"

"Why, I can see it, I can feel it, and "Then do you think it made itself?"

"I do not see how; it is a senseless thing, and no thing can make itself." This experience of young Pennis very likely to have been the experience of the Hon. Mr. Richmond. It is that of millions of mankind. This conviction of young Penn, the matter of which "was old to him a hundred times," doubtless staid with him all his life; and he most likely never took the pains to disprove or verify it. Note a most profound point: "A great question was asked of a child five years old." The answer to which, says the mother, "nothing is easier." Guessing is always easy. A ready assumption is apt to be self-decep-How else but the lesson should be a life-long conviction when told to the infant mind a hundred times?

Mr. Richmond must admit that every ducts of the land which are abundant, that will yield their livelihood, if all the man can be so deaf and no politician so accepted without controversy. Touchgradually growing less from lack of various combinations should perish in dull but what he will hear the sound of ing this point we have the self-evident

says:
"The definition of God is an impossibility."

Must we not say the same thing of the Devil? Then follows this major amount of proof in hand, that there is no God, and no Devil. If there were, it or they

length, an equal amount of breadth, and quantum sufficient of thick or thickness? These when mixed and spread out, make

But these supposed preliminary steps are too absurd for our theme. The rational fact is space was never

"created." It always was. "Matter," says Prof. Tait, "is what-ever can occupy space." We can conceive of no time when matter with its man cannot be compared. It is illogical properties did not exist. These constitute the predicate of all material forms Thus far we have got along with the universe void of creation.

Our honorable friend says: the eternity of mind and what becomes of the dogmas of Ingersoll?" A better and more philosophic axiom is this: Given matter and motion, or the persistence of force, and what becomes of or thodoxy? Or, again, what is more mod-

tion," and what becomes of the cosmo gony of Genesis?

Grant Allen says: "The doctrine of evolution of life disposes of the dogma of creation." As everything is evolved nothing can be created. If no creation, then no creator. No creator, no Maker, Father or God.

That the universe is a thing of creation is in contravention of reason. If we address ourselves to the supreme faculty of reason, we may escape disastrous

conclusions.

Mr. Richmond says:

'In all the vast domain of nature, there is not and never has been the movement of a single atom of matter, that this force that moved it was gov

erned by an intelligence that directed its motion." Of two masses of iron, one large and

the other smaller and somewhat separated, it will be noticed that the larger attracts the smaller. Where is the mentality or intelligence here?
The earth's magnetic current moves
the metallic needle of the compass.

There is no intellection or thought here. to guess the reason of things.

The particles of crystalline matter move to form crystal. Where is the mental-beity, Devil and Fetich are naught but ity about this motion? The sun lifts the figments of the imagination. They re- water in vapor from seas and land to the main the terminology and dominating clouds, but the motion is devoid of in-outgrowth of man's ignorance. Igno-rance, not passive but potential; the tentative reach in the dark, the multiple earth from the rim of the wheel. Likewise the sun, ages ago, threw off particles of matter-by its centrifugal mothese ideas in infancy. Mothers instill tion-from its surface into space. These them into the child's mind as soon as it particles formed our earth. Where was begins to ask questions. As the confidence of the whole ing mind of the child never or rarely and mud, or the sun and its particles? Nowhere. No! now There is as much deis not often questioned and never for sign or intellect in cart-ruts, or water-gotten. We see the Deity superstition ruts, on a side hill as in any of the above, rests on a monument of conjecture, the which is none at all. Where is the intelligence in tides, in the wind, torna-

devotee the same question, and you get knows anything about mind and its the same answer, only substituting God functions but such as is set forth in man

We know nothing about God or Gods, and still less about the mind of them. Mr. Herbert Spencer and Prof. John Fiske have shown us how impossible it s that there should be mentality in

Deity or the universe outside of animal A prime characteristic of mind is that it is circumscribed by limits. It has limitation. It is finite. Where is the

limit of the infinite? How circumscribe the supreme? Mind and intellection, as we know

them, are based on brain and brain mat-Brain is joined to a body. Where is the brain or brain matter to furnish the mind of God? or the Devil? Can Mr. Richardson point to any? No. The universe is as devoid of brain and mentality as a granite rock is of arterial blood. The idea of mind in Cosmos, outside of living organisms, is a mistaken

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agency of disembodied ego in the affairs of mankind, the superstition of "special providence" has died out. Mr. Richmond resorts to the old watch

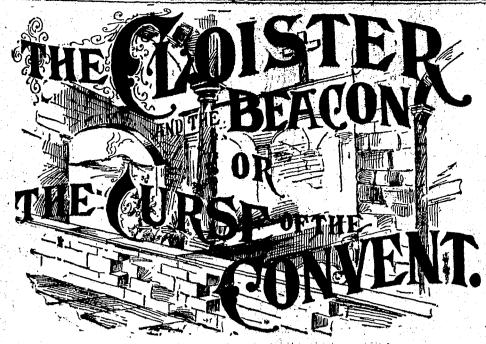
and clock argument in support of the theory of design in nature. It seems to me a few words will show the clock view of the subject, before it ran down, struck the logic of it dumb.

As the mother of William Penn asked him, "who made you?" the prime error in the creation dogma is in supposing the universe and its denizens were ever 'made." Nothing in nature was made. All things were evolved; they grew, or The man who springs from an infant at birth and grows to manhood is not made; so the universe from primordial matter to a more mature form is not or was not made; it unfolds, developes, matures. Therefore, because man makes certain products of his hands, as machines and clocks, it is assumed mundane forms were made. How easy this mistake! Or, as Mrs. Penn said, "noth-

ing is easier.' There is another great radical mistake. Nature's products and those of to so regard them. The powers of the one are so out of proportion to those of the other as to render a likeness between them violent, contorted, strained, and irrelevant. What stultifying folly to compare the finite with the infinitel to put them even on a level and at par! to put the puny on a level with the omnipotent! There is no relation, no fitness. and conflicting.

The clock may not strike an attitude,

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### CHAPTER XXIV.

### Father Ambrose.

["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. We commenced in No. 225 the publication of its companion piece, the scenes being laid in England. It is by Hammond Hills, of the Agnostic great interest to our numerous readers. All new yearly or trial subscribers will get "The Night the Light Went Out" free.]

"Methinks the Abbess is somewhat overzealous in the Church's cause," said Father Ambrose, as he and Brother Martin, who had livelong night by the Redeemer's tomb." brought despatches from the Abbey of St. Radigund, stood together in the refectory. "If I mistake not human nature, our worldlyter's rigor; she is inclined to push the Church's claims too far."

"Aye, and vanity is at the root of all."

"Vanity! Nay, though rigorous, she is sincere, and never knew I nun who more despised a world's allurements."

"Or more desired canonization. The fruit which she aims at hangs high, good father; it is not of the world."

"Thou hast guessed rightly, brother; for the Abbess Frances would suffer all the tortures ever Holy Church invented—aye, and without flinching, too—to hear men call her saint."

"Mayhap her bow will be too firmly drawn, her arrow fiv beyond the target, father. The patron saint of Davington will hardly suffer to be canonized the nun who scares the wealthy

novice from its walls." "Aye, she has blundered. Her severity should have been reserved until the heiresshad been fairly snared. Still," and the priest rubbed his hands with unction, "our Church forward, sank fainting in her uncle's arms. possesses the ample fortune of the Abbessno jot or tittle did she withhold; it will forgive her much."

"And praise her much if she but add her sister's fortune to her own."

Thus did the priests converse, blending the gossip of their separate order with spiritual argument—spiritual argument not so high as the viands set before them.

When Brother Martin had taken his departsteps in the direction of the chapel, resolved the Abbess saying: too strong and deep for mortal to repress arose of her spirit in whom it hath been lodged."

The pitying priest, resolved to set the gentle novice free, entered the chapel where Isabel was immured for penance; the sensual man beheld her in his power, and closed the door of t

"Benedicite, my daughter," murmured Father Ambrose, advancing towards the altar rails, near which the novice calmly sat awaiting her release, "the Holy Abbess tells me bility of our Church? Oh! that all might see thou dost fear to pass the night alone in darkness beside the tomb of thy Redeemer here.'

such confidence in my priestly regard?'

"I meant, father, that I believed I should

be set free by-someone-I did not know by whom," the novice tremblingly replied.

turn unto thy cell, and might I do so," re- is still the motto of our Holy Church. turned the priest, "but the convent's discipline must be maintained, my child, and the Abbess, whose stern decree even I may not dispute, wills thou shalt stay." Then changing think the consequence of thy late harsh decree the churchman's hard, cold tones for those of will prove as harmless?" eloquence and love, he softly said: "Thou confessor, remain with thee?"

In an instant the new danger to which she was exposed revealed itself to Isabel; and the But, I enjoin thee, deal in future more gently as yet unprofessed." warning Cyvrangon gave that she should place with thy sister." no trust in priest pledged to a celibate life. but whose creed demanded of them no vow of fered her?" chastity, wrought conviction in her heart that her peril within the silent convent walls was not less great than that which threatened her in a vicious court.

self-possession and to disguise her fears, Isaling priest shall not pass another night within King John come hither if he will; let him desbel strove to render her accents steady, as she the walls of Davington. He shall to Can. ecrate with his presence the walls of Davingreplied: "It would be better to be alone, terbury this hour with me to answer for ton Abbey, but it shall be to find sister Isabel overcome them."

"As thou wilt, for I will leave thee if it be thy wish," rejoined the subtle priest, "but, if thou fearest midnight's terrors, and all the tin and the disaffected priest of Davington set since of a king. horrible spectres which then will issue from out for Canterbury.

that tomb, and throng about thee-if thou fearest these things, I will stay."

occasion, she boldly confronted her confessor. tion.

"I have no fear," she said, "for surely, protect me:"

And still the priest stood by, the hot blood Journal, London. We are sure it will prove of coursing through his veins, and the passion he will return anon."

But defiance only added a new charm to wrath do strike thee dead!"

"And let it do so-nay, let it apportion me rail, and clasped her to his heart.

And as she struggled in his powerful emexclaimed despairingly:

"Oh! surely, surely, ere I be victim to thy Faid. foul designs, the very tomb they say I did blaspheme will yield its dead to save me!" But not the dead, the living were about to

save. Cyvrangon had proved true. The heavy chapel-door swung back, and Alpriest released his prey, and Isabel, rushing

### CHAPTER XXV.

#### The Priest Removed from Daving-• ton.

Within the reception room of Davington to cause forgetfulness of temporal self, and of Nunnery sat Alexander, Abbot of St. Augus- hood without extraneous sid. tine, and his niece, Frances. That the former When Brother Martin had taken his departure, the priest of Davington turned his foot-

to set the gentle novice free. But alas for the "And if I am rigorous, holy father, it is resolution of the priest when the passion of that I may glorify His name whose servant I the man steps in. Father Ambrose had been am. I may not temporize between God and the Abbey accord unto thy sister, and what deeply interested in his gentle charge from the His frail creatures. I have been given the would have been her fate had I not foreseen, first time she knelt to him at confessional; and, task to save the soul of Isabel; I cannot reach fling sin beside his chair of sanctity, feelings that soul until I have subdued the contumacy

boasted power to govern nature a mockery and so: then, if thou err, at least thou wilt be err- protection thy walls accord, nor scorn such ing upon mercy's side"\_\_\_\_

"And what would mercy's plea avail me at the judgment-seat when I am asked where is

doth teach thee, daughter!"

"Father, dost even thou suggest the fallias I do, that it cannot err."

"Daughter, I have seen much, and have "Yes, truly; but I knew that you would studied more; and, though our faith is fixed come to set me free ere night," said Isabel, on the unalterable, the infallible, it doth not follow that our system is infallible too. Our "Thou knewest it!" exclaimed the priest, faith is in heaven, where perfection is; our has been, or ever will be, perfect, Abbess."

"It grieveth me to hear thee speak in worldly strain like this, thou who wert the instructor of my childhood. Remember, though "Right willingly would I suffer thee to rethe times have sadly changed, Semper idem

"Abbess, I revere our Holy Church as thyself, and much I think less sternness to thy sister will cast no blemish on its fame. Dost

"Abbot, let come what will, the sinful inwouldst not fear if I, thy priestly father and tent of Father Ambrose must be concealed; our Church must be preserved from scandal. "At all risks—yes; since Isabel is saved.

"Why doth she ever reject the blessing of

"I have not time to discuss again that waver. question, since"-

"Thou must leave so soon?" Yet, feeling how necessary it was to retain no scandal may fall upon the Church, its err-once communicate with the Cardinal, then let father; and, for my fears, be it my task to his sin at great Augustine's shrine. I have protected by the Abbey's saints." thy promise to deal gently with thy sister?"
"Thou hast, good uncle."

And within the hour the Abbot of St. Aus. nity of noble womanhood, and breathed defi-

CHAPTER XXVI.

#### Cyvrangon Makes a Revelation to the Sisters.

A month passed away, during which time who said: Isabel bore patiently the fate allotted her; for, a nun professed, yet she did so with some tunate novice, thinking that her recent danger best with sisterly affection, felt comforted in During an interview between the sisters.

glow to the pale cheek of the novice, and lighted her eye with a fire akin to that of earlier, happy days; but, perceiving her sister's glance, and remembering the vows of her But Isabel de Brabancon was of Kentish novitiate, which forbade all earthly sentiment. stock, and, all her native courage rising with all earthly hope, she speedily repressed emo-

After giving orders for the visitor to be adhelpless as I am, God and Saint Mildred will mitted, the Abbess turned to Isabel and said: "Thou must not see this stranger until I meet!" learn what is his errand. Stay thou here; I

"Abbess," exclaimed the despairing Isabel, "Abbess, if it be Cyvrangon, I implore thee gon"\_\_\_\_ Finding he did not move, Isabel, relaxing grant me audience with him, for he, perno jota of her courage, motioned him away. chance, doth bring me news of my-of-him "Go," said the novice, "alone I'll watch the -I dare not name!" and a passion of sobs the race of Cymry. My mother, the daughter choked further utterance.

last, my Isabel, it should still be spent with was it the recollection of the Abbot's wish that faith, and wedded the invader of her country. minded novice will break away from her sis-thee!" rushed forward, and would have clasped she should treat with kindness the novice in the novice in his arms, but she, evading him, her care, or was it that a spark of pity linthrew herself upon the steps of the altar, ex- gered yet within her heart, and caused the sisthat fact vindicate her better nature.

eternal torment, I will earn that torment by much, and hast not yet learned to school thy with fifty thousand patriots at my back, I of fraud. Hands came out drumming with one night of bliss." Thus saying, the mad- heart to bear its cross with Christian resigna- sought to free our realm from civic oppression the knife and fork, and, in fact, all the usual dened priest dragged the novice from the altar tion. Thou shalt accompany me to the stranger who is waiting."

brace the unhappy Isabel, shricking for help, designed for the reception of visitors, there was exchanged—through failure only—for in the cabinet with the head of the table placed stood before them Cyvrangon, the British

Without ceremony or prefatory remark, the visionary addressed Isabel. "I have come danger. King John designs to drag thee forth exander, Abbot of St. Austin, entered; the his court which is assembled now at Dover the dim horizon he will, with armed men,

"Briton," the Abbess said, "I thank thee for the information thou hast afforded, since, doubtless, it was well intended; yet would I lives unknown, obscure, his country's patriot the appearance of fraud. Mr. Pettibone and have thee know thy mediation is but little still." needed here; the Abbey can protect its sister-

"Could it do so four weeks since?" inquired the Briton, fixing his penetrating eyes on

"Thy meaning?" demanded the Abbess, curtly.

"A month ago, lady, what protection did and warned thy uncle, the Abbot, of her dan-

"Thou knowest"-

"All! Fear not, I will be secret as the within him, and proclaimed the priesthood's "Thou shouldst seek by gentle means to do grave. Only, Abbess, do not boast of the warnings as may be in my power to give. I seek to save thy sister from the King, as I did cause her to be preserved from Davington's ruffian priest, when thou-hear me, lady, h ould have been my privilege to continued Cyvrangon, as the Abbess sought shore where once a Druid temple stood, and to speak, "when thou didst prison her for "It would avail thee more than our Church speaking truth. That tomb, which priestly the barrowt of the mighty brave: there, lady, records tell thee is from Palestine, miraculously brought hither in Mildred's time, is the Kist- gon the Faid trace upon the heavens thy desvaen of a British king, and was erected by the tiny, and" (here the Abbess, who had been Druids" (here the Abbess crossed herself) "before Mildred lived, who caused these walls to the Druidical rites, crossed herself) "that of be raised around the shrine of one more noble him thou lovest. Lady, his hour hath not yet than all her calendar of saints could boast come! But it is meet that thou shouldst Thy Holy Sepulchre was held sacred by the know who Roland de Brabancon, thy husband, Druids as long ago as in the year 16, when is"inflamed by her words; "and hadst thou, then, system is of earth, and no earthly system ever the father of the great Caractacus, Cunobeline, the first in Britain to place his brows within a golden crown and call himself a king, was marriage hath been kept secret from all." there, by Druid rite, entombeb."

"Briton," the Abbess said, "thou canst not shake the faith I have in the records of my order. More than they teach me I seek not became a wife; and knew, though she and you to know. Speak of thy mysteries no more; I knew not, that in Roland de Brabancon, the do refuse to listen. For this, my sister, in simple knight, she wedded the son of Richard, whose cause thou comest, if, as thou sayst, late King of England!" these holy walls are not sufficient to protect her, I will appeal for aid even to the Papal throne, where prayer of simple nun may never be denied."

power to save from monarch's authority a nun and hurled it at his captors' feet! The son of

the Abbess as she realized the truth of Cyvrangon's words. A moment only did she

"Then to-morrow's sun," she said, "shall rise upon the ceremony that shall make my "I must; for, though I promise secrecy that sister here the Bride of Heaven. I will at

> And Frances forgot awhile her sacred calling, as she drew herself up with all the dig-

"And is there no other way in which I can

rebels against the convent's living tomb."

"Thou must not take the veil; thy sister can devise some means—" began Cyvrangon; but he was interrupted by the Abbess,

though her sister lost no opportunity of urging her only certain shield. One of two things during which time he gave three public seances, on her the necessity she was under, would she must be; choose thou, my sister: wilt thou be and from two to four seances in his privpreserve her soul from perdition, of becoming the bride of Christ, or the mistress of a king?" ate rooms. In both public and private his gentleness and consideration; and the unfor the ears of the weeping Isabel, as, crossing her eral satisfaction. The almost general verdict had once more caused the heart of Frances to edly, "Sister, my choice is made!" Then, duct at all times gentlemanly, commanding returning to Cyvrangon, she said:

"One word before thou goest hence. Fear The phenomena presented were wonderful not, my sister, I will not question doth my to those who had never witnessed the materiwhen Frances was describing the unutterable Roland live; all ties of earth I willingly re- alizing of hands, keeping time to music, slatejoy which filled the heart of mortal at the mo. nounce. Not long, not long, and a greater writing, handshaking with those called up to ment of becoming the Bride of Christ, a nun power than that even of Church shall claim the cabinet, passing out flowers, passing out entered, and whispered the Abbess that a me. This is the last time, perchance, Cy-slates over the top of the cabinet, writing on stranger craved admission, and an interview vrangon, that thou and I may meet on earth; slates held by those getting slate-writing. with sister Isabel. Hope suddenly lent its wilt give to me thy real name, and the reason while the individual saw the hand that did the thou hast befriended me?"

next my form is seen by thee I shall come as ting on each side of the medium, sitting outherald to proclaim thy husband near. When side of the cabinet. All of these were light thou shalt hear my voice again, as, ere thou seances. dost behold me, thou shalt do, then wilt thou Four dark seances were held. In these the know the night is not far distant when thou manifestations were very pronounced. The and Roland de Brabancon shall once more sitters joined hands, sitting with their hands

"And on that night my heart shall break!" rejoined Isabel, in prophetic tones. 'Pray a silver knife and fork, and slates. The mus-Heaven the night is near! and thou, Cyvran-ical instruments were played or thrummed on

idic fire—I bore the hated Norman name. and corruption. Enough—I failed! and the manifestations were produced. title 'patriot,' which would have been freely | In the dark seances objections were made And when the sisters entered the apartment meted me had success rewarded my efforts, because Mrs. Pettibone and another lady sat conspirator. As a conspirator I was seized against the entrance to the cabinet. in the church of Saint Mary Bow, at Cheap, where, it was rumored, I was assassinated. Men thought me dead, and, as is usual after hither," he said, "to warn thee of impending death, justice was accorded me, my virtues circle, showing perfect harmony and good were extolled, I was proclaimed innocent of faith upon the part of all the sitters; and they from this thy peaceful home, and take thee to sedition, and my name was reverenced. Yes; were liberally rewarded: Spirit lights floated when they believed me dead, the knaves and over the circle and back of it; messages of Castle. Ere to-morrow's sun shall sink below fools who rule the world could brush away the love and kindly assurances that those named in sting of calumny themselves had placed upon messages were present and of their constant deforce an entrance into the Abbey, into the me, as if an act of justice after death could sire to benefit their friends in earth-life. All chapel if needs be-nay, to the very altar's atone for the wrongs that had been inflicted the usual manifestations occurred, and, at the during life. And so men worship my effigy conclusion of the seance, a portion of the innow, as that of 'a holy man and martyr,' little struments were shown on the arms of persons dreaming that he who is dead to all the world in the circle, precluding the possibility of even

proclaim unto the world that thou art living?" then continue on their way east.

erence my memory now—they call me 'holy ient; she gave excellent tests at public seman and martyr;' I may not earn a better epitaph. Only to thee, sweet ladies, only to thee, and to Roland de Brabancon, doth Willman and martyr;' I may not earn a better epi- ances, giving names in full. iam of the Long Beard-William Fitz-Osbert. his country's patriot, live!"

"Only to us," rejoined Isabel, "since Roland de Brabancon, they say, is now no more."

"They say is now no more! since men will oft say what they wish were true. They say is now no more! Believe them not, oh, lady,' said the visionary, "believe them not! Cyvrangon, the Magician, hath consulted the Rholdrwyg,\* hath beheld the Nwatat shining over the Oenguh Oenguth, down by the seawhere Nature forms a fitting monument over at the third watch of the night ? did Cyvranvisibly shuddering as the visionary alluded to

"How didst thou know he was her husband?" asked the Abbess imperatively. "The

"But not from me," rejoined the Druid, 'since by my magic art all things are to me revealed. Lady, I knew the hour thy sister

"The son of Richard, King of England!" echoed the startled nuns.

"The son of Richard, the Crusader, who, when taken by his enemies, tore out the heart "Lady, thou forgettest; even the Pope lacks of the raging lion they had let loose upon him, Richard, and the nephew of John. Dost thou A cloud darkened the usually calm brow of now wonder he is persecuted by the reigning monarch?"

And before the nuns could recover from their astonishment Cyvrangon said:

"Fare thee well, oh! sisters of Kirton; my mission at Davington Abbey is accomplished." And William Fitz-Osbert passed from the

convent gates. And the love of the sister once more predominating over the dignity of the Abbess, Frances and Isabel stood for a few moments

\* Druid's wheel.

† Omens. † The burial-places of the Druids were called

escape?" moaned Isabel. "My sinful heart clasped in each other's arms, and mingled their tears together.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### Pettibone at Spokane.

To THE EDITOR:—We have had in our city "She must, she shall! the convent walls are Mr. H. Pettibone, medium, for one month, And the harsh tone of the Abbess grated on seances were eminently successful, giving genhands upon her breast, she murmured resign- rendered was that he was honest, and his conspect.

writing, and, on more than one occasion, a "Lady," replied the Briton gently, "once table placed in the cabinet was put out over more, once only, we shall meet again. When the head of the medium and one person sit-

placed on a large extension table. Upon the table were placed a violin, tamborine, guitar, All were touched by hands patting them on "I am a man proscribed; yet am I not what the head. slapping them on the back, drum-I have seemed to thee. I am descended from ming on the tamborine or table, etc.

Objections were interposed by one or two of the Druid and the Briton, was lineal de persons as to the sufficiency of evidence and Was it from fear lest, if controlled too scendant of the great bard, Taliesin, Taliesin as to the genuineness of some portions of the beauty, and the priest, exclaiming, "I will strongly, Isabel might refuse to take the vows of the Golden Torque; but she forgot her no- phenomena on account of conditions making not leave thee, and, if this night shall be my which would bind her forever to the convent—ble ancestry, renounced her people and her it possible for fraudulent intervention. I am happy to say that understrictly test conditions Thus I—within whose heart blazed the Dru- in the light seances, upon the medium's own motion, he submitted to have his hands tied That name, however, when I grew to manhood, with a tape, the knots drawn hard, the ends claiming: "Thou darest not pollute God's al- ter's love to triumph over the austerity of the became obscured beneath the appellation Cour sewed to the knees of his pants, his feet tied tar! Back, back, I say, lest Heaven in its recluse? Enough, the Abbess relented; let de Lion gave me, and by which I sought gen- and drawn back to the legs of the chair, taking erally to be known, William of the Long particular pains not to have his wife come "Sister," she said, "thou hast suffered Beard.' As William of the Long Beard, then, near to the cabinet, precluding the possibility sary. A trial will cost you nothing. Write to-day an

This was disposed of by forming a circle

where all sat with hands joined, a light was flashed at intervals showing continuity of the wife have gone to Portland, Oregon. They "And wilt thou never," asked the Abbess, propose to return to Spokane in five or six interested in spite of herself, "wilt thou never weeks, remaining with us a limited time, and

Evolution of the God Idea. All thoughtful men that earth have trod Have pondered much concerning God: For man requires a Great First Cause To give to nature form and laws.

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The fetich and the idol show How much of God man-then did know; And that in every clime and age Man's worship doth his soul growth gauge

In human form, ordaining law; And many yet expect to scan Their "Heavenly Father" as a man! But Jesus taught: No man can see

Old Moses claimed that God he saw

The One who fills Immensity; And he was right, or very near it: How can we see a Boundless Spirit? The poet Pope came near the truth

When thus he taught to age and youth: "All are but parts of one great whole, Whose form is Nature—God the Soul." But Pope's idea is yet too small, To show that "God is all in all;"

And so his language we will change To give our thought a wider range: We worship God at nature's shrine,

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unwelcome truth that this boasted land of ours | we drifting? is not in peaceful possession. As I now write passing my office. Contrary to the more common report it is composed in most part of men to work if an opportunity was presented them, rail or boat. and that, too, at an unjust compensation. I The attention of Spiritualists generally is

employment altogether ceases. their employers.

but is doing nothing to aid in the speedy ac- from several States upon the managing board. complishment of that object. When men of or not "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

No matter how wealthy a man may be, how many times a millionaire he is, he is not ab- than is provided by the two lakes, and a large solutely independent; he cannot wrap him- boat livery is constantly at the disposal of visself up in the exclusiveness of his riches and itors at moderate rates. The Lake Michigan consider himself or his posterity safe in the beach slopes gradually to a long distance from existing state of affairs. The limit of endur-shore and is composed of pure white sand, ance is not yet reached, and the salvation of free from rocks, pebbles or weeds. No better the nation lies in the hope that it may not be bathing beach can be found on any coast. before our affairs are amicably settled; for if the period of desperation be soon ushered beach are covered with a heavy and majestic in, it will play sad havor with this country; timber growth of beech, maple, oak and hemlife and property will be alike jeopardized; lock, and afford the very ideal of natural park the mob, the torch and dynamite will reign su-scenery. preme. I am not an alarmist, but it certainly occurs to me that there is danger shead if land are cordially invited to attend the camp. something is not done to avert it.

crime, suicide, the use of intoxicating liquors. intemperance and gambling reaches as an ef- missions 10 cents. We are not able as yet to fect rather than as a cause. To what extent announce our list of speakers and mediums, the intemperance and gambling of the present but can give assurance that the best of speak day figures as an effect, as a natural conse- ers and mediums will be present. quence of the disheartening inequality of the question of capital and labor, the laborer and speakers and mediums, who will, to come his hire, the daily struggle for existence. I whether specially engaged or not, and assure cannot believe that for the year 1893, thirty- them that they will receive every possible four million, five hundred and fifty-four courtesy, and opportunity to contribute to the thousand, three hundred and seventeen bar- interest of the occasion. As this is the first rels of beer, one hundred and thirty-one mill- attempt at a camp here, its location is so inion, ten thousand, three hundred thirty gal- comparably superior to most sites for such oclons of spirituous liquor, and twenty-three casions, and it is so easily accessible by rail million, seven hundred and twenty-four and water from all directions, that its temporthousand gallons of wine were drank simply ary managers feel that it is certain to become, to satisfy a natural desire for such liquor, if properly organized, an annual gathering of How much of it was drank for the sole pur- national magnitude. The temporary managepose of enabling the drinker to forget his ment will welcome all voluntary assistance that tronbles arising out of the vital questions may be tendered. of the day, or to satisfy an appetite originally formed for the same purpose, will never be Michigan, Secretary of the Michigan State

published in the Fort Wayne Daily News, that all will go well under his able manage-May 19th, 1894, I notice the following sur- ment. Address all communications to W. S. prising data:

The wholesale price of the beer and liquor production of the United States for 1893 amounts to \$337,500,199, to which must be Communication Between Earth added the revenue tax of \$127,269,243, and the difference between the imported and exported liquors, which is \$12,065,238, and we have \$476,834,675 as the wholesale liquor bill for last year, or 1893.

Now we will assume that this placed in the hands of more than 240,000 wholesale and retail liquor dealers will aggregate at least four times as much as the wholesale price, and we have the enormous sum of \$1,907,328,709 as our nation's liquor traffic for 1893.

The valuation of the entire State of Indiana, with all its taxable property, which amounts to many millions of dollars, will not begin to pay the amount of the nation's liquor traffic for 1893. The 3,759 national banks in the planetary space. Strange, mysterious sounds United States, with their millions of dollars of capital, could not pay 40 cents on the dollar of our nation's liquor traffic for 1893.

We have in the United States 221,600 miles of railroad, equipped with 35,280 locomotives, and mail coaches and 1,168,849 freight sun's surface must at such times be violently 24,880 passenger coaches, 7,912 baggage cars, in all numbering 1,201,630 cars, making a train long enough to extend more than half the distance round the earth. The sympathy with those required to affect telenet proceeds of this vast enterprise amounted to \$358,618,520 in 1892, not equaling by more than \$118,000,600, the wholesale liquor the railroads in 1892 will not equal the retail guage and the knowledge to adapt the great liquor traffic in 1893 by more than \$702.-

pauperism augment pari passu with the increase of the liquor traffic, and, also, our taxes phone with the people of Mars." swell accordingly.

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### General Randall's army of the commonweal is Inter-State Spiritual Camp at Lake Harbor, Mich.

This camp will be held from the 6th to the of intelligence and respectability, of men who 16th of July inclusive at Lake Harbor, a beaurealize that there is something radically wrong tiful resort at the mouth of Lake Mona, adsomewhere; something obstinately opposing joining the celebrated Hackley Park Assembly their rights in the main chance of comfortable Grounds, on the shore of Lake Michigan, four existence, of men who would be only too glad miles from Muskegon, connected therewith by

have been informed, upon the most reliable called to this new camp to be established this authority, that skilled mechanics of all classes season at Lake Harbor, Michigan, on the are represented in this army. It is therefore shore of Lake Michigan. Lake Harbor is situseless to longer ignore the fact that the la- uated about four miles south of the city of boring classes from the Atlantic to the Pa- Muskegon, whence it is reached by steam and cific, and from the great northern lakes to the electric railroad, or by boat. It lies along a gulf, are dissatisfied with their extremely beautiful channel connecting Mona Lake, a small share of the profits of their labor when most picturesque body of crystal water, with employed, and almost desperate when such Lake Michigan. It is here that the famous Hackley Park Assembly Grounds are located, "Are not my ways equal, are not your ways and visitors to our camp will have free access unequal?" is the burden of their grievance to to these romantic grounds. The arrangements this season are of a temporary character, as it While labor is in a state of ferment, capital is the design of the projectors to effect a peris quietly waiting for its effervescence to cease, manent organization, with a representation

The Lake Harbor Improvement Company families are obliged to work for fifty cents a has excellent hotel accommodations, at which day in order that their employer may reap a reasonable rates will be given to attendants at net income of twenty millions of dollars a this camp. Tents will be provided for those year, as Jay Gould is reported to have done, who wish, and other ample accommodations of it is high time to ascertain seriously whether a superior order will be provided all who come.

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# and Mars.

To the Editor:-A year ago last summer Prof. Richmond, of the Temple of the Magi, predicted that communication would be an established fact between the Earth and Mars within sixteen years. The following excerpt from a recent lecture by Mr. Preece shows how communication might be established: In speaking of the possibilities of the future. Mr. Preece remarked that though he had confined himself to a description of a simple practical system of communicating across terrestrial space without using wires, "one cannot help speculating as to what may occur through are heard on all long telephone lines when the earth is used as a return, especially in the calm stillness of the night. Earth currents are found in telegraph circuits, and the aurora borealis lights up our northern sky when the sun's photospere is disturbed by spots. The tions are set up and radiated through space in phones, it is not a wild dream to say that we may hear on this earth a thunderstorm in the sun. If any of the planets be populated with beings like ourselves, having the gift of lanforces of nature to their wants, then if they could oscillate immense stores of electrical en-00,000.

The records of divorces, criminality and be possible for us to hold commune by tele-

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An old song has it written-"The gates that stand ajar, And through its portals gleaming The radiance streams afar."

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A few saints stand around And play on golden strings, And sing their wailing songs And flap their clipped-off wings.

An enterprising Yankee Said: If ajar, he knew It might be opened wider So others could go through.

And so he thought and pondered The subject o'er and o'er. A thousand ways considered, A thousand, aye and more.

He thought upon it daily, At length a plan matured By which approach would happen And entrance be assured.

He gathered all the people Who wished to know the truth About the great hereafter-The place of eternal youth,

And banded them together; And pledged them all to stand Firmly by each other; Placed crowbars in their hands.

Then with himself as leader Ascended high the mount From whence the gates were seen. The pearly twelve they count.

Their ladder now is lifted; They've seen by no one there They soon the distance bridge; They're past the waste of air.

They stand before the gate, 'Tis open but a crack, The Yankee inserts his crowbar And prys till he strains his back.

So little force won't budge it, A dozen next they try. The hinges they are rusty, The oil is old and dry.

More crowbars yet are needed. One says: "But what's the use? There's passing-room for one there, The gate's solid from disuse."

But the Yankee blood was up. Said he: "We still will try, And passages for the whole world We will either make or die.

The whole crowd brought their levers And placed within the crack, And great the force they applied, Then slowly the gate swung back.

And there before their vision Seemed streets laid out in gold. And golden harps with jewels. And crowns with gems untold. But straight their greed had risen,

And no one rested there Till of the gold and jewels They each one had a share. Then back to earth they clamored (There was no market there)

And sold all they had g Among the saints down there. Then when their trade had run out They all went back for more.

They passed within the gateway And then began to explore. But, lo! the gold had vanished; No jewels there were found; They all were so amazed

They sank upon the ground. And when they gazed in wonder Around on every side, They found that little heaven Stretched forth both far and wide.

The only walls around them Were those through which they came. What wonder that these wanderers Could do naught but exclaim.

Landscapes fair were before them, And earth itself seemed there, Only far more beautiful, Refined and bright and fair.

And friends who'd left the earth-life Came to them there in health, And everything was joyous, And health and joy are wealth.

They wished to stay forever, But the angels, they said "No, You entered here by stealth And now you'll have to go.

"But take this message with you, And tell to every friend: What seems to them as death there, Is by no means the end. "For every one lives on here In life and perfect bliss,

And those who'd know true happiness Must learn to live for this." So saying they slowly faded-Passed from the earth ones' view, And they, with greed disgusted

And higher ends in view, Went back to earth with their message And told their friends all 'round. And, Yankee-like, took much credit To themselves, too, I'll be bound.

So they lived and watched and waited, And worked for the life to come, And their work was felt in the earth-life And heard from, too, through some.

But one day the Yankee was thinking. Of the first trip to heaven they made, "I'd like to make just one more If the others are not afraid,

And go to that other region And see what there we'd find, Perhaps from what they tell us 'Twould not be to our mind,

Yet what they said of heaven At last we proved untrue, And it may be so of 'tother-I'll see what I can do."

He gathered the crowd together, The same as once before, And told them his intention. And what he would explore.

At first they seemed but frightened: At last they all agreed, And got their things together, Whatever they might need. Their clothing, light and scanty;

"So very warm!" 'twas said, Then they followed their old leader Who once to victory led.

They came to the place of brimstone, So well prepared were they They stood the heat, and car-loads Of brimstone took away.

Their Yankee thrift now stood them In good stead as before. As soon as they sold their haul They started off for more. And so before they knew it,

The devil and imps around, Owing to Yankee shrewdness, Once more stood on dry ground. And out from their burning prison

They wandered far away, Till, in the course of the future They came into light of day. And the sulphur taken from hades.

Now answers another purpose, And answers that purpose well. Instead of burning and torture, It helps the world to light, To shed bright beams on pathways

In other words called hell,

Once as dark as night. So, in the words of the speaker, Hell has burned clear through, And science has found another Use for sulphur, too. CARRIE M. SMITH. Marion, Ind.

### Facts from a Worker.

After four years' contemplation of a materialization seance with James W. Riley, May 19th saw me en route for his quiet home, in one of the most picturesque spots of Michigan's fair lands, with two ladies from Leonidas, one from Marcellus and two gentlemen from Vicksburg. After a delightful drive of four miles, we were cordially received by Farmer Riley (who has done so much for the cause of Spiritualism) and his daughter Erma.

We found some ten others present from various sections of the country. Stella De Materna ous sections of the country. Stella De Materna ous sections of the country. Stella De Materna (the writer's familiar spirit) soon demonstrated her delight at meeting Mrs. Maggie Stewart, of Pious. (the noted clairvoyant medium.—The Perfection of God. Has God created Evily Is Man depreved? Is anything innately Bad? Is an opposite of the sabolute Evil possible under Divine Law? Evolution. of Piqua, Ohio, the noted clairvoyant medium, and others. Music was rendered by several musical controls, the lights slightly lowered, and soon a full form materialization of a gentleman appeared, at the curtains, who was recognized by a lady in the circle as her step-son Herbert. The next message upon the slate was for the writer, in answer to a question which I had written upon a slip of paper and put into the seance-room. The message was signed Mozart—a beautiful message of love and encouragement. I turned away from the curtain so suddenly that I missed seeing the form of a gentleman who came in full yiew to the form of a gentleman who came in full yiew to the form of a gentleman who came in full yiew to the form of a gentleman who came in full yiew to the form of a gentleman who came in full yiew to the curtains of the monat appear to the monat and planets, from 1899 can be even plate diagrams and tables of the monat planets, from 1899 can be even plate diagrams and tables of the monat planets, from 1899 can be even plate diagrams and tables of the monat planets, from 1899 can be even plate diagrams and tables of the monat planets, from 1899 can be even plate diagrams and tables of the monat planets, from 1899 can be even plate diagrams and tables of the monat planets, from 1899 can be even plate diagrams and tables of the monat planets, from 1899 can be even plate diagrams and tables of the monat planets, from 1899 can be plated by a lady in the circle as her step-son in Nations. Human Spirits placed over Worlds. Human Spirits placed over Worlds. Human Spirits assist Planetary Development. Vision of world-forming by Judge Edmonds. Spirits rejoice in the seven plate diagrams and tables of the monat planets, from 1899 can be even plate diagrams and tables of the monat planets, from 1899 can be even plate diagrams and tables of the monat cheer Worlds. Human Spirits con the color. Vision of voludities of the monat cheer in Nations Prayer Prayer Union Spirits con the color confection of the color confection. Called from a wide field of literature with the most cheer the world of the return with the most cheer that the planets, from 1899 can be very plate and tables of the monat cheer in tleman appeared, at the curtains, who was reccurtain so suddenly that I missed seeing the GHAPTER TENTH—The Dangers of Infallible Stand-form of a gentleman who came in full view to arda—Churchland Infallibility. Infallibility of a THE PRIEST, THE WOMAN, AND THE the other members of the circle, but ere my attention was attracted the form had disappeared. From the description I am quite sure it was one of my musical guides. Afterwards some twelve forms appeared, all of whom were recognized excepting one. These facts are stubborn things and I among W Diloy is a guident to the control of a species? The substitution of the circle of the control of the con were recognized excepting one. These iscus are stubborn things, and James W. Riley is one of the great wonders of the nineteenth century. At 1 o'clock A. M. our party returned to Marcellus, where I enjoyed the genial hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Snyder, and on Sunday was privileged to listen to three very Sunday was privileged to listen to three very eloquent lectures by Hon. L. V. Moulton, of Grand Rapids, upon the various phases and results of Spiritualism. He was greeted with good audiences in spite of the inclemency of the weather, and listened to with rapt attention. I noticed a large sprinkling of the youth in the audience, which bespeaks a much-needed in the audience, which bespeaks a much-needed research and religions. The Spirit of the old Religions. The Spirit of the old Religions. The Spirit of the under a Spiritual Religions. The Spirit of Religions to the Human Form. Of the Great Masses of the Universe.

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were mostly recognized. We were also favored with good singing by the Home Quartette, and I gave some selections upon the auto-harp and organ, also one "Musical Life Reading" to a gentleman, who recognized a message in it from his spirit mother. Altogether an enjoyable time was had by all and seed sown which, in its own good time, will bear its fruits. LORA HOLTEN-HURSEN.

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#### Not to Be Trusted.

The only safe way to judge of a party or a sect is to inquire of its past. If its history has been marked by blood and slaughter, surrounded by similar conditions, its earlier characteristics will be repeated. It may profess reformations is a surrounded by similar conditions, its earlier characteristics will be repeated. It may profess reformations is a surrounded by similar conditions. I have not done so since I was elected Mayor, because I am working in this office. the first favorable occasion.

We know the character of the lion and the tiger. Their natural food is the victims they slaughter. They cannot be trusted save when in chains; and then their fercolous habits are frequently exemplified. Woe to the foolish wight who trusts to their apparent gentleness. However pacific his intentions, the hand extended in kindness will be crushed by their ponderous teeth, else is that of Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of torn in pieces by their velvet-covered claws.

Every page of church history betrays its sanguinary character. Its footprints are marked by crime and oppression. Good deeds have not been steppingstones to its greatness. "All that believe are justified by all things," Acts 13: 39: "Every spirit that confesseth of God," 1 John, 4, 2. These, with the church, are cardinal teachings.

The early bistory of ecclesiasticism is obscured by forgeries and pious frauds. Its later history is known of all men whose eyes have not been blinded by

ence to that mother who waded to empire through seas of flame and oceans

Every struggle to revive Sunday worship, to cut off laudable secular pleasures, to enthrone a barbarian God in our national Constitution, to suppress the smiles which light the baby's face, or stay the ripple of laughter which illumines the brow and sparkles in the eye of virtue, is only a revival of the the parent of disease. A consumptive Phœnician Moloch worship, whose brazen arms, heated to redness, were losis on the goblet, which the next comethat, whose priest-deceived mother infant whose priest-deceived mother is person will leave the germ of tubercu-significance. But Halley's comet is one that, when favorably situated, communicant will swallow, and reproduce mands every eye, and does not need to infant whose priest-deceived mother. infant whose priest-deceived mother was sacrificing to the senseless demon god.

### Sunday Desecration.

What is the church accomplishing in its persistent efforts to stay the flood-tide of Sunday desecration witnessed on every hand? A few years ago an a t tempt was made to stop base-ball play ing on "God's holy day." It was then only practiced in retired localities, far remote from the hum of business. Now the game is played everywhere, even under the shadow of the church-steeple. The museums and art galleries were shut when the people had the only leis ure to visit them. Now they are thrown wide open, and the idler rushes there Instead of to saloons and vice-resorts. The theatres and opera-houses in all the metropolitan cities are now as wide open on Sunday evening as on any other evening in the week, and their finance reports show they are better patronized than at any other time. Parks and public resorts are filled with the lovers of fall of man there would have been no hardly hope himself to see the accomnature, and no one is made worse for it savior, and no redemption. The author save the preacher. Ah, there is the rub. His salary is abridged. His influence is a very readable volume, which he waning. He loses his opportunity to discourse on hell; to make his people fa- Georgia. miliar with the devil. The tree of knowledge not only bears larger fruit, but all the people are eating of it, and the God who used to walk abroad in the cool of the morning to watch the conduct of This is the third time the like incident his people has ceased that class of has occurred. Following the usual orduces. A wiser, better and more trusty God has taken his place, and we are in watch the first of the Anto- occurred. Following the usual orduces. A wiser, better and more trusty thousand Talmagean style of reason- years, dying in 1742, only seventien to attack Rome, and yet again in the of the mental paralysis induced by over-God has taken his place, and we are

The beaten paths of literature lead rith new gracefulness through old

#### Advent of Heretics.

The secular press almost daily an nounces the withdrawal or expulsion from church circles of some sectarian leader who has discovered the falsity of his former teaching, and his retirement from the pulpit, else is teaching a more consistent faith. Creeds, formulated by ignorance in the dark past, or by monks to gain an ascendancy over the people, do not fit this age of intelli

gence.
This constantly increasing number of heretics recalls the forcible lines of Longfellow, on his Hiawatha:

"Never stoops the soaring vulture On his quarry in the desert, On the sick or wounded bison But another vulture, watching From his high, aerial lookout, Sees the downward plunge, and follows: ·

And a third pursues the second, Coming from invisible ether, First a speck, and then a vulture, Till the air is filled with pinlops.'

The difference: A heretic never goes back to his former perch. It was the carrion he left when he went out from the church, to enter wider fields of wis-

bad; that those who elected him to office expected a liberal government at his a call to arms, a call for preparation, expected a liberal government at his has just been issued from one of the hands, and he designs to give them one chief watch-towers of astronomy: The pulpiteer, after vainly laboring with the Mayor, finally announced that, they would elect an executive next year who would regard their wishes. His Honor did not seem distressed because of this threat, but is reported in the dailies to have said:

tion; but the incentives which governed this office. I sometimes go to a ball tion; but the incentives which governed game on Sunday, and I do not think it it when dominant will be repeated on is very bad. There would be no use in my telling you that I would close the grounds and not do it. I know we cannot agree on this subject. The liberalminded people put me in office, and as they are in the majority, I shall regard their wishes."

#### Still Advancing.

The most recent, as well as the most noted, withdrawal from church restraint this city, a gentleman well known in liberal and social circles, and of distinguished literary ability. Mr. Jones' name is familiar throughout the Northwest, having frequently ministered in he various Unitarian pulpits, to the great satisfaction of all who heard him. At the Western Unitarian Conference, in session in Chicago on the 17th of that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is May, Mr. Jones said the creed of the Unitarians was too narrow for him. He preferred to be untrammeled. A resolution was presented declaring that the Conference was in hearty sympathy with Mr. Jones; but on the request of the latter it was withdrawn, though

> movement too fast; for if, as some claim, a belief in an endless hell has inridges, and the clergy of his ilk, why, let them tarry at Jericho. They would

Death in the Communion Cup. The medical journals are now revealing the fact that the communion cup is the disease. Thus from generation to be looked for. During at least eighteen generation this frightful disease has been extended and perpetuated. At a ministers' meeting in Rochester, N. Y., on the 5th of March, it was determined to substitute a multiplicity of small tumblers in place of the single cup as is

the general practice.

### The Devil Vindicated.

Rev. David Devine, D. D., has es. poused the defense of his supreme made its appearance in the year of his majesty, the Devil, and has shown that his royal highness is a greatly slandered of its orbits he noticed that they reshowed he was only an instrument in after elaborating his calculations, he the hands of God Almighty for the accomplishment of ulterior good. He shows it was the only plan of salvation that was devised. Had there been no mails to the public for 50 cents a copy. Address R. M. Orme, Savannah

## Sensible.

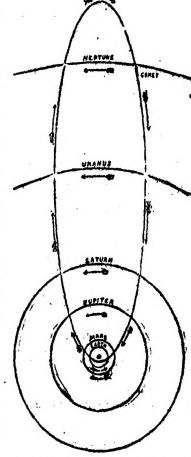
On Sunday, May 13. Talmage's Taber nacle in Brooklyn, N. Y., was burned. ing, we should say that God has a spite years before his comet reappeared, and days of Diocletian. The advancing Huns against Talmage and takes this method when it had reached nearly the same beheld its transit in the year 373; and it o intimate, by this special dispensation point on its return journey which it was blazing in the sky when their great The beaten paths of literature lead of His providence, that He is tired of sufcliest to the goal, and the talent Talmage, his doctrines and his harleplenses us most which submits to shine quinisms, and wants no more of his services. mons. If this should be the case, we

THE MATHEMATICIANS AND HALLEY'S AWAY-THE COMET'S PREVIOUS VIS-ITS--MATHEMATICS PENETRATING THE FUTURE-THE WONDERS OF FIGURES.

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astonishing announcement is made that Halley's comet is coming back, the comet which in the year 1066 shed a celestial splendor over the Norman conquest, and whose terror-inspiring visit was com-memorated by the hand of Queen Ma-Inflexibly Stubborn.

A meeting of the unco' plous in this city, a few days ago, decided to suppress sunday baseball games. Rev. W. G. Clarke was commissioned to wait on strange scimitar form still chilled the Mayor Hopkins and inform him of the marrow of the ignorant and super-will of God in the premises, as de-vet far away but the over of sederal seasons. will of God in the premises, as deventure yet far away, but the eye of science sees termined by his collected saints. The it, already within the orbit of Neptune, Mayor expressed the opinion that Sun- rushing sunward and earthward, with day baseball games were not altogether constantly-increasing velocity as it falls bad; that those who elected him to office along the steep curve of its orbit. And



Prof. Glasenapp announces that the computing bureau established by the Russian Astronomical Society has unwell understood to express the views of dertaken the calculation of the true early teaching.

The Protestant churches profess to be reformers. But they inherit the creeds, the crimes the products of their me. of universal mental liberty, on which accounted with unpublished observes. the crimes, the products of their ma-ternal ancestor. They owe their exist-ence to that mother who waded to Halley's comet is not one of the in-

significant crowd of little comets, so any restraining influence on the Breck- many of which are discovered by industrious star-gazers every year, and which nobody outside the observatories add no luster to the religion of ever sees. On the contrary, it furnishes, or at least has done so hitherto, a splendid spectacle in the sky. Of course, in speaking of ordinary telescopic comets as insignificant, I refer only to their apparent size and brilliancy: in a scientific sense they frequently possess the highest interest and forms. centuries it has periodically astonished

It was after its appearance in the time of Newton, in 1682, that the fact came to be recognized that this comet Why not strike at the root of the whole question? If the wine used in the sacrament is truly converted into blood, then it is cannibalism to drink it. If it is about 56,000,000 miles from the sun it is forming an are remains wine, then it is forming an apand far inside the orbit of the earth; petite for an intoxicant which may end when most distant, it is about 3,370,000, 000 miles from the sun and beyond the known limits of the planetary system. Edmund Halley discovered the peri-

odical character of the comet. It had longing wish of his, to see the return of

PROPHECY ILLUSTRATED comet's motion, and they calculated, as index in the firmament again in 684, in accurately as they were able, what the effect of such disturance would be upon the noon-mark for William the Continuous and the continuous a How the Future is Foretoid. the period of its return to perihelion, or queror in 1066. It returned in 1145; in nearest approach to the sun. Two 1223 it was thought to have predicted Olairault and Lalande, labored continu- was watched with astonishment from The Original Prophet Never Sees ally for six months, hardly stopping for their meals to complete the calculations, and their meals to complete the calculations, and they were so effectually assisted by sit in their annals. We have seen how a woman astronomer, Mme. Lepaute, Islam and Christendom were terrified that without her aid they would probby it in 1456. It was back again in 1531 ably have been unable to finish their and 1607, and when, in 1682, it shone work before the comet itself came to once more in the sky, the man had come COMET—THE ASTRONOMÉRS ARE ALREADY PREPARING FOR IT, ALTHOUGH IT IS YET 2,500,000,000 MILES

WAS ABOUT THE MATHEMATICIANS AND HALLEY'S interrupt it. Lalande never recovered from the strain of the labor he then mystery.

Is it possible to look forward to the return of a comet having such a history days by Jupiter and 100 by Saturn, the as this without feeling that the prope comet would return to perihelion on the field of human interest is not limited by 13th of April, 1759, and that it might at the narrow round of this earth? any moment be detected on its way to perihelion. Immediately the astrono-illustrates a very important fact, that mers of Europe began to search for the the future can be predicted through the To the Editor.—The following, in reference to Halley's comet, from the New York Sun, illustrates an important fact—the law of prophecy—that it would be well for Spiritualists to consider. The telescope, was cultivating astronomy on his own account, and obeying the instruction of Virgil: "Nor must the ploughman less observe

the skies When the Kids, Dragon, and Arcturus

Palitsch discovered the comet on the night of December 25, 1753. The pro-fessional astronomers followed more than three weeks later; and even after To see the future as one sees a landthey had found the comet at the obser- scape is an impossibility, unless some vatory of Paris on the 21st of January, wise spirit has figured out the results 1759, they kept the fact a secret, not and presents them to the clairvoyant knowing that the unpretentious farmer vision. Scientific prophecy is a fact, astronomer had so completely distanced easily demonstrated, in connection with them that they were no longer in the planets or with man, and the spirit who race. It may be said in justice to the bands down an absolutely true prophecy astronomers that those at Paris, at any to a medium has either calculated the rate, were much troubled by cloudy same himself, or obtained it from some weather in their search for the comet. The perihelion passage occurred on the strated every week in the Temple of 12th of March, one month earlier than the Magi, Chicago, by Olney H. Richthe time predicted. But in announcing the result of the calculations made by Lalande, Mme. Lepaute, and himself, Clairault had remarked that the comet might come to perihelion a month later than the preearlier, or a month later, than the pre-dicted time, because they had unavoida-bly neglected in their calculations of disturbence that there is certain sources of disturbance that an original spiritual energy expressed would affect the comet's motion. After in dreams which has nothing to do with its perihelion the comet presented a the state of the body and is beyond the fine appearance.

return would occur a week later than It was also Miss Steward's desire to in-the time set by Damoiseau. But Prof. troduce the Major to some friends in the Rosenberger of Halle made the most neighborhood, including a Mr. Newton elaborate calculations of all, and his prediction named Nov. 11 as the critical date. Besides allowing for the influence of all the great outer planets, except while awaiting their arrival Mr. Cunwhile awaiting their arrival Mr. Cunwhile awaiting their arrival Mr. Cunwhile awaiting their arrival Mr. Newson Neptune, which had not then been discovered, Rosenberger found that the attraction of the earth would shorten that the night before, which affected him so that he could not shake off the two-third days; that of Venus five and recollection of it. one-half days, and the combined attraction of Mars and Mercury one day. An outlook was begun for the approaching comet nearly a year in advance of the predicted time of its perihelion passage. Sir John Herschel, then at the Cape of Good Hope with his huge telescope. Good Hope with his huge telescope, spot where the dreamer stood three men joined in the watch. But the comet did who seemed to have been lying in amnot come into view until the 6th of bush sprang from their places of con-August, 1835, when it was seen from the cealment, and seizing the bridle of the to the naked eye late in September; They then carefully searched his person Ophiuchus, down to its perihelion meeting with the sun. The perihelion passage occurred on Nov. 16, five days later great city; that he saw the same person than the time predicted by Prof. Rosenberger. The appearance of the head of the comet in October excited the aston- marched him to a gallows and there ishment of all observers. On Oct. 12 "the stream of fire which issues from the cannon's mouth after discharge.

by a violent wind." Some drawings that were made of the tail show that it assumed, at times, the most extraordinary After its perihelion the comet was watched retreating out into space until search of his person for documents that search of his person for documents that search of his person for documents that continue the paper for a time. The lived there," continued the Doctor, "but from eight It will be in residual to the part of a first thing affected by the hard times is made no inquiries about it. I was shown from sight. It will be in perihelion spy, and his public execution, constitute again about 1911, but with the great telone of the most dramatic episodes of the "luxury" that can be dispensed with. rected my gaze across a great gulf to the inhabitants of the earth. In 1456 escopes now in existence, and the contest with the mother country. How its tail was 60 degrees long. In 1835 it greater ones that may then have been is it imaginable that so definite a vision had a tail 20 degrees in length.

The probably true that not a single where countless numbers of people were its tail was 60 degrees long. In 1835 it greater ones that may then have been is it imaginable that so definite a vision of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, has said to for resught? Every constructed, it is probable that the of coming events could arise from the long that the probable that the of coming events could arise from the long that the probable that the long t comet will be detected coming sunward influence of any physical condition on been self-sustaining during the past tion for naught.' a year or more earlier than that. The the mind of the sleeper? What possible year; that is, that has been self-support of the gulf where next time it will not be a question of This remarkable prediction was made how many days even, but rather of how in accordance with nature's divine laws, many hours, or minutes, the calcu-lations will be in error. mathematically considered, and was im-pressed upon the soul of the passive

when the sparks are driven backward

A glance at the diagram above will show, as indicated by the arrows, that Halley's comet travels around the sun in a direction contrary to that in which all of the planets move. We can hardly suppose, then, that it originated out of interest. Upon calculating the elements sun and the planets were created. We are rather led to believe that it must gathered confidence and ventured to ber, whose foreign origin is indicated predict that the comet would return in by its independence of the great law of and devote themselves to a candid study 1759. Halley had been born in 1656, revolution that no planet disobeys.

Now that astronomers have under go to church. taken the prediction of the exact period kind. It almost seemed as if nature dial of history. It passed across the sky electric

French mathematicians, the death of Philip Augustus; in 1301 it

The above, by Garrett P. Serviss. planets, and it never fails, unless there is an error in the computation. Now let us come down from the starry heavens to man, and the same law holds good in reference to man. His future can be predicted with absolute certainty through the aid of mathematics in connection with certain laws of na ture or vibratory forces, and what he

Ine appearance.

The next return was due in 1835. As sorbed by the material organization on early as 1817 the astronomers began to awakening.

bestir themselves in order that the mo-

bestir themselves in order that the moment of perihelion passage might be more accurately foretold than it had been in 1759. Baron Damoiseau won a prize by his calculations, which fixed the return to perihelion for Nov. 4, 1835. Pontecoulant predicted that the moment of the return to perihelion for Nov. 4, 1835. Pontecoulant predicted that the moment of the famous Peak.

He said that he was standing in the who seemed to have been lying in amobservatory at Rome. It became visible horse ordered the rider to dismount. mind that he awoke, but falling asleed again presently dreamed that he was one of a throng of spectators near a that he had seen seized in the wood brought out before files of soldiers, who hanged him. When Major Andre and was horror-struck to discover in the person of Miss Steward's friend the very man whose seizure and execution he had witnessed in his dream.

about to begin gives assurance that the rences with such exact fidelity to details:

sleeper. JUS TICE.

### A Good Tonic.

readers to reply to the question: "Why over their dead stock and philosophize marriage, and it powerfully excited his the same nebulous mass from which the Don't You Go to Church?" It has received replies filling several broadside individual. Indeed, the learned Doctor sembled those pertaining to comets have come into our system from outer pages of fine print, which should be harmony with this "new method" to details numerous interviews he held which had been seen in the years 1607 space, and that the influence of Neptune, especially commended to ministers, co-operate with us and extend our circuwith the prince of hell, wherein he and 1531. "Perhaps they are all the perhaps, has been effective in making it who would find it of spiritual profit as a permanent member of the retinue of well as intellectual enlightenment to the sun, but still only an adopted memput seide their accustomed routine of heological study for at least one week

Many reverend gentlemen who shu plishment of his prediction. But he beof its return, it will be interesting to themselves in their libraries, and pore
sought his countrymen, in case the see who will first complete his calculatoryment. comet did come back, not to allow the tions, and who will hit nearest to the ological lore until their brains are en world to forget that it was an English- mark. And those of us who actually see meshed in dusty cobwebs of past ager man who had predicted its return. His the great comet on its return will surely of human ignorance and superstition, countrymen, however, have never all find it doubly interesting, because it is would doubtless be rudely shocked were lowed the world to forget a fact of that like a slowly-revolving hand upon the they to come into contact with the current of modern living intended to assist Halley in the fulfill-twelve years before the birth of Christ, thought; it might even prove the death ment of what could not but have been a It passed again when Nero was Em- of their long-believed notions, but it cultivation of religious ignorance.

Better than any text-book of theology -better even than a course in any theo occupies to-day.

When the time grew near for the 451. Beliarius may have watched it as this earnest expression of many minds reappearance of the comet, if Halley's it swung across the heavens just after bold prediction was to be fulfilled, the he had begun his victorious career in forms. Nor is the noblest and most performed to noble or peculiar for matter He shows himself a very sensible of the large planets must disturb the laters in 608. The world saw the great tenic.

## MR. B. IS FORGIVEN.

He is Again in the Fold.

The Repentant Congressman Re-Church.

LEXINGTON, KY., May 6.—At a meeting last evening of the session of the Mount Horeb Presbyterian Church, of which Col. Breckinridge is a member, and over which his father once presided, he was summoned to appear.

and prayed for forgiveness, saying that he had repented and would live a new life in the future. After a consultation he was forgiven and taken into the church again.

This is the second Kentucky states-man who has re-embraced religion in the past two months, Joe Blackburn having been converted by Moody, the evangelist. This move, it is believed, will put Breckinridge in good standing with the church people again.

Breckinridge has been forgiven. His big pool of sinful rot Stands against him no longer a blot. He is now amply fit for heaven, From his head to his socks— The heaven orthodox. What a powerful disinfectant

That church must have used! What a gigantic faith expectant! What a stream of blood infused! The great hydrant fount Must have rested high on Horeb's Mount

To have cleaned such a Devil's lake, And out of black, white to make.

Carbolic acid and acid boracic, Running from a mammoth faucet. I-a-trol and I-o-do-form, Tar, creosote, and acid sulphuric. Until you can't endure it, Falling all mixed, Wouldn't make an impression On such a religious confession, If they were all at full strength.

Such a seething dish of rot, Such a foul, immoral blot; One week a sickening stench From court house bench; The next washed in a flood Of red, forgiving blood-Isn't it just too funny, Now he's as pure as honey.

Bah! Boo! hickory, dickory, dock, A black, black mouse ran up the clock!

The clock struck one-The deed was done! A pretty white mouse ran down, But where will poor Madeline be

found?

No matter, since the man is forgiven. Now let him fly to heaven Ere he get another chance To be led so far astray By some "little girl" in life's dark

way. And be careful what you feed him. Twere better to let some good old

lady lead him Until he grows to be a man After some grander, nobler plan, More wisely and purely fitted

Than what in court he has admitted. For him the best ovation Would be to place him "on probation."

Let him hear an hundred years of It will take all that time for him to "bleach." And Mr. B., don't you forget it,

Even then you'll be in the world's That must be a mammoth fount On Horeb's Mount. A lightning "preachery,"

A-U-NTY BLOOD.

Especially Hard Times. That times are especially "hard' at this date is evidenced by the and told me of his conversion and death Prof. Struve described it as resembling Miss Steward arrived, Mr. Cunningham numerous "quarters" now being received, with the complaint that the small mite from each is all that the subscriber can possibly send. Others write spirit forms had the human shape and Here was an accurate anticipation of that they are out of employment, and the identity was plain, but there were events that actually happened within have been for many months, and will be no decrepit persons—all were full of life twelve months from the date of the compelled, with many regrets, to disfact that the labor of computing the state of the body could confer upon the ling from the daily receipts. THE PROprecise time of its return is already soul the power to describe future occur- GRESSIVE THINKER is founded on the atmosphere and conditions of the plain. "new method"—the only true method. This remarkable prediction was made It does not and will not squander the money of others. If it could raise thousands of dollars by selling stocks and pressed upon the soul of the passive then repudiate the same, neither paying interest nor principal, as has been done by several Spiritualist papers—a species of robbery-it could luxuriate in came from the trance, or whatever it clover," while the unfortunate stock-One of our dailies recently invited its holders could dress themselves in crape tracted to such papers. We ask from earth covered a space of about Spiritualists everywhere who are in twenty-five hours, and I shall never

> Elizabeth and Eliza are of Hebrew lerivation, meaning the oath of God. Camilla is Latin. The first Camilla was a female attendant at a sacrifice. Several Greek emperors bore this name. returning life were noticed. Restor-atives were applied, and, to our great Germans, and means all truth. Salome was common among the He-

lation.

brews, and means the perfect one. Lilian, Lily and the compounds, are of taken. Mrs. Kendrick had mourned Latin derivation, and mean a lilv. Rhoda is Greek, the rose. Rosaline is its Latin derivation, a little rose.

Orlando is Italian, signifying the counsel for the people of the country.

angry with his judgment for not agree-ing with you; within a few days you may dissent yourself .- Sir Thomas Browne. Barbara is of Latin descent. The first Barbara was a foreigner or stranger.

among the Romans. It means gladness. I would say that you were he.' 'I am Dr.

# DEAD ONLY FOR A DAY.

He Went to a Far Off Heaven.

admitted as a Member of the A PHYSICIAN'S ACCOUNT OF HIS OWN EXPERIENCES IN WAR TIMES.

Dead for one day only, and during that time his spirit penetrated beyond the heights into eternity and saw the plains of light and happiness; saw the spirit forms of those whom he knew in earthly life; saw the mighty gulf beyond where aimlessly wandered unhappy spirits; and Col. Breckinridge confessed his guilt then back to earth again. remarkable story in brief told by Dr. W. H. Kendrick, an aged and respected citizen of Indianapolis. He is a man whose word is "as good as gold." He tells his story simply and without exag-

geration.

"Early in the war," he began, as he stroked his gray beard and leaned back in a chair, "I left this city with the Nineteenth Indiana Volunteers. We went direct to Washington City, and Caleb Smith, Lincoln's Secretary of the Intarious with whom I was appropriate. Interior, with whom I was personally acquainted, secured my appointment as army surgeon in the military hospital there. While doing service in that capacity, I was taken sick with typhoidpneumonia. As I was alone and danger-ously ill, Mrs. Smith sent a carriage to the hospital and had me conveyed to their home in Washington, where I was cared for by that lady and her sister, Mrs. S. W. Parker, who now lives on Ohio street in Indianapolis. I grew worse and my wife was summoned. She came on from Indianapolis and was at my bedside when I died-or was pronounced dead. What transpired in that death-chamber subsequent to this I will leave for Mrs. Parker to tell. Suffice it to say that I was treated like any other corpse would be and arrangements made

to ship my body to Indianapolis.

"But you want to know of my passing out of the body?" continued the Doctor, reflectively. "Well, it was strange indeed. I remember everything distinctly. When death came three angels stood about my bed. I said nothing to them; they said nothing to me. They were beautiful and wore robes that I recollect saying to myself were very appropriate. My spirit left the body—at least something seemed to go out. With the angels as my escort, one on each side of me and the other leading the way, we left the bedroom where I had died. I saw no mourning, I bade no one good-by, but I remember turning around and saying to my body, as it reposed on the bed: "There, I am through with you.' We did not depart through the door or windows. There seemed to be no obstruc-We just passed out, and although tion. the human form and identity were plain, we seemed to be devoid of substance-of "Reaching the open air with my an-

gelic escort, we started up a terrific rate of speed. Distances were nothing. The immeasurable space was all known to the angels. We passed a planet. I recall my thoughts at the time. It struck me that it was the moon. I glanced at it as we shot ahead and I could see that it was cultivated. On its surface I saw a stone quarry that was being worked. After we passed this planet we were met by three other angels. My first es-cort fell back, returned to earth, and I went on with the second escort. we covered a distance beyond comprehension and were met by a third escort of angels. who took me up and led me on until we finally landed on an immense plain. Myriads of spirit forms appeared before me, but I asked no questions. No flowers or trees appeared on this vast plain, but everything was light—no darkness came there. "I met a number of persons whom I ad known in Ohio, and recall especially

my meeting with a spirit whom I knew on earth as Isaac Hawk. He was a wild fellow, and I wondered at him being 'What, have you got Isaac Hawk here?' I asked in amazement. Then one of the spirits took me aside on earth, the truth of which I subsequently learned. All of the persons whom I saw there were engaged in good works of one kind or another. The and vigor.

"I could not understand how they all rected my gaze across a great gulf to Every one on the side of the gulf where I stood was happy and contented and peculiarly adapted to the "Suddenly I found myself returning until my spirit again entered the hody in the room where I had died at Wash-

to earth and I remember nothing more ington. I did not object to coming back to the earth-in fact, I was rather pleased about it. At this moment I was, and startled the attendants by showing signs of returning life, although all the mourning had been done and I forget it." Mrs. Parker was seen at 192 West

Ohio stret. She is a little woman, bowed with age, but her intellect is as sound as when the events above related transpired. "Yes, it is an interesting story," said

she, "I had prepared Dr. Kendrick's army clothes, and we were about to Theodore is Greek, the gift of God. start for an undertaker, when signs of astonishment, he came to life. He did not immediately regain consciousness but when he did he told us the story of the vision, or trip which his spirit 'had over her husband's death until she was ill, and his recovery was a pleasant as-tonishment to her, of course. Scott Parker, my son, who had been at the bedside of Dr. Kendrick until he died as was supposed, left us as soon as the Never divide yourself from any man corpse was prepared for burial. He was upon a difference of opinion, or be a soldier, and a few months later, when angry with his judgment for not agree. Dr. Kendrick had gotten well enough to start for home, the latter took a train for Indianapolis. Near Washington my son boarded the same train, and approaching Dr. Kendrick, said: 'You put me so much in mind of a friend of mine named Dr. Kendrick, and if he hadn't Letitia was a very common name died in Washington at my uncle's home

Kendrick, was the reply, and you are Scott Parker. The latter, troubled beyond control, left the train, and Dr. Kendrick did not see him again. He was killed in the war."—From the Indianap-

The above illustrates the important fact that the soul can leave the body and travel in the regions of space, and take full cognizance of what is going on. DIVINE WRIGHT.

## DON'T TAKE ANY STOCK

### In the Fourth Dimension of Space.

After sincere, persistent and determined efforts to gain some definite idea from the wandering attempt at a transcendental exposition of cartein laws scendental exposition of certain laws and phenomena as presented in two articles over the same signature, reprinted from the Inter-Ocean in the last two numbers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, I am forced to the conclusion that the writer has drifted so far out to psychometric seances, also give private sea as to have lost his bearings and become enveloped in so thick a fog as not to be able to see the difference between two things which bear no more relationship to each other than does mesmerism to mathematics; the decalogue to dynamics or geology to galvanism or green gooseberries. The first is the green gooseberries. The first is the pleased to learn that Mrs. Elsie as to have lots the decalogue to dynamics or geology to galvanism or green gooseberries. The first is the pleased to learn that Mrs. Elsie as the pleased to learn that Mrs. Elsie as the philosophy; a nondescript creature of philosophy; a nondescript creature of the overwrought brain of the renowned the overwrought brain of the renowned to be able to see the difference between two things which bear no more relations to the ship to each other than does mesmerism to mathematics; the decalogue to dynamics or geology to galvanism or green gooseberries. The first is the pleased to learn that Mrs. Elsie as the pleased to learn that Mrs. Elsie in the Bible a chapter in First Corinth as the has to do with our subject, and in the revised edition you will find the word love substituted for the word charity says: "The subject I have chosen to write about is Oharity, which in the phenomena of Spiritualism, and the phenomena of Spiritual sea as to have lost his bearings and be-Russian, Professor Zollner, which in one of his dreams he got by the tip of its delphia, Pa., writes: "Mr. Dimmick, tail, but which in his waking moments becretary of the N. S. A., is with us for he could never draw out to the light of a visit. He believes in hard work. If children of a common father? Some of day that it might be seen of men; an 'keeping everlastingly at it brings us may be more spiritually developed

prehended in another stage of existence, to normal consciousness it became ut-terly out of the power of their minds to grasp. Perhaps that is the question the writer means to ask as to mediums in a state of trance being gifted with the "fourth dimension"-a meaningless and futile question in the absence of a definite statement of the meaning of the term. If there be a fourth dimension, there may be a fifth or a tenth—who knows? The other thing which the writer in question has confounded with this "fourth dimension" business, is the "fourth condition of matter," the honor of the discovery of which seems to be divided between Professor Faraday and Crookes, the latter of whom has shown it to be not only a thing clearly compre-hensible to the weakest intellect, but a veritable entity to which he has given the name of "Radiant Matter," and the existence and some of the properties of which he has proved by a series of very ingenious experiments.

Now, the writer of the article alluded to, under one of the headings, "Spectral Theories," makes use of the following language:

"It would then be a comparatively easy matter to pass it (magnetism) through a space several metres in length. even though the actual current pro-

## Retrenching Somewhat.

Mrs. Retta S. Anderson, a brilliant

write in haste, inclosing a dollar for a startling manner as to convince the remainded, and seventy-five cents for a nine months' subscription. We talked about retrenching during this stress of hard times, and have done so to a certain extent, but feel that it will be going a little too far to deprive ourselves of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, it being the only spiritual paper which we take

#### "Be Just Before You Are Generous."

This principle of moral law would be a very excellent and commendable one if it would work two ways-generosity after justice resulting as a consequence. But daily experience and observation teaches me that generosity is practiced only by those who are themselves in

wealthy in nearly all the relations of years to come. life, and consequently do not come in Mrs. C. B. contact with objects of charity.

The poor associate with the poor, and are in daily contact with those toward whom the exercise of generosity becomes a necessity if not a justice upon the part of those who practice it. Charity must be dispensed, and if the rich will not dispense it directly and voluntarily they must, in a great measure, do it by proxy, or indirectly and involuntarily. The miserly creditor who is constantly preaching this principle of moral law to his more charitably-disposed but poverty-stricken debtor, would do well to profit thereby.

H. V SWERINGEN.

## Good Words from an Editor.

Frank J. Luick, editor of The Times, Dorr, Mich., writes:

"Enclosed find P. O. money order for one dollar, for which continue sending THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER for an other year. In my opinion, any levelheaded person who cannot get his money's worth out of a year's subscription to THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER is a hard person to please."

There are strange contradictions in hu-man character. Cumberland.



Will C. Hodge is doing an excellent work at Milwaukee, Wis.

Mrs. Laura Holton-Hursen will anreadings. Address her at Vicksburg, Mich., box 109.

I have no right to deny. Probably most persons have met with experiences in their dreams, which seemed perfectly their dreams, which seemed perfectly meeting, on Sunday, June 10, in Burdick meeting, meeting clear and logical, which upon awaking Grove—not Parsons, as formerly. Hon. to normal consciousness it became ut. V. Moulton, of Grand Rapids, Mich. will be the principal speaker. After dedicating the grove to universal mental liberty, Mr. Moulton will speak on 'The Present Status of Modern Spiritualism,' and in the afternoon his subject will be, 'What of Its Future?'"

Mrs. M. writes: "Mrs. Ada Foye still lectures for the First South Side So-ciety at Auditorium Hall, 77 31st street, drawing such large crowds for the evening lectures that hundreds have been turned away. The society has moved into a more commodious hall (same building) which has been newly reno- to think you were first-class pasvated for its use, but still cannot accommodate the many who wish to hear her. To give all an opportunity to hear and see this wonderful medium, the time of her engagement has been extended into June. Mr. F. Corden White has kindly consented to give tests at the afternoon meetings, after Mrs. Foy's leotures, she giving tests only at night."

Mrs. E. E. Cowley writes: "Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, of Jamestown, V., have favored our little city of Washington, Pa., with their presence for the past three weeks, lecturing, Byrns and Miss Nettle Green; librarian, holding seances, developing circles, giving character readings and private sittings. I had never before been fortunate enough to witness such grand holding seances, developing circles, giveven though the actual current produced would not deflect the leaves of an electroscope; for the force would find no resistance by air, as the fourth dimension of space represents a highly rarefied medium!" Again, under the heading, "Acting at a Distance," he says: "This result was produced by electro-magnetic results was produced by electro-magnet waves acting through a rarefied medium; cause we have been able to organize a Ohio." writer, in a note to this office says:

'A card from you a few days ago reminds us that our 'time is up,' or nearly so, for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, SO I in the lecture, tests were given in such write in haste, inclosing a dollar for a startling manner as to convince the services are demanded. She is one of the fact that they are both working to the fact that they are both working of the fact that they ar They left here en route for Allegheny,

C. F. H., of Toledo, Ohio, says that

speaker, and is doing a grand work. limited circumstances, irrecoverably A house has also been built for her ocinvolved, if not nearly destitute; a fact cupation, into which she has just moved, and it is the heartfelt wish of every which no doubt gave birth to the princi-Spiritualist there that she and "Alice" The wealthy associate with the will preside over this society for long sider that even Jesus, in the presence of

Monday in May. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. S. W. Tucker; vice-president, Mr. I. W. DeMoss; secretary, Mrs. C. R. Fisk. Mr. and Mrs. acceptably for the society."

of the finest lectures last Sunday ever public so clearly and so beautifully that delivered in Marcellus on the subject of it will receive the recognition and resister and co-worker, Mrs. Jennie circles through the mediumship of Mrs. Hagan-Jackson, will address us on that Lucy Burton, while in an unconscious day. We have a lovely grove, with trance. The controlling intelligence pure well water. We expect a large attendance.'

Rochester, Ind., on last Sunday, lecturing and giving tests. She will give the fire test at the Band of Harmony, Chicago, on Thursday evening of next week. Her permanent address is 554 ter, Maine, has just closed a successful Liberalists of various beliefs, and of West Van Buren street, Chicago.

than the purseproud arrogance of the rich, and he runs at once into the vices against which he so feelingly declaimed.

A nappy meature on may 21, 1894, the recourse are characterized by depth the new presentation of old truths, and the purseproud arrogance of the Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mansfield, at Will-of thought and poetic feeling, and her occupy the pulpit again at an early favorite with our people, and her genial, at Hope Corner was placed at Mrs.

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There are characterized by depth the new presentation of old truths, and Mrs. Write and poetic feeling, and her occupy the pulpit again at an early favorite with our people, and her genial, at Hope Corner was placed at Mrs. A happy medium! On May 21, 1894, millionaires.

Mrs. Harriet L Gwynne writes Mrs. G. Partridge, the perform Taylor's Falls, Minn., that has removed to 46 St. Joshould a medium visit that place there more commodious rooms. would be a good turnout—many from curiosity, others from a desire to know

Mrs. E. Coverdale, a fine clairvoyant and trance medium, is now located at 4312 Langley avenue, corner 43d street, this city. She gives sittings daily, except Sunday, from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. A. B. Coonley, D. D., of San Diego,

Cal., delivered a series of trance and inspirational discourses on the "Spiritual Philosophy," at Watseka, Ill., May 22d o 26th

D. P. Kayner, M. D., writes from Sacramento, Cal.: "We have had with us for a few months Mrs, and Dr. Bartholmes, of Denver, who have been doing a noble work for Spiritualism. Mrs. Bartholmes is one of our best swer calls to hold parlor musical and clairvoyants, and the Doctor is a fine healer. They are now visiting at Los Angeles, and expect soon to be on their

idea which no words in any of the thousand and more languages of the world can state or clothe in a form comprehensible to the deepest thinker on this side of the vale.

That such a thing may exist or be comprehensed in another stage of existence.

That such a thing may exist or be comprehensed in another stage of existence. flag of truce, but win the battle with ture, and general movements, which the weapons of charity, rather than by the sharper means of oppression and ridicule. In other words, if you of a certain grove meeting where he ridicule. In other words, it you brothers, the churchmen, oppress and revile, you must remember that it is the alize, he has the time on his hands from alize, he has the time on his engagement the 23d of July (when his engagement the have not been wise very long. You were formerly in the same boat as your brother Christians. Yes, I am inclined sengers.

> their tenth annual election of officers, responding secretary, Mrs. Willie McAboy; trustees, Mr. Chas. Hoffstetter, Mrs. Lizzie Cane and Mrs. Mary Marshall; ushers, J. H. McAboy, Mrs. Clara

come a solid body of earnest workers.

Mrs. O. A. Bishop has removed from never hear her speak but I am reminded this city."

The Sunday evening lectures delivered 79 S. Peoris street to 191 Warren of the fact that they are both working G. A. Ei

C. N. Nute writes in reference to the Pa., for a brief stay, expecting soon to be at their home in Jamestown, N. Y." reference to testing mediums, and says: noble deed and thought. Our last answer their home in Jamestown, N. Y." the Progressive Thought Society met after the manner of that in which Neb- was most harmonious. The officers who not but admit are from a source divine in the G. A. R. hall May 20. The hall uchadnezzar had the three Jewish me- are the choice of the society for this and not of human origin. She is, there was well filled, with Mrs. Carpenter, of diums cast. If mediums came out of Detroit, Mich., as a speaker, who gave that without even the smell of fire upon excellent satisfaction. Mrs. Curren is their garments, I suppose even Mr. Gould would be satisfied. If mediums secretary, Charles Behrens; treasurer, Gould would be satisfied. If mediums secretary, Charles Behrens; treasurer, France of the society, and the regular gould would be satisfied. were so unreasonable as to refuse to The Port Huron (Mich.) society con- submit to this test, he might have them sider themselves very fortunate in hav-blindfolded, and struck on the face, and ing secured the services of Mrs. Anna asked to 'prophecy, who is it that smote L. Robinson for another year, the so-ciety volunteering to double her salary. he might proceed to crucify them, as A house has also been built for her oc-cupation, into which she has just moved, does not seem to think that any test for the persons sitting with the medium is

old, has its charter from the National Ricker, of Cincinnati, who have been visiting here, have both spoken most continued with increasing interest. 'Mediumship is being developed and we are encouraged in the belief that we J. W. Riley, of Marcellus, Mich., shall soon be supplied with home talent, writes: "L. V. Moulton gave us three that shall present our cause before the Spiritualism. We are expecting a feast spect which is its legitimate due. A ser mentally on the 3d of June next, as our mon on 'Charity' was given at one of our man, and the sentiments therein ex-Mrs. Isa Wilson Porter officiated at pressed contain instruction and advice

Portland, Ore., is said to have 120 presenting the truths of the spiritual Smith's disposal, and her lectures philosophy win her hosts of friends. therein received much commendation.

Under date of May 19, A. W. S. ouriosity, others from a desire to know something of it, others to show up the fraud, etc. Many are glad to listen, and she has been the means of making some few converts, but they are ones to be proud of, as they are educated, reading, thinking people, and are outspoken.

Mrs. E. Coverdale, a fine clairyovant to the first of th further notice.'

Bishop A. Beals speaks at Muskegon, Mich., during the month of June, and will attend the camp-meeting there commencing on the 6th of July and closing on the 16th of that month. Mrs. Bessie Kemp Roberts, of the

tel Gray, where his friends can find him. Sunday, May 20, Dr. C. Harding lec-

spiritual light should show it by doing our undeveloped brothers some kindness, by heaping coals of spiritual fire upon their heads, and turning the left terest, send us a brief item, please. A upon their heads, and turning the left terest, send us a brief item, please. A cheek to them when the right one has been smitten. Do not understand me that we, who have knowledge of spiritual truths, are to submit to the assertions of them are upon the spiritual truths, are to submit to the assertions of them are upon the spiritual truths. ual truths, are to submit to the asser-tions of ignorance and intolerance! No, extend a cordial invitation to all speakstand your ground. Do not show the ers to send in their appointments to lec-

was engaged to speak failing to materi- with the old theological teachings of you, who have studied spiritual things, 9, when he begins at Lake Brady. He 9, when he begins at Lake Brady. He existence: whereas old theology teaches would be giad to spend a part or all of a hopeless condition, unless a belief in that time somewhere en route from Orits teachings is accepted. The egon to Ohio. Also, he has only just guides spoke of the work that had been learned that he is not engaged from done in liberalizing the minds of the that time somewhere en route from Oregon to Ohio. Also, he has only just sengers."

Mrs. W. McAboy writes from Louisville, Ky.: "The First Spiritualist Church of Louisville, Ky., have just had wishing his services for either of these children in the church Sunday-schools, dates should write him at 906 Market financial secretary, Dr. Thos. McAboy; so he will get it before June 25, or at New Era, Oregon, treasurer, Mrs. T. C. Wilson; corresponding secretary. Mrs. Willia McAboy. street, San Francisco, so he will get it terwards have to be unlearned. The inhim.

> Dr. Juliette H. Severance has removed to Waukesha Building, corner of with us Sunday, the 27th. We hope he Grace and 64th streets, Chicago, where will find a hearty welcome wherever he she can be addressed for engagements. is called to labor."

"Let Mr. Gould have a furnace heated nual election of officers for the society

We learn from Brother Richardson it impossible to answer each personally, the spirits manifesting, and another pethat Spiritualism at East Aurora, N. and adopts this method of thanking culiar thing about it, too, all of her tests Y., is gradually gaining ground. The them for their kind words and good are recognized. We cordially invite all society, now a little more than a year wishes. She will resume her work with who are investigating our renewed vigor. November, December, philosophy and its attendant phenomedisengaged.

The camp engagements of A. E. Tisdale are as follows; Lake Brady, Ohio; Niantic, Connecticut; Ocean Grove and Onset Bay, Massachusetts; Temple Heights, Verona Park, Island Park and Hayden Lake, Maine. Societies wishing his services for the months of October and November, 1894 and the lecture season of 1895 may address him at 547 Bank street, New London, Ct.

F. W. S. writes: "Mrs. M. Cushing-Smith, of Rockland, Maine, held two services in the Universalist church at South Hope, Maine, Sunday, May 13. The subjects treated were; 'The Voice of God,' and 'Heresysas a Forerunner of meeting with the Rockland society, Me. Spiritualists, were much interested in Her lectures are characterized by depth the new presentation of old truths, and

writes Mrs. G. Partridge, the psychometrist, has removed to 46 St. John's Place, to there more commodious rooms.

Her reading of the Bible was a pleasing feature of the services, and the lectures were broad and liberal while permeated with true Spiritualism. Another call

the columns of the Primitive Christian Dr. Nathaniel H. Eddy and Celia A. Starr were united in marriage on the evening of May 23, at the home of Mrs. E. Coverdale, 4312 Langley avenue. Bishop A. Beals officiated on the occasion.

Bishop A. Beals speaks at Muskegon. ble, as it contains many grand thoughts, beautiful lessons of truth and wisdom, which are calculated to benefit the adult members of the lyceum as well as the rising generation of children. There is Mrs. Bessie Kemp Roberts, of the Dalles, Oregon, writes that she has lately discovered the gift of thought-talking to the spirits—she can hear them sing, and hear what they wish to tell to their friends. She hopes to do a great deal of good before she experition. It is a grand work to educate and their them sing and conducting this very necessary adjunct to every body of Liberals or Spiritualists, viz., a well-conducted lyceum. It is a grand work to educate and their them wind of the young to take great deal of good before she experi-lyceum. It is a grand work to educate ences her transition to the higher life. E. Armberg, healing medium, has removed to No. 6321 Madison avenue, Hogressive Spiritual Society, of Chicago, which meets at Masonio Home Temple, 3120 Forest avenue, has been served

very acceptably by Bishop A. Beals, whose guides have thoroughly proven their ability to demonstrate the truths of Spiritualism, and through the influx of inspiration there seemed to be no lack of words to elucidate and explain the theme of discourse. The evening of the finely rendered, vibrating harmony to the souls of listeners. The evening of the 20th, after invocation, poem and song, the subject, 'The Religion of Spiritualism,' was discoursed upon, outlining its structure, showing it to be the religion of nature, and comparing the same the past, showing the fact that the re-ligion of Spiritualism taught humanity progress here, and also in the future children in the church Sunday-schools instilling in their minds what would af spiration throughout the lecture was grand, giving a spiritual influx of intelligence above the ordinary mind. After the lecture there were tests of spirit presence given through Mr. Beals and Mrs. Wilson Porter. Mr. Beals will be

Dr. H. V. Sweringen, of Fort Wayne, Ind., writes: "I destre to say a word in behalf of Mrs. Anna Orvis, who has tive audience met under the auspices of ministered unto us in spiritual and sci- the Psychological Society of this place, entific things for the last two months. I on Sunday, April 20th, at 3 o'clock P. M., say a 'word,' because I realize how when the guides of William Ritchle futile fifty thousand words would be, and how inadequate to the expression of ualism, Its Aims and Objects,' which the appreciation in which she is held by the appreciation in which she is held Spiritualists of Washington, Pa. We have already received our charter, and the cause is booming, and we believe to know if they are ever heard from to know if they are ever heard from truthfully describe her by saying that our society as destined to grow and be-

G. A. Eichelberger writes: Mrs. Ada before, to bear us witness, we have the | wonderfully, so, thoroughly truthful, and convincing, which have stood the scrutiny of the most scientific adepts for years, and which the most skeptical cannot but admit are from a source divine and not of human origin. She is, therei year are: President, Samuel Newman;
if year are: President, Mrs. J. Hooker; recording secretary, Ernest Lincoln; financial
secretary, Charles Behrens; treasurer,
James Donovan; trustees, Wm. Pfeiffer,
Edward Lincoln, Mrs. Dr. Matteson,
Mrs. E. Nugent. Mrs. Ella Atcheson,
in which is an investigating on the sport to doing some great
in which is an investigating on the sport to manifest itself.

She and leader, Mrs. J. Hooker. Our
is the sport to manifest itself.

She superintendent J. J. Grant and his assistants. Mrs. Nickerson has taken a
very earnest part in the advancement of
of our lyceum work."

We learn that since Mrs. Adaline M.
Glading's return home in Doylestown,
Pa., she has been in receipt of so many
to congratulatory letters from her friends
in timpossible to answer each personally,
and adopts this method of thanking
them for their kind words and good
wishes. She will resume her work with
the praise and laudation we can bestow upon her, to hear
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the praise and laudation we can bestow upon her, to hear
the most overling public seances. If you are the most skeptical and inoredulous person living it will
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thinking if it does not convince you on
the sport. There is nothing in any of
the sport to manifest itself. She
return home in the advancement of
the sport to manifest itself. She
return home in Doylestown,
gets answers by rapping, hearing, see
to congratulatory letters from her friends
is lighted in full electric light. She
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more astonishing than the first. And both entire Baton progeny. of Bacon, for in them there is a certain recog. works, quence, which I am loth to credit even the der, whose enmeshing web caught every scilearned Dr. Owen with-

tain degree-from the great solar luminaries. This engulfing philosopher, whose foster fungi of the literary swamps."

nary of the sixteenth and seventeenth centu- Latin, Greek, French and Spanish at her ries, Dr. Owen has brought his spectroscope tongue's end, and whose own father, Dudley, to bear; has subjected it to a most critical Earl of Leicester, was no less renowned in the and exact chemical analysis, and found that arts of war than she in subtle strategem; this it contains the following metals in a state of Sir Francis Dudley Bacon, or what you will, fusion-not dimming, but adding to the lustre being so fathered and mothered, so fostered cial demonstration of the principal phases, inof this luminous body: Green, Peel, Marlowe, and so reared, hemmed in by walls of court, Spencer, Burton and Shakespeare -- a golden and nurtured amid the refining influences of compound truly; a dear alloy, apt to overawe Anne Bacon's life—which, he or Shakespeare? many of the recognized characteristics of coninvestigation, and resolves the firmament surrounding it into stars of the fourth and fifth magnitude.

Other astronomers prior to Dr. Owen's time have been struck with the singular and striding appearance of this great orb; have discovered through their imperfect instru ments evidences of a polychromus fire: and this may have prompted him to point his telescope towards that part of the heavens where lens to resolve it into its component parts and in its rays read a complete history of its age.

"And then the rabble threw up their greasy nightcaps.' The first promulgator of the rotundity of the

earth was looked upon as mad. Pythagoras, who taught that the stars were masses of corruptible matter, was banished for his impiety. What great problem might have engrossed the mind of Archimedes, when he was killed by the bloodthirsty cohorts of Dionysius? The proposition of Cyrus W. Field to fulfill the prophecy of Puck: "I'll put a girdle round the earth in forty minutes," was laughed at; and when poor Delia Bacon dared to assert that Sir Francis Bacon was the author of the Shakespeare plays, she became almost an Ishmaelite. But the train had been fired: 'twas but a spark, to be sure, that might have died, as it was but imperfectly laid, had not other hands, such as Nathaniel Holmes, W. D. O'Connor, Edward Gordon and Ignatius Donnelly taken up the almost extinguished brand and touched the train again.

But Dr. Owen has done more. When sacrilegious hands had damped the train that Bacon laid in the stream of public ridicule and prejudice, to his credit be it, he not only kept the train alight, but fired the magazine, and the world has heard the report; and the "haha" of the ignorant is like the judgment of the ass on the singing of the nightingale-"He that steals my purse steals trash; 'twas

mine. 'Tis his, and has been slave to thousands.

But he

That filehes from me my good name, robs me of that

That not enriches him, and makes me poor indeed."

wearers of stolen literary garments, no one the above lines; nor no one less than that its wheels infinitesimal revolve? mighty genius, whose greatest authenticated brain effort was to bequeath his best featherbed to his wife, and whose utter repudiation of all attempt at written recrod may be traced in his voluminous chirography, wherein he signs his name with a labored scrawl that a three day practice school-boy would have blushed at.

Till the third crow of the cock, Simon Peter cried out: "I know him not!" Till Spirituslism had honeycombed the church, there were many Simon Peters. Now that from a babe in swaddling clothes it has grown to be a rugged man of brain and brawn, that cannot be put down, few are ashamed to openly acknowledge his leadership and enroll under his bandull tiers of senseless laughers tire, they will an impostor; removes the misleading legend find that in Dr. Owen's church, "Those that came to mock have remained to pray."

There is a mysterious fascination to some in solving the seemingly unsolvable. 'Twas that that made Sir Isaac Newton immortal; Edison, and it is that will crown the unrayeler of Sir Francis Bacon's inspired cryptogram with an undying fame.

William Shakespeare, the unlettered butcher's son, an author! Shakespeare the deerlet? This confidente of Bandello, on whose tales he builded his Tempest-Winter's Tale. and Romeo and Juliet; this boon companion of Cynthio, Gerardi, Ariosto, Boccaccio and his Fairy Queen, and whose Fairy Queen fed months.

him for his Much Ado; this "upstart crow him for his Much Ado; this "upstart crow," SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION whose quotations from the sucients bristle in phalanxes from all his works; and who stood with one of his feet on Parnassus' heights, the other in Stratford, that Bacon might creep between his legs and find himself dishonorable sepulchred; "this man has now Which Was the Author of the Great that is crumbling to its base, and soon he will be left to the mercy of a rude stream, that shall bear him to the sea of oblivion, unless

experienced dramatic author could have in so overawed by the wonders of his mighty with the intention of securing recognition by our credit and an accession such as has never after year sown broadcast over the soil of our vented, if such could have been an invention genius that he forgot to mention him in his the outer world and our sympathizers yet not before marked its progress in numbers, influ- Republic, destroying the liberties which dis-

ence in its tangles; the grasp of whose intellect

verdict.

evidences of inspiration among them at its secure the highest manifestations, and of such fullest bent than Spiritualists. They see and character that the effect on the skeptical will hear mediums every day who claim to be either far overreach any other effort that has ever Pit: beyond, and who are so interested in sublunary such of the press as will throw off the shackles it burned; and with the aid of a more perfect affairs that they return and fill the dull lips of of prejudice, and a disposition to pander to bursts of eloquence that electrify—burst from In this way we would be certain to create a unlettered personality.

life drove him to seek immunity in London, themselves and the cause, having no proper and the Holy Scriptures, scandalous, false, umns. But come to our camp-meeting and I was so nearly in touch with the angel choir knowledge of the requirements which are necthat from his harp came no discordant note, his voice no jarring sound.

thinnest, lightest wood, it must be doubly sults. stayed with staunchest ribs, so that its very buoyancy helps it to override seas that would for its interest the adoption of principles and engulf a heavier craft.

of Egypt still is lean?

Bacon? Let him study the habits of this in- participated in the National Convention held at dignity of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. sect, smaller than a grain of milk, that can contain the Milky Way; yet all confined in fault with the results of that convocation, al-That this would apply equally well to the this ting globe fast to the shrunk shoulders of though to the point of adjournment they aca man. What marvelous mechanism would cepted the conclusions which it reached in could have known better than the author of it disclose could we but stand without and see

> O man! a part of one stupendous whole, By God create, and of that God a part: He meant not death to such a fearful soul,

has the support of all lovers of justice, who abounds. ners. So also with this cipher child. When will look on with satisfaction while he buries Shakespeare-from each storied urn and monumental bust, and carves in its stead in unfading relief-Sir Francis Bacon.

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As one of the means to accomplish this result it is proposed to congregate at the convention as many as possible of the most noted. reliable, highly-developed mediums for espe cluding inspirational lecturers, clairvoyants, clairaudients, test mediums, slate-writers, and "Look on this picture and on this." Then trol by spirit influence. It is designed to have with a jury of twelve reasons give an unbiased a systematic and impressive display of these powers in conjunction with the Spirit-world, There is no class who have more tangible which will define the necessary conditions to inspired or controlled by spirits of the mas- been made. Measures will be taken to insure ters who have preceded them into the great a widespread and truthful account through their instruments with living fire. They hear public sentiment, regardless of honor or truth. what instruments? The unlettered, the un. more exalted impression upon the liberal elerefined? Never! The harp the gods play must ment, who are those from whom we expect the be finely strung; and Spiritualists, though first advancement and investigation of the octutored mediums, when claiming to be under through chosen mediums. In the past there the complete and perfect control of a Cicero, has been too much chance and hap-hazard in utter the meaningless platitudes of their own the methods of presenting the various phases of development, and it has been too common Spiritualists from that very prims facie evi- for our mediums to advertise themselves when dence should be capable judges as to whether they were but imperfectly or but partially deif to rib it well. Like to a vessel made of so doing they are certain to insure the best re-

What is the multum in parvo? This tiny and its advancement to higher conditions. flow and flow and gain the more by flowing; majority, trusting if any errors are discovered this water-wheel that drinks the sea? This in they can in this way be corrected to much betsatiable anamalculæ that devours Olympus in ter advantage and the profit of all concerned, its minute mouth, yet like the seven lean kine than for those who are in a minority to branch off in individualism and create different fac-Who is he that limits the possibilities of a tions. An insignificant number of those who manner offending, and against the peace and Chicago last September were disposed to find expressed by the convention, and have a fair trial, they subsequently sought to destroy the organization by puerile attacks. Notwithstanding such a condemnatory policy the Association has been constantly progressing and effectually gaining ground, so that it is a fixed and permanent institution, and is now taking of the says:

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Spiritualists, why should not you, who claim consequently an increased power. For it is to man-over all superstition and dogmatism. only by such action you will more rapidly com-

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confronts you, but act now and use your indi- tigations equal to our camp-meeting, which

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Some time ago the grand jury in session at Lexington, Ky., preferred the following indictment against C. C. Moore, editor of an in- promote the general welfare of all. Where. fidel-prohibition paper called the Blue Grass oh! where is loyalty? What has become of Blade, as set forth by The Independent Pul- Americanism? Shall liberty longer remain on

FAYETTE CIRCUIT COURT. The Commonwealth of Ken-) Blasphemy.

C. C. Moore. The grand jury of Fayette county, in the name and by the authority of the Common- ernment, and destroy the last vestige of intelwealth of Kentucky, accuse C. C. Moore of lectual unfoldment, change the human brain the offense of blasphemy, committed as fol- into a cave of mental darkness, and reason and lows: That said C. C. Moore, in the county liberty into exiled monarchs. I have from the they may be loth to admit it, know that un- currences which are so frequently manifested aforesaid; being then and there the owner, galleries of the nation's Senate and House of controller, proprietor and editor of a certain Representatives tried to listen to the discusnewspaper in the city of Lexington known as sion of such questions as millions of our peothe Blue Grass Blade, did in the issue of said ple are anxiously waiting the result of: I have paper of Sunday, March 18, 1894, unlawfully, been in the camp of the Coxey army, talked wickedly and maliciously and blasphemously publish of and concerning the Christian reli-should, but I cannot even allude to it in the veloped, thus at times bringing reproach upon gion, and concerning Jesus Christ and God space allotted to correspondence in these colmalicious, wicked and blasphemous words as will tell you all. The crisis is close upon us. essary to enable them to render in all cases follows, to-wit: "When I say Jesus Christ We must move in one solid body; not an enentire satisfaction. The most successful me- was a man exactly like I am, and had a human ergy must be lost. Traitors are manipulating Sir Francis Bacon bore a weakly body; but diums have carefully and persistently tried the father and mother exactly like I had, some of our Government; but we know that the soldiers strong of body is not always strong of soul; spirits in order to ascertain if they be good or the pious call it blasphemy. When they say who died for love of country on the fields of for it seems to be a paradox in nature that evil, and after receiving full satisfaction that that Jesus Christ was born as the result of a battle, or from torture in the traitors' prisons, weakly bodies are often blest with an indwell- they are of the former class, rely on them at sort of a Breckinridge-Pollard hyphenation still live, and with their united action we will ing soul of steel; as if witnessing the frailty all times for a knowledge of the necessary between God and a Jew woman, I call it blas- stay the hands of power—coming from the of her abode, the soul filled it out strongly, as conditions to govern their manifestations. In phemy, so you see there is a stand-off," thereby meaning that pious and religious persons pontiff of the dough God—from strangling the stated and believed that the birth of Jesus Goddess of Liberty, and the fair face of free-Christ was the result of an unholy and illicit dom shall grow more beautiful under the inalliance and connection between Almighty God fluence of the liberties of the citizens, and action calculated for the promotion of a cause and Mary, the mother of Christ, and intend- not be distorted by the dogma of a church. ing thereby to treat with offensive levity and Come to us all that love Americanism better globe fast to the shrunk shoulders of a man? should foster the best disposition, and avoid ridicule the scriptural account of the divine than creeds, and liberty better than their God,

> the salvation of sinners, to the contempt of the Christian religion and the laws of this State, to the evil example of all others in like C. J. BRONSTON.

> > Commonwealth's Attorney.

of Christ for the redemption of the world and

Witness, Rev. E. L. Southgate. The editor of the Pulpit objects to the

of their own."

We are very much of the opinion of Mr. to have become possessed of a knowledge Moore, that the blasphemy is on the side of which is beyond all price, show that you are the advocates of miraculous conception. It is worthy of the light which has been vouchsafed one of the names of blasphemy of which the to you and throw aside the narrow views which scarlet colored beast was full. See Rev., 17. are so characteristic of humanity, and combine 3, and will be obliterated in the great judgas a force under the universal principle which ment to which the present crisis is the prehas woven a halo about the life of Thomas How The Progressive Thinker is prevails in exemplifying the fact that the aggregation of integers produces multiples and pure spiritual religion—love to God and love

#### R. N. An Important Notice.

Any society or individual member of a society being gathered before me. opinions and broaden out your methods, and identified with the National Spiritualists' Association, wishing to offer any amendment to the Constitution adopted by the First Annual A Rare Offer.—Secrets of the Convent of Convention of Spiritualists, held at Chicago, Ill., in September, 1893, is required, under

# SHE SOUNDS AN ALARM.

Stirring Words From Mrs. A. H. Luther, Now at Washington. D. C.

As the Indiana State Association of Spiritalarming conditions now confronting us upon Wait no longer to perform the duty which all sides. I know of no place for such invesopens July 19th, continuing till August 14th. Our grounds are spacious, opportunities excellent, platform as free as the atmosphere we breathe. That liberty is trembling within the fangs

of our national diplomacy and aristocracy, and paling as it approaches the cemetery in which our present administration will find its grave, if we remain silent, needs no further proof, than the unrest of the millions of people. The preamble of our Constitution, which was designed as a brief interpretation of its spirit, declares that it was ordained and established for the purpose of transmitting to posterity the blessings of liberty, to establish justice, to insure domestic tranquility, and to the faro table, for gamblers, and the people continue the dupes of the game? Oh! for a Patrick Henry to hurl the clarion notes of justice through our Union of States! Shall the intelligent, toiling millions longer be slaves. that a dogmatic religion may control our Govwith its leaders, and I know much that you This thimble that can contain an ocean? That can drink and drink and not be filled; can flow and flow and flow and gain the more by flowing:

| Should foster the best disposition, and avoid conception, and avoid conception, and avoid conception, and avoid conception, and avoid conception and birth, and to bring contempt and will counsel together—think, reason and ridicule against Almighty God and his distribution of the divine and we will counsel together—think, reason and ridicule against Almighty God and his distribution of the divine and we will counsel together—think, reason and ridicule against Almighty God and his distribution of the divine and we will counsel together—think, reason and ridicule against Almighty God and his distribution of the divine and we will counsel together—think, reason and ridicule against Almighty God and his distribution of the divine and we will counsel together—think, reason and ridicule against Almighty God and his distribution to Manoah's wife; to Introduced to Manoah's w MRS. A. H. LUTHER.

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## The Oak and Its Roots.

"The oak Shall send his roots abroad

Shall send his roots abroad
And pierce thy mould."

These words of the lamented Bryant were
forcibly illustrated some time ago in an old
graveyard in Fort Wayne, Ind. Owing to the
growth of the city and the encreechments of

entire bony canal from its resting-place of a quarter of a century.

While pondering thus upon what my eyes beheld, little wondering why physicians as a class leaned toward materialism and agnosticism, and why Bishop Foster confessed honestly that he did not know that death did not end all, I thought of other words that have come reverberating adown the centuries from a most celebrated Spiritualist: "Thou fool! that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die," and then methought where in the universe of worlds is the essence, the germ, To all societies of Spiritualists connected the quickening spirit, the eternal entity or soul with the National Spiritualists' Association: of the being whose material remnants were

H. V. SWERINGEN, M. D.

the Sacred Heart.

The remainder of the bound edition of the Designs by Watson Heston, with porof one other obscure Italian author whose from cause of one other obscure Italian author whose name has slipped my memory, and who furnished him the argument of his Othello; this wood merchant who knew "little Latin and less Greek;" an intimate of Euripides, Plon, Appian, Ovid, Homer, Virgil, leady, for leading minds send in their best writers of antiquity a pamphlet only could contain their names; this barterer, whose contain their names; this barterer, whose the first paper for three will will most generously and earnestly lend his or hopes in pushing forward the work of this Wairv Oneen. and whose Fairy Queen fed months.

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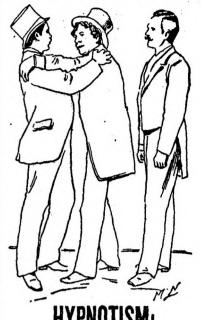
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## NOT MATERIALISTS.

A Correction and Vindication.

To THE EDITOR:—I request permission to express the satisfaction and great delight which the Hon, A. B. Richmond's reply to his critics (issue May 5, 1894) affords myself and Spiritualist friends. It was a much-needed, logical and scientific refutation of that strange anomaly, materialistic Spiritualism. Is it possible to conceive of anything more contradictory than atheistic Spiritualism? And, oh! this way! As this philosophical perversion seems to derive support from a misconception of the views of some very eminent scientists, I venture to offer a correction as to this important matter, and which may be the means of saving many a spiritualistic friend from to many wavering materialists in their early stages of spiritual investigation it is a most grievous and distressing stumbling-block.

Mr. Richmond quotes Prof. Huxley as saying: "It may be true of the occurrence of 'abiogenesis' at some time, but if the present day or any recorded epoch of geological time be a question, the exact contrary holds good.' And Mr. Richmond says: "This is the opinion of one of earth's greatest scientists, who is also a materialist, yet he admits that there is no evidence of potential life in matter."

Now, as Prof. Huxley is not chargeable with this glaring inconsistency, I trust Mr. Richmond will excuse me for correcting the mistake. In his article, "Science and Morals" (Fortnightly Review, Nov., 1886), Prof. Huxley says: "Mr. Lilly's third thesis runs that I put outside as unverifiable everything which cannot be brought into a laboratory and dealt with chemically, and again I say, no!" "And assuredly I have never given the slightest grounds for the attribution to me of the ridiculous contention that there is nothing true outside the bounds of physical science." "Mr. Lilly says that with whatever 'rhetorical ornaments I may gild my teaching,' it is materialism." "If I believed that I had any claim to the title of Materialist, as that term is understood in the language of philosophy and Spiritualism with its advanced thought has promotion of human weal are but different not in that of abuse, I should not attempt to hide it by my gilding." "But to repeat what I have more than once taken pains to say in people to be shut off from its grand work by sociology is the recognition of the economy of News, it is not generally known that Herrthe most unadorned of plain language, I reputice. We should be glad to learn the opindate, as philosophical error, the doctrine of ions of some legal minds in regard to organan orthodox pulpit; and this man who can lit has often stood him in good stead, too.

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During his last engagement in Brazil, several Materialism." "It seems to me pretty plain ization, through The Progressive Thinker, afford to wait until people are born "with such During his last engagement in Brazil, several wit, consciousness, which I cannot see to be matter or force, or any conceivable modification of either, however intimately the manifestation of the phenomena of consciousness may be connected with the phenomena known as matter and force."

seen by reference to the "Belfast Address." mediums of Grand Rapids, Michigan. and of whom Mr. Herbert Spencer, in speakusually are, that every physical inquiry, pur- about filled it to its best capacity. ics and leaves us face to face with an insoluble cal talent an opportunity to be heard, the is a logician, and accuse him of being neither. manner, and after a short pause said: problem." And in a letter to Dr. Jones, principal lectures being delivered by Dr. J. A true philosopher would find no use for the dated London, May 4, 1891, and read at a A. Marvin, who has some very powerful and various schisms wherewith the church is di- had charge of horses. meeting of the Brooklyn Ethical Association, and his lectures have about that date, Mr. Spencer, in speaking of himself, says: "I have had to rebut the cause. Dr. Marvin is new in the cause of Marvin is new in the cause of Marvin is new in the cause. Dr. Marvin is new in the cause of Marvin is new in the cause. Dr. Marvin is new in the cause of the cause of Marvin is new in the cause of the ca charge of Materialism times too numerous to this line of work, but old in the cause. He markable orthodox professor, despairing of looking Spaniard from whom he had often remember, and I have now given the matter is open to engagements, and societies needing ever abolishing the barriers between the variup. It is impossible to give more emphatic a good lecturer can do no better than engage ous sects, attempts to make excuses for their the auditorium the night he lost the ring. He have repeatedly done, as you know. My an- critical. tagonists must continue to villify me as they Mrs. E. P. Blake, the test medium of tion of the church is to claim that each sect is please. I cannot prevent them. Practically a Materialist, and you shall be a Materialist other points in Indiana. whether you like it or not."

Many advocates of the current blatant Materialism claiming these eminent scientific au- of about twenty, and on April 27th they had a an orthodoxist. It is the province of an or- voyant knew of its whereabouts or who had it, thorities in support of their "philosophical "hard times" social, which was enjoyed by a thodoxist, by the will of God, to make any but it was a wonderful case of mind-reading. error," as Huxley pronounces it, will see cause large number and the rags and woe that ap-statement that he sees fit, and whomsoever to lower their heads when they find the highest peared would put a professional tramp to flight dares to dispute or gainsay such statement science of the age affording them no support On May 11th was given a lilac supper, and runs a very serious risk of being damned. whatever, but which, on the contrary, utterly May 16th a strawberry and cream festival, But Professor Small's idea of each sect as a repudiates it as false doctrine. The publication of the church may have been derived tion of this fact in The Progressive Thinker literary program and all proving a success from his familiarity with his own functions— what can be done by a blind person is now bemay have the effect of encouraging many financially and socially, The young people earnest but wavering spiritual investigators have proven themselves great hustlers and will likewise endowed, each has a little brain of its Iowa. Some twelve weeks ago S. B. Angell who, in this matter, have been laboring under a be of much assistance to the parent society in own—one is not more especially favored than purchased the Swaledale Bee, and not having

grievous mistake. San Bernardino, Cal.

## A Worthy Brother.

To the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER:-We, the undersigned, unite in testimony commendatory and approvingly on behalf of Mr. J. Wheeler, as an excellent character reader and psychometrist. He has read for each of us to our entire satisfaction. grang greacest possionnes, neithral suggestions, etc. We are united in our pleasure of push the Spiritual society to the front. His every other function, It is all head, all stom- the average compositor and do it with greater pronouncing his powers of a fine order. Mr. good wife donated all the cream for the sch, all leg, all hand or arm, all feet, or what accuracy. She experiences but little trouble W. is a Spiritualist, and stands up to his highest convictions of the truth thereof. He is now getting pretty well along in years, and has not many summers to stay on this side of home, and has to combat in life's struggles as ualists, "Hazlett Park Camp-meeting." life. He is destitute of the comforts of a best he can. His only means of support is by the exercise of his gifts. Dear readersespecially those in Michigan—this brother is worthy of any patronage you may bestow upon him. How many of the vast audience of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER'S readers will assist him by sending to him for a reading, and thus Reduced from 15 to 10 cents each, or \$9 per do good to a needy and deserving one. The hundred, to close the edition. Send at once subject, by a practical hypnotist. Cloth \$2. She has also achieved quite a little fame as a price asked for a written chart is only 50 to THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, 40 Loomis cents, and can be sent to him by postal note, together with your own handwriting, name and address; send lock of hair, and address him as follows: J. C. Wheeler, General Deliv-

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## A VOICE FROM OHIO.

Along the Line.

TO THE EDITOR:-The Legislature of this State has adjourned, after four months of lawand sisters in distress. Had not the Spirit- for a broader liberality."

der to protect our healers, our true mediums, power and opportunity. from legislative enactments in the future, sions of the Ohio General Assembly have been went on: bothered with those medical bipeds, to get every Spiritualist should be a subscriber.

Columbus, Ohio. W. S. CLEMENS.

Prolific of Good Things.

This, Mr. Editor, ought to be sufficient to prolific of many good things, both spiritual and silence the accusers of Prof. Huxley as to the material, at Lansing, Michigan. First, Hon. false charge of being a Materialist, for its at L. V. Moulton occupied the platform one Suntribution to him is odious. The same is day and gave us a grand spiritual feast, asequally true of Prof. Tyndall, and can easily be sisted by Mesdames Jackson and Blake, test women while attempting to respond to the sleep, and try to locate the lost jewel in that

Our society now occupies the old Presbying of his death, recently said: "Prof. Tyn. terian church, which has a capacity of six dall was much more conscious than physicists hundred, and Brother Moulton's audience

The past three Sundays have given our lo-

ganized a literary society with a membership may be perfectly applicable to the case—he is He does not pretend to explain how the clairraising funds to carry on the meetings hereaf- another, they each perform the same office; enough assistance his blind sister, Misa Hattie

benefit, and they take great interest in the science. I have found some good material source, and that we are therefore entitled to an papers, etc., and she soon became so proficient among them and will undoubtedly graduate explanation in full in the matter. a number of excellent psychometrists. The Temple of the Magi is flourishing and Brother Champion is the right man in the right place; he not only keeps the Temple moving along, strawberry festival, which saved one large you will. There is no difference in the function with her copy. She is expert in writing the

item of expense. annual trip to the mecca of Michigan Spirit old stand.

DB. E. A. READ.

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## AN ORTHODOX PLEA.

Become a Fad.

Religious congresses having become a fad in lieu of the success of those held in this city making and unmaking, and once more the con-during the progress of the World's Fair last stituency of this memorable body feels the year, a convention of that order convened on greatest relief in being left alone to enjoy Thursday of last week, wherein was conspicuthe pursuit of their own business and happi- ously manifested the pitiable weakness of orness, outside of law-makers. For four long thodox theology and the stagnant condition of powers. Her right hand and arm, nearly to months the stiff-back-regular doctors have the orthodox argument. One Prof. Small. how sad to see avowed Spiritualists arguing in worked, spent money, and met in Columbus inexplainably human and surnamed Albion, and held a three days' convention long before whose mental quantity may have been measthe general assembly met, and formulated a ured by the name expressing his identity, rose bill to regulate the practice of medicine, or, in solemnly from his seat while his brethren of a perfect puzzle to electricians, as it will penits true meaning, to regulate magnetic heal- the congress were halting under the impression ers, and clairvoyant-examining physicians, out that somebody ought to pass the hat, and surfalling into this very common error, for to many wavering materialists in their early cising their rights to do good to their brothers as a member of an orthodox church to plead

ualists of Ohio, by the warnings given | Instantly there was a tremendous shout of through THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, heeded applause from every quarter of the chamber. the alarm, this State, with all its grand medi- It was obvious at once that the "broader libums, would have been out off, or suffered no erality" which the professor desired to plead end of persecution. So you can score another for was a popular sentiment in that vast orvictory for our cause through the untiring thodox assembly, and every member shouted vigilance of our Spiritualist workers, who lustily: "Me, too!" supplementing thereupon fought these medical hydra-headed monsters, a vigorous "amen," for it is one of the fundafrom their first conception till they went down mental principles of orthodoxy (though unwritten) to plead for a broader liberality. The Now, while the Spiritualists have accom- orthodox church has never failed to plead for plished a good work in defeating these media broader liberality, and wherever pleading cal monstrosities, there is much to be done to was unavailing it effected a broader liberality place our cause on a solid footing, and in or by force, if favored by the circumstances of

The applause which greeted the good prothey should organize in some legal way for fessor's remark occasioned so strong an emotheir mutual protection, in order to stem the tion in his breast that it was a full moment tide of opposition that is always coming up in ere he could proceed, when swallowing very legislative form. Sixteen or seventeen ses hard several times in rapid succession, he

"Until people are born with such temperalaws passed to regulate their practice, and at ments that they can be comfortable in a single the last session the projectors of the monster church, we may as well consider a multitude anaconda thought that by combined effort of of sects as naturally an expression of essential all the schools of medicine they would crush social economy. Unity between some people out all healers and irregular physicians from is inversely as their distance. From the socithe earth. Such is not the case, however, ological standpoint, religion and union for the become too deeply rooted in the minds of the phases of the same fact. A first principle of

which has been the champion of our cause, and temperaments that they can be comfortable in years ago, he was presented by Dom Pedro a single church," and has not the courage to with a magnificent solitaire diamond ring. denounce that which he knows to be wrong While doing his famous gold fish trick one the evil of sectarianism-deserves to become slipped from his wet finger and rolled out of To THE EDITOR:—The past month has been so effated with conceit as to forget the signification sight under the seats. A thorough search was cance of his own name and its appropriate ap- instituted and large rewards offered for the ous sects that fleece poor, gullible men and to his meameric powers, put a subject to he says that ''we may as well consider a mui-beautiful Spanish lady. With a few passes of cede him to be as great a philosopher as he put her hand to her forehead in a bewildered denial or assign more conclusive proof than I him. He will give satisfaction to the most existence, and thereby impeaches the necessity went straight to the stable, looking the susfor his own. To designate each sect a func- pected man straight in the eye, said: Grand Rapids, is again with us, having rean essential part of the great whole called the each member of his physical corporation is ing exemplified at Swaledale, near Salem,

> Brother Ripley will be with us during the according to Professor Small. The professor to her. Writing it down in her language, whole of June, after which we will begin our still pleads for a "broader liberality" at the she goes to the case and gliding her fingers BAILEY KAY LEACH.

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To THE EDITOR:-This city is about to lose for a time one of the most remarkable women The Regulars Were Defeated All "Religious Congresses" Have of this age, Dr. Nellie Beighle, who, for the last fifteen years, has practiced her wonderful gifts among our people, and who has wrought many of the most astounding cures known to the present age.

The "little Doctor," as she is generally called here, possesses an electric hand and arm which is the marvel of all who have tested its the shoulder, is thoroughly electric, and by placing her hand on any part of the body a strong shock of electricity is felt. The power in this arm. which is bared while traveling, is etrate glass and be conducted by a single hair. The records of ancient cures contain none more miraculous than many which have been been achieved by this little lady during her faithful service in this city. In diagnosing she depends entirely on the voice of the invisible operators to tell her the seat of disease. She never asks a question, nor allows a patient to tell her anything, but she goes right along minutely describing the case, often tracing back twenty and thirty years to the first cause. She never makes a mistake in her di-

Her powers have been verified by various commissions of physicians, metaphysicians, psychical research societies and various organizations, before the public, and otherwise, and in every instance she has demonstrated her singular gifts, and that they are of spiritual origin. She is, to day, probably the most gifted medium in the world, and is herself a perfect fountain of perennial health, and her spirit is in touch with all who love humanity, and in sympathy with all who suffer.

The Doctor expects to leave San Francisco on the 25th inst. for Chicago, where she will tarry a short while before continuing her eastward journey. We commend her to the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER as we formerly did to the readers of the Golden J. J. OWEN.

San Francisco, Cal.

Herrmann as a Hypnotist.

TO THE EDITOR; -As stated in the daily even from an orthodox standpoint—I refer to night in the midst of the audience this ring plication. He expresses, by implication, an missing gem, but without avail. Finally the utter hopelessness of ever abolishing the vari- thought struck Herrmann that he would resort pleading of the pastors for a "broader liberal- manner. Accordingly he advertised for a ity." He goes still farther, however, when clairvoyant and found one in the person of a titude of sects as naturally an expression of his hands he put her to sleep and then proessential social economy," wherefore I con-ceeded to question her in Spanish. The lady

"The diamond was stolen by a man who

"You stole my ring. Produce it!" they say: 'It is convenient to us to call you turned from her visit to Fort Wayne and church. From an ordinary human standpoint protested his innocence. The next day, while this hypothesis is ridiculous to the verge of at breakfast, Herrmann was handed a package The young people of the society have or disgust. With Professor Small, however, it which he found contained the missing ring. M. GLEANOR.

A Blind Girl Sets Type.

TO THE EDITOR:-A remarkable case of each has a little stomach. Upon second Angell, prevailed upon him to allow her to go I have started a psychometric class for their thought I have concluded that the professor into the office and assist in the work. For the could not have procured the simile from that first few days she found occupation in folding in that that she asked to be allowed to set Conceive of a something with a great many type, and was given a case to see what she legs or a great many heads, but no body, or could do. In less than an hour she had the anything else, and you have Professor Small's boxes learned and her first stickful of type ides of the church and its various functions; was set in fifty minutes. What is still more Each function performs the same office as remarkable, she can now set as much type as tions except that of size. That is the church language of the blind, and matter is dictated over the raised surface she retains in her mind entire sentences and accordingly can set with great rapidity. In order to get the type right Rights of Man, by Thomas Paine. Com side up her middle finger is used in feeling prising an answer to Burke's attack on the the nicks, and this is done while the type is HYPNOTISM; its Facts, Theories and Relat she expects to soon become master of this art interesting presentation of a most interesting young woman and is a fine player on the piano.

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velop and ripen as year succeeds year. Nor can mortals forget those who works can be recalled in historical rec-were near and dear who have now ord, why not the vast monuments of the passed from their midst; there are always some little mementoes, some objects held sacred by association, remembered words, or acts of kindness which carry the mind back to days or events with which they were identified.

The granite shaft, the infigured stone to the fact that departed testify friends are not forgotten, and the funeral urn has never contained ashes of the mortal dead without the clustering of old (the monuments, works of art) who thodoxy to solve. When memories of loving regards. The bonds in their successive days developed and their successive days days developed and their successive days day the bolted door of the tomb can not separate nor shut out the memories of those who are left behind; such memories are the whisperings of the spirit they express a regard that is as immortal

even mortals must be cognizant of the educators and preceptors to the mortal must bear rule—either the so-called God great truth as they observe brilliant race, though invisible they may be; nor is a failure at optical instrument-making and eminent mortals constantly in sucmortal life, each performing the part to him or her assigned, and then disap-chanical, though mortals: for spirits are claims. The latter is the only tenable pearing to be remembered by a grateful constantly manifesting and demonstrational conclusion. It in effect at-mortal world as brilliant stars that have ing the immortality of the soul through firms that man was slowly evolved illuminated the social, professional or political firmaments, but have disappeared behind the clouds of mystery which yet envelope the theological illuminated by calling of proof and the case is thrown out of the system is especially liable to serious attacks of illness. It is remarkable how beneficial Hood's Sar-

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Thus the ancient dogma of design, and sarsuarilla and insist upon having it. on the contrary, the conditions have become such that spirits visit their former earth-homes and hold sweet communion with their surviving mortal in the modern years of this age.

It is not given to mortals to when they were mortals in the full possession of womanhood and manhood, and which already exists, and hence it fol-yet there are mortals so lost to intellidows that the conceptions which have immortality of life and profess a faith ductions, eventuated in great and imin agnosticism without even understand-portant discoveries, have not originated ing the significance of the term.

Finally—the other world is the Mecca source, the spirit with which such works purity and beauty, in the unending plains in his mortal days were familiar.

This is a tall man, full six feet; has short black hair and has round black Swedenborg in a manner that should eyes, straight nose, wide mouth and have secured universal conviction. prominent cheek bones. He looks to me like a powerful intellectual spirit. He requisite to an understanding of mortal Johnson, physical and trumpet medium, has broad shoulders, a deep chest and life; and let it not be said in these days will also be present during the meetwears a white robe—no ornaments. Now of enlightenment and civilization, that ing. he speaks:

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great extent, become extinct.
This brings us to a state in this disof old (the monuments, works of art) who thodoxy to solve. What shall we say? the civilian?...

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Spirit continueds labor (though from a spirits)

Mortal life, as viewed from the other world, is regarded as an episode, an incident, in the course of time, an expection to be taken up and laid down in fulfillment of a predestined mission, and fulfillment of a predestined mission, and set of the course of time and the supposes and the suppose supposes and the supposes supposes and the suppose supposes and th is it necessary for the presence of media or creating, or this so-called creating cession appearing upon the stage of to carry on by impression and control business is a falsehood, and man was

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