

THE DIFFERENCE

Between Magnetism and Hypnotism.

The Views of Countess Wacht-

Interesting Statements and Conclusions.

Startling Declaration in Regard to

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The Countess spoke as follows: Ladies and Gentlemen:—My lecture this evening is on "The Difference Between Magnetism and Hypnotism."

Magnetism has been known from all Magnetism has been known from all centuries. It was universally, used by the Indians and the Egyptians. There is also frequent mention of it in the Bible; and, later on, you will find that it was much used by kings and was known as a cure of king's evil. King Charles the Second had this extraordinate that the second was the contained to the second transfer that the second was the second was the second transfer that the second was the second transfer that the second was the second transfer that the second was the sec nary gift, and people used to come to him and he would lay his hands upon them; also Louis XIV., and a particular day was set aside when the people would come to be cured by the king.

to the diseased part and then the persons would get cured. After a time he found that so many people came to him that he formed what he called his battery. That was a large round tub that was filled with pieces of glass and iron shavings, and there were tubes all around and also a wire which was placed around it, and he, standing at one end, would hold the two ends of the wire and then he would send his magnetism through it, and doing this people would get cured. After a time he discovered that not only were people cured by this, kind of a nervous complaint this would have all these people falling down upon the ground, and beginning to have hyscommenced with his magnet, but after time discovered that he could cure

equally well by the placing on of hands,

and so afterwards he would also cure in

pupil of Mesmer, and he was remarklashion. He would magnetize a tree, and then placing all his patients around that tree, they would hold their hands on to the trunk and would then get persons around would immediately eatch it. So he also had to cure each person alone. Then there was Pierre De Potet, who lived in this century. to give them a piece of his old clothes; Then again, you can take this disease that when he had old clothes he always out of the body with the hand, and plac-cut them up in small pieces and handed ing it into water, if you get a dog or a them around to those who wanted to be cut to drink that water, if the disease

would turn in that peculiar fashion. Also dogs would jump on their two paws and then persons would turn around again, little imagining it was the old

say that I have disapproved of it and told the old man so, for I felt that one has absolutely no right to bring forth the weaknesses of one's fellow-creatures pefore the public. He would make a straight line with a piece of chalk, and then to the right he would make a curved line, magnetizing that for good, and then he would make a curved line to the left, magnetizing that for evil. He would then take his patient, and get his patient to walk straight up that line, HOTEL, ON THE EVENING OF AUGUST and the peculiar part of it was that very rarely a patient ever reached to the end of that line, because they always swerved off either to the one or to the evil, and an extraordinary part of it was predominated; therefore if a person had the good predominating in them they would invariably turn to the good line; but if the evil predominated then they would go to the left. Thus, I considered, as I said to him, that it was a wrong exhibition; it was exceedingly wrong to low up the weaknesses of our told you it can be eliminated in magwrong exhibition; it was exceedingly wrong to low up the weaknesses of our fellow-crei cres, who should be our fold you, it can be eliminated in magbrothers, tothers. But still it was netism by throwing off that bad fluid most strange and most extraordinary to which is thrown out, and I can show you shad such a thing should never fall, that that bad fluid exists by showing the shad as bad emanation which is for he did it over and over again, always there is a bad emanation which

comes out either from the tips of the denial that there is no pain, or no dispense for the injustice that had been hair, the eyes, the fingers or the toes; ease. What does he do? He shuts up done to him. hair, the eyes, the fingers or the toes; that thus you can emit this vital fluid, the pores of the skin, and shutting up and emitting this vital fluid towards a the pores of the skin, if that boil was person you can agnetize him. Now, a in the state of irritation or inflammation, good magnetize will only direct the he will throw it back on to the ethereal attack the brain. He will never attack feetly cured; there would not be a trace the intelligence, but he will just throw of inflammation; it would be all gone;

but also if there was anybody who had a subject into the trance condition. He will take a shimmering or bright object And what does it do? It remains there communicate to those around so that and place it over the head; the eyes for a time, and then, perhaps, it may then they also would become possessed then get into a kind of squint, looking come out again in the same form of disposed illness, and sometimes he would up to that, and in that state the nerve ease, or else it may come out in that centers of the brain are paralyzed, and, being paralyzed, the person falls into a it may do this:—it may stop latent in trance state. The hypnotist can also the ethereal body and then come out in the ground, and beginning to have mysteria, shricking out and screaming in every possible kind of a way. Naturally he saw that it was impossible to continue curing in this fashion, and so he gave up his battery. He then re- paralyzed, and being paralyzed this per- and doing that, it will then come out as son is in the trance state. When that mental and moral disease. Therefore,

state is induced the hypnotizer then uses suggestion—which is really hypnotism. Then their suggestion controls the brain another way of curing which is perfectly of another person. Then it is that a person with strong will power controls the brain of a person with weak will what is so exceedingly wrong, because we are all free persons; we should all can help the patient to be cured. But have our free wills, and no man has any again, nobody has the right even to cure right at all to control the will of another. cured. But also the same thing hap Thus you see the difference between pened as with Mesmer, that if there magnetism and hypnotism, and I beg was anyone with a hysterical disease the that you will keep this in your minds as I proceed, as then you will better understand what I have to say.

I will now return to magnetism. Daset, who was a very wonderful man, Baron De Potet told me that when one an old man in France who had an ex- wants to magnetize one, he first of all traordinary power of magnetism; and eliminates the disease from the body. then we could mention numbers of magnetizers, but I will come down to Baron place the hand on the diseased part and then to will the disease to come into the Baron De Potet was a Frenchman, who hand. I have seen cases where the at the age of sixteen began to magnet- hand will be completely swollen up, and What I have often seen, an ize, and went on to the age of eighty-five, other cases where the hand experiences when the old man died. Just before his an exceedingly disagreeable sensation. death he made a remarkable cure, that When you have taken the disease out of of curing a Russian prince of paralysis. the body in that way, if you throw it be-This Russian prince had traveled all hind, be most careful that nobody is beover Europe trying to get cured from hind you, because of that I have made different doctors. Now, I myself had experiments in Esdale Hospital, in Callessons from Baron De Potet, and I went cutta; also in the San Petriel, in Paris, to him frequently and learned his by placing persons behind, then by method of cure. He was a very power throwing the disease backwards on to ful magnetizer, and he told me that vast those persons, they invariably catch the numbers of people used to come to him disease. Thus you see that there is a to be cured and used to beg of him even bad fluid which emanates from the body.

cured, because his patients were so has been of a poisonous character you numerous that it was impossible for him will find that dog or cat will die. Thus, to take all the patients that were offered that again showing that an emanation, a to him. I have seen him stand up on bad emanation, comes out of the body, fluid flowing through the astral body vise always should be cremated, because animal within us. We all of us have them always in the room with herself, the fifth floor of his apartments and That is why we, in the Theosophical into the physical body, which thus be by cremating it it is good for humanity; the brute within us. Therefore we re- Being a kind of wampire, she would

that we lose all our molecules every the day comes on we become weaker, seven years, they being replaced by we become tired with our work, and beother molecules. Therefore, naturally, coming tired with our work, then this Now, when you think bad thoughts or The old are slways sleeping; because, worrying thoughts, or have great irrias they grow old they get weak and they tation, that produces a kind of irritation also have not the power of resistance or inharmony; it throws itself on to this ethereal body, which is really the body of sensation. The physical body has absolutely no sensation. You can take an idiot and perform a most horrible operation on his foot, and he looks at it all the time and laughs because he feels nothing. His brain being in a disordered condition is unable to feel. Therefore the body never feels. Now, this ethereal body is really the body of other line, either to the good or to the up to the brain the sensation of pain, and when the ethereal body has brough that always in their swerving off, it was to the brain that sensation, then the that quality within themselves which brain feels the pain and causes the man predominated; therefore if a person had to suffer pain. Therefore it is that on predominated the pain and the suffer pain.

brought from the body.

I will take a disease which is not a very pleasant one, but very graphic; that is a boil. How does a boil comwill power to the disease. He will never body. Thus the patient would be perthe person, willing that the diseased there would be no pain and the patient part be cured.

Hypnotism is different. First of all but where is the disease? Where is the hypnotizer will place his hypnotized that bad emanation? Why it has gone back on to the astral or ethereal body. body in a different kind of disease. Else the next life as hereditary disease; or legitimate and right, and that is the that down upon the patient. Often that another person without that person's because, as I have said, we, all consent, of us, have our free will, and, therefore, you have absolutely no right even to attempt to cure another unless he asks you to do so. What happens if you do? You have to bear a part of the Karma of that person, because you have meddled

yourself with his Karma. As I said last night, it is danger ous to interfere with the y of another, or with the Karms Now, in this process of unit to the divine principle, wh happens? hat is that the disease, if it is in th goes down to the throat, ien to the chest, then to the lower parts of the body and finally to the feet, which become swollen, and the feet becoming swollen, if you put them into water and then get a dog or cat to drink that water, they would be sick. The bad emana- in this way: Take a bottle, fill it with death, the Kama Rupa state, or what the tion has come out in that way, and thus oil, and then when you have got it quite Roman Catholics call purgatory, and if you make any animal drink of the bad full you can take a more volatile subthen what you would call heaven, or we the lowest plane to the highest. A

to magnetize, told me, first of all, to can pour that in so it will interpene-take away this bad fluid. When that trate the molecules of the ether; and

also have not the power of resistance against the vital fluid, and thus that is

the reason why we sleep. Now, when this patient is in trance or sleep condition, the magnet-izer can then, if he so choose, liberate

When this consciousness is liberated it can go off to any country, visit any place and then bring you back intelligence which, later on, you may verify by letter. I saw rather a curious experiment made in that way. A lady came when Raron De Potet had a parient in had taken a knife that was on the table their animal soul revolts at the idea of had taken a knife that was on the table their animal soul revolts at the idea of had taken a knife that was on the table their animal soul revolts at the idea of had taken a knife that was on the table their animal soul revolts at the idea of had taken a knife that was on the table their animal soul revolts at the idea of had taken a knife that was on the table their animal soul revolts at the idea of had taken a knife that was on the table their animal soul revolts at the idea of had taken a knife that was on the table their animal soul revolts at the idea of had taken a knife that was on the table their animal soul revolts at the idea of had taken a knife that was on the table their animal soul revolts and interest when they know that they know that they know that they know that they know it, they begin to tremble; they be know it, they begin to know it, they know that they know when Baron De Potet had a patient in before him and had struck that cotton human oruelty and injustice, that wants the sleep, and she said to him: "Oh, wool with the knife, the gash appearing to cut them off before the time, and Baron, I do wish you would try to find on the old woman's cheek the next day. Baron, I do wish you would try to find on the old woman's cheek the next day. then the whole of that psychic feeling, out where I lost a note of five hundred I was told this story while yishing francs in a hotel. I was there last year Kempton, and I was told that it was be and the note disappeared. I thought cause this old witch had tried to obtain the waiter had stolen it, and so got the a certain sum of money from this man.

I will tell you what happened in Sm. probably the waiter had never stolen the treated her in this fashion.

them. This I will explain later on.

The person who is in that trance condition can be, as I told you, liberated from the consciousness and also the consciousness is then thrown back to the quicker, and so enables it to disintegrate through that animal world you will have body and no harm has ensued, because in this way the will power or brain has

never been interfered with. Baron De Potet also told me that one could magnetize animals, and Wave much more knowledge of these things made many experiments in this week than we have. The priest will know tion, but there is a great danger it magnetizing animals because there is always ual; therefore knowing the key-note of a moment when the animal will turn the person who has died, he puts toaround and want to rend you. There gether a Mantra, being a series of Sanfore, I have made my experiments in scrit words, which strung together prothe zoological gardens always with a duce a particular sound. Doing that, strong fence before me and the animal, he then tells the relatives that they and strong iron bars, so that I felt perfeetly safe. Having made these experiments I found that some animals could i Then we have Poissoner, who was a person with strong will power controls throwing up of the mind to the very be far more easily magnetized than pupil of Mesmer, and he was remarking the brain of a person with weak will highest, the throwing up of the mind to others, and also some birds; that some ble for curing in a very peculiar power, and that is the harm. That is the love principle, and then throwing of them it is almost impossible to magnetized than power, and that is the harm. That is others, and also some birds; that some netize. The most dangerous experiment was with a snake, because the payers for the dead on a and that coming through man, through power of the snake's eye is something so particular day. They always have cerpeculiar that it fascinates you, and if tain masses for the dead, but they have ego or spiritual part it becomes a spiritual part it bec you attempted to magnetize a snake, in a lost the art; they have no idea what is ual will. If it passes through the mental few minutes you would be fascinated by it. I felt a feeling of horror come over me one day when I attempted to do the thing, and I rushed from the place as fast as I possibly could, because I felt able to disintegrate the body as is done body, it then shows itself as physical that had I remained a moment longer I

should have been completely under the control of that snake. Now, hypnotism is, as I have explained strong will; but before I begin to tell

physical is built. Physicians tell us always wanting to overpower us; but as the physical, the astral can ooze out of that we lose all our molecules every the day comes on we become weaker, the physical, and oozing out of the physical. ical, then it can take upon itself the and then persons would turn around again, little imagining it was the old man upon the fifth floor who would excite these animals to behave in this queer fashion.

Now, Baron De Potet gave very often public exhibitions, and one of them was so peculiar and so extraordinary that I will mention it to you, though I must not be that I have disapproved of it and told the old man so, for I felt that one long that the person is the physical body must have a mould our vork, and because everything that the upon itself the other work, and between the photograph of any individual, and so have to reap, and and so whe have sown that the photograph of any individual, and so have to reap, and so with the photograph of any individual, and so have to reap, and so with the photograph of any individual, and so have to reap, and so with the photograph of any individual, and so have to reap, and so with the photograph of any individual, and so have to reap, and so with the photograph of any individual, and so have to reap, and so with the photograph of any individual, and so have to reap, and so with the photograph of any individual, and so have to reap, and so with the photograph of any individual, and so have to reap, and so with the photograph of any person in the relative so fany person in for exactly the same reason babies sleep, what it is chameleon-like, to reap which it is built. Therefore, we, all of or exactly the same reason babies sleep, the relative so the photograph of the relative so the photograph of the relative to the person present. It is the misery to animals, we will have to reap which it is chameleon-like. Now, hypnotism in many ways resemble to resist is built. Now, in some persons this babes have not the relative so the photograph of the relative so the photograph of the relative so the photograph of the relative to the person present. It is, those who are to reap what we have sown. Also the relative so the photograph of the relative so the photograph of the relative so the photograph of the relative so the p produce any image that is desired.

I will tell you another thing in conknife and wound that astral body, the wound does not appear on the astral body but appears on the physical. This

body, or body of desire; very much animals means, and when you pass very much sooner. The Indians had a to pay your debt. on this particular note or sound. This nations. being sounded constantly against that body of desire, the Kama Rupa body, gradually disintegrates it, disintegrates by the Hindoos.

Now, the next principle is Manas, the mind principle. Then comes Buddhi, or the spiritual soul. And then the unito you, the control of the weak by the versal principle, which makes seven. bring depends very much on the principle. The last three, trinity in one, forms the ple through which you have thrown it. you about hypnotism, I will just run individuality or the ego, the divine Also, it would take upon itself a differ-over the principles of the body. In The-principle of man, that which lasts to all ent shade of color, according to the prinover the principles of the body. In The or over the principle of man, that which lasts to all osophy we divide man up into seven principles, because in doing that it is or rather enjoys a heavenly state, and far easier for us to understand man. I enjoys that heavenly state as long as it wish you to understand by this that we possibly desires to do so; but at last the principles, so that they may thoroughly high principle and time comes when it has to return to understand through which principle and the senses.

Hypnotism can do an enormound amount of harm. I knew very well Mr.

Baron De Potet, in teaching me how take a more volatile substance and you rily having that Kama Rupa state, or

doing that, we have to pay the penalty, because everything that we sow we

imal that he eats, I do not think there would be many who would eat animals. nection with this astral which may in- I have talked to many butchers on this terest you. That is, when the astral subject, and they have all told me that a body is out of the physical, if you take a mile before the animal is to be knife and wound that astral body, the slaughtered that animal knows. He smells the blood; he begins to tremble; he begins to have fear; and as he comes, the consciousness of the patient and is called re-percussion. And to those as he approaches—I have been told by who are interested in this subject, I persons who have seen it—that the expression of the eyes of those animals is between the magnetizer and the hypnotizer, that the magnetizer simply liberates the consciousness, allowing it to go, while the hypnotizer commands the consciousness to do what he chooses.

When this consciousness is liberated one morning with a great gash down her.

hotel master to dismiss the waiter, which she was unable to do, and, therebut, she said incerted have always fore, was trying to torment frim to make had qualms of conscious thinking that him give the money, and then he very ill because they are of a certain up at six o clock, we inform those rebeef, and this beef was a big ox, a very was set aside when the people would one to be curred by the king.

But I will not take up time by mentioning all these people. I will come to a later period, that of Mesmer at the end of the last century, who introduced what was called mesmerism to the European world. He began, first of all, by magnetizing with a magnet. He used to hold the magnet and the diseased part and the disease which is not a disease which is not a disease which is not a prohably the waiter had never stolen the treated her in this fashion.

I will take a disease which is not a note." The lady in sleep was asked and vital fluid that I have already told you propention; she went to the hotel ne can be disease which is not a note." The hote is root to the hotel he can be went to the hotel he can be disease which is not a note." The lady in sleep was asked and vital fluid that I have a liready not the hotel he disease which is not a note." The lady in sleep was asked and vital fluid that I have a disease which is not a note." The lady in sleep was asked and note with the hotel ne to the hotel he can be went to the hotel of the third principle is the universal beautiful that I have a disease which is not a note." The lady in sleep was asked and note." The lady in sleep was asked and note." The hote is still in the writing about. The note is still in the writing about. The note is still in the writed hor in this fashion.

I will take a disease which is not a note." The lady in the ho pense for the injustice that had been in our bodies, because we are always knew before he came his fate, and the thief comes, the thief being the seeking in the material instead of the he began to revolt, he began to hypnotist and the hypnotist gives an kick, he began to scream, he began to additional suggestion to the patient that hypnotizer may come along and may deal of the material, and therefore, nat-then give suggestion to the person. In urally, that part of us cannot go into a the same way the hypnotizer can, if he heavenly state. Therefore, it remains in foam came out of his mouth; they said being those that had been accustomed to so chooses, come to a person in normal what we call Kama Loka, and should the eyes were starting out of his head, attack the brain. He will never attack feetly cured; there would not be a trace sleep, and then suggest to him, or else naturally disintegrate. If left alone and they said he was horrible to look the intelligence, but he will just throw of inflammation; it would be all gone; he may suggest to persons who are his magnetism on to the diseased part of the skin would be clean and white; awake and have their full senses about perfectly unconscious, and in that state with perspiration. Now, all of that will gradually disintegrate, and the psychic feeling went and permeated physical body having been disintegrated that meat because he was slaughtered: by cremation, liberates its Kama Rupa and so you see what the slaughtering of go and take a walk. The hypnotist

> very peculiar process of disintegrating Have you ever remarked, any of you, this body. One of their relatives dies; how very like some persons are to ania priest is sent for. Now, they had very mals, how one resembles a sheep another an ox, another a dog, another a than we have. The priest will know horse, and so on? It is because of those what is the key-note of every individ-persons having been very closely affiliated to those animals during their

Now, I have been explaining to you will—all the different phases of the one universal will. In magnetism, if you throw out this

will power, the kind of magnetism you do not divide man up as you would the time comes when it has to return to understand through which principle and skins of an onion, peeling off one prin- earth, and then the process begins. earth, and then the process begins.

Now, I gave you three-lines, namely, give to their patient. That is a very important item in magnetism.

Man is a center of contagion, from emanation it will become ill. This stance, ether, and place it into that call Devachanic state. That is the top great many diseases are contagious. shows that there is a bad fluid, as I told bottle, and then that ether will interpose, which should come from the dispensariant the interstices of the oil, and eased part.

In you can take a more volutie sub-ther will power into that call Devachanic state. That is the top great many diseases are contagious. The next plane, vitality, is also infections, and there is a bad fluid, as I told bottle, and then that ether will interpose and the penetrate the interstices of the oil, and earth, you have to come down on the so again remain in the bottle. Again, other side of the triangle, and necessariant in the oil and infirm. I knew an old lady in London purgatory state, in between death and who lived entirely on the magnetism of heaven, you can also have an inter young persons. She was a very rich old was done, the next process is to fill the that illustrates our seven principles. mediary state between heaven and re- lady, and so she wished to get young body with vitality, to fill the body with We take first of all the physical body. birth, and that intermediary state is the girls from farm houses who would come magnetism, which is the universal vital That physical body after death we adamimal world. We all of us have the and stay for a month. She would keep make horses and dogs down in the Society, do not approve of that method comes magnetism as it is emitted. Now, because otherwise bad emanations are turn to earth, and we have to remain a vamplic, and in a short streets do most extraordinary contortions. A horse would turn around suddenly, and the coachman would be very why. First of all I must tell you what Then what occurs? Very often it hap, we have another reason why it is better have had on earth, and we are then

we consider as a disease and whence disease proceeds. First of all we say that disease comes from bad thinking, from irritation, from bad thoughts, from irritation, from worrying, If those thoughts have been hours. The old Baron determined in a previous life and the outcome has not shown itself, then the person will be thrown in that family where there is hereditary disease, so that the cause being produced in the life, then the previous life, the person has to suffer the effect in this life. If this bad thinking of current off with that any when it is so a man can easily magnetism was understood, because we have an ethereal body, because we all of us have as a there allow, because we all of us have an ethereal body, because we all of us have an ethereal body on which the physical is built. Physicals tell us lived for several years in this way. Hat the body is disintegrated as the place is this life, then the cause being produced in the disease will throw itself on to the astral body and the disease will throw itself on to the astral begins of course of the loosely knit to you. In the morning when the weak we were then vicorous; we are the physical is built. Physicans tell us lived for several years in this way. That is the meaning of transmigration of souls, which has been so very badly translated and misunderstood, because we had that then the heave principle can also disintegrated tha versal vital fluid as we are? Therefore, otherwise she always floated to the top. The next plane is that of the passions. Hate produces hate; love, love. The

performed, and feels no pain. The astral, in the meantime, is in the astral world, and when it returns from its junketings there has been very great difficulty in making the physical understand what it has done during its absence, because all sensations on the astral plane are dissimilar to those on the physical plane. Then, again, we will take another case. This astral body has seven layers to it. It will go off and which is the body of sensation that I spoke to you about. The operation is performed, and when consciousness comes back, then this lower layer communicates to the consciousness what had occurred during the trance condition of nary phenomenon comes which has so often puzzled doctors, and that is that when the nationt comes to himself a long time after the operation has been operation.

Again, we will take another case

The astral body goes out, taking the self-consciousness, but leaving more layers behind. Those are the layers which are the recording tablets. Those cording tablets that we want to wake obey that which has been sent to them from the ego, having no judgment of their own, immediately cause the patient to stand upon his head. Else, the hypnotist will suggest to the patient that four hours after he awakes he is to hen departs. Self-consciousness returns to his home, little knowing a thief has been there during his absence. And what occurs? Four hours pass, and as they are coming to an end. all these lower layers begin to agitate themselves. It is like the shiver of an alarm horse, and so on? It is because of those clock before it strikes. Then they send up an intimation to the self-consciousness, saying they want to take a walk, descent into re-birth, and therefore, and the self-consciousness absolutely having been so very closely affiliated to thinks it is his own idea. He has not them, they bring the impress of the the remotest idea that a thief has been features onto their physical face, and in there and has placed the idea for then after all the ego descends into re- him. And then he gets up most comhave to repeat this Mantra continually birth and the soul regains the reincar- placently and goes and takes a walk. Why does this happen? Because we are so accustomed to identify ourselves with these seven principles, and my desire the lower parts of our body that most for doing so is because I wish to explain anybody can come into our house and it far quicker than if left in the normal condition. Now, the Roman Catholics power comes from the universal spirit, is ourselves, because we do not separate is ourselves, because we do not separate ourselves from our bodies and our senses. As I said last night, we are not masters of ourselves. If we were masters of ourselves, nobody could come into our house and treat us in that way. therefore it is impossible for them to passes through the principle of desire. It is exactly the same as a driver who make their mass on to the key-note of it then shows itself as desire. It it has his carriage and his horses. Now, the individual; therefore they are un- comes down lower into the physical the driver is the self-consciousuess, the carriage is the body, the horses are the senses. If that driver cannot draw in these horses and control them he will be run away with. So it is with us. We are always being run away with because we cannot control our senses, and so we shall always be liable to be hypnotized until we can. You see the ruler cannot be identical with the ruled. If you want

amount of harm. I knew very well Mr. Hanson, the Danish hypnotist. He is a very good man, a very earnest man, and a man who in his work thoroughly believes he is doing good. It is because he does not understand the evil he is doing that he continues his work. We have had many conversations together. Now this is his theory. He says to me: 'I cure a patient of a disease that perhaps the doctor cannot cure him of, and I say to him, yes, you can, but if you draw your will power away from that patient, or if you die, that patient will get that disease exactly as he had it be-

fore." And I know several instances of cases where it has happened. A lady in Russia was cured of a very bad rhoumatic gout in Paris by a hypnotizer, and for years she was free from it. All of a sudden it came back to her, and she

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On the Spirit Side of Life.

By a Prominent Medium of Ohio.

J. J. Morse published in your valuable paper, that even by the greatest efforts, my guides world of spirits travel from mind to mind, August 25th, some of my mediumistic experi. could not use me to their desire. I feel this, wholly independent of material conditions. ences of about eighteen years ago were so and know it, therefore I never attempt to Truly are we entering on an era of progress. forcibly brought before me that I cannot give that which, at such times, I am unable that causes the most progressive thinker. refrain from giving them as a sort of supple. ment to the lecture referred to, and as a possi- spirit, my whole being ascends to elevated the Infinite Source of all Wisdom. ble benefit to your many readers. I shall ground, where a pure, sweet, harmonious at make, first, three quotations from Mr. Morse's mosphere prevails. It is then that I sense lecture, that have a bearing upon my experiences, as well as upon the teachings of my spirit-band. First: "There is a God who works in nature and through humanity." Second: "Spiritualists do believe in God, Second: "Spiritualists do believe in God which they give, in its direct and relative The wings of evening fold to rest.

They may refuse many of the patterns of God which they give, in its direct and relative The sweet-faced flowers and grassy blades presented for their consideration, yet God, the infinite presence and the eternal spirit, will remain a central idea in the consciousness bring yourselves in harmony with God.

Editor, I will say that I was not of the numher who sought mediumship by sitting for it. ences in visions and voices, but when the thereto. Id state the time came and conditions were favorable, spirits appeared to me singly and in companies and I talked with them face to face; but much that I thus heard from their lips was, as it were, wasted, for I could not comprehend it. They told me that as soon as they could work upon my brain to their desire, they would not appear in such a tangible way, as it was very hard for them. For a few years, at that period of my life, I was taken frequently, in spirit, to see the Spirit-world, as also the workings of God in nature and through humanity. It was always a fascinatinstructed at the same time, as to the divine purposes so enacted and worked out, though I admit that even when they were explained I did not comprehend the importance thereof, especially of the relativity of force and substance and the processes of differentiation in force, substance and form from the simple to the complex. On one rare occasion, for which I had been

instructed to especially prepare myself, by dieting and being prayerful and harmonious in all my thoughts towards others and in every spirit on and on, upward and upward, until I Hon. Sidney Dean, with wise counsel and The horizon of a mystic clime way, when the time came, I was taken in felt faint and thought myself dying, though all the while I saw the angel that guided me, by my side. He touched me then, and I was at once electrified, so to say, for I stood up, my vision was clear and my senses active. I was so overjoyed that I have never wholly forgotten those feelings of pure happiness, for I and magnificence, and with a beaming countenance, my guide said:

"This is the New Jerusalem, here is great

scribe. There, on a throne-like elevation, seemed camp and home. to sit what might be called, a PERFECT BEING. from whom issued light waves of every hue, that is, the radiations of light as they went forth, in the out-going light and force this being was and Dr. W. S. Eldredge, of Portland, have converged into the semblance of a perfect man, only somehow the countenance changed so turn and communion to anxious seekers for often that I marveled within myself. My knowledge of those beyond. Mrs. Cushing- ises much, and they seem united and earnest. guide perceiving this, smiled and said:

"God is of many forms and appearances, to suit all nations and people."

Another time I was taken to what my guide called "The apex of the universe." There he Jesus of Nazareth and his early disciples. showed me what he called the "central lumi- Mrs. Schofield Pevser. of Providence. R. nosity or fountain of life and love," which, at from a distance. He said:

concentered force and substance of the entire carry on the work at Verona which was and is questions very promptly, and the pulsations dress on "Labor." Dr. Carus is learned, principles, some soul-uplifting ideas, as well cosmos, hence it is called God, the source so dear to his heart. Lofty thoughts from could be seen and felt by anyone. It was the whence all power flows, the light which into other spirit sources have also been voiced by most perfect illustration of that phase that I all worlds goes, the life whence all life is this lady, and most convincing tests in the have ever witnessed. It was with great rederived and supported."

begin to understand the beauty of such object of Bangor, a newly-developed medium of such an exhibition of mediumship, and the lessons. At still another time, led in spirit great promise, was an avent long to be re- audience evidently appreciated both her mod- brainy discourses on "The Hope of the worker to the one who has received the procircle or center where all force is concentrated, those who came to "scoff but remained to quality of the manifestation. Thus far I like and from which all other centers in the unitending all over the universe, and attaching woman, with arguments based on everlasting than self-protection. themselves to the brains of every angel and truth. mortal; yea, even to everything, but those Mrs. Mary C. Donell gave strong and value very good English, is quiet, fraternal and and bade us, not a farewell, but a welcome. attached to animals and to all forms and able thoughts on Soul Culture, and the limit broadly liberal. He is posted in the general Saturday evening I attended one of Hatfield things in nature differ; as the guide says, they less possibilities of individual growth. Mrs. sciences of the western world, and from his Pettibone's light seances. "In the light," represent different notes in the graduated Hovey revealed some of the hidden meanings standpoint, the Hindoos are over five thousand with him, does not mean the semi-obscurity just enough to make it interesting. scale of creation's march, and emit different of the misinterpreted teachings of the early years in advance of our scientific knowledge! of a dim lamp, draped in shades. It means plies" to all things from their source of life; upon them by dogmatic theologians.

cannot send through an organism out of tune terviews with the inhabitants, opened up pos- camp henceforth.

to receive. At other times I seem to rise in among us to bow in unspeakable awe before that delight which passeth all understanding of those who have never had such foretastes of heaven. It is then that I come in such rapport with my spirit guides that I can see clearly; hear clearly and understand that The wings of evening fold to rest bearings.

I trust these experiences will prove helpful to your many readers. They plainly show of every Spiritualist." Third: "Bringing that no matter how we are taught, all forms a yourselves then in harmony with the universal part of the one great problem differently ex- And happy childhood's trustful dreams principles of order, form and beauty, you plained by spirit teachers to their mortal pupils, so that the mental diversity which A world of selfish sordid schemes, The substance of the lecture is contained emagates from the universal mind receives its in the above three paragraphs. First, Mr. instructions as well as supplies from that cen- And soft as feathery flakes of snow tral source. I hope what I have given will I float where fancy wills me go. be especially helpful to mediums, for it is I became a medium, not from choice, but upon them that the growth and stability of Far in the west I dimly see because I could not get away from my organic Spiritualism is dependent, and the selfish exerself. All my life I have had strange experi cise of mediumistic powers is derogatory Breathing of heaven's ministrelsy, MRS. M. KLEIN.

Van Wert, Ohio.

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our most enthusiastic and profitable yearly A smothered breath of sweet desires gatherings, we can truthfully claim that we On all thing seems to lie; are progressive workers as well as progressive A parted cloud-a radiant star thinkers in the great advancing army of truth. Beams forth its glory from afar,

During the past year Dr. Charles F. Ware, As though a soul came fluttering through president of the association since its forma. The gateway arch of heaven's blue, tion in 1883, entered the life beyond, and eight And on my heart warm hands I fold, ing experience to see these things, and to be other members. Small in numbers and strug- That thrill the same sweet touch of old. gling for existence, such an exodus seemed O, beautiful dream, how swift to wake at first to so cripple our resources that a continuance of our association was, to say the least, problematical. But let us never doubt the continued interest and material help of the spirit friends who have left the body physical.

In our meetings this year redoubled interest has been shown by those on earth, and the undoubted presence, with words of cheer and Dreams of a cottage and hills that frown counsel, of the "founder of Verona," has Above a quaint old rural town. strengthened and encouraged the other work-

a zeal and enthusiasm that never flags, though Are not reflections on the sea the physical is at present in a condition of Of the soul's reality? weakness from overwork, has been a tower of And who shall say this wondrous art, strength in all emergencies. Mrs. Mary J. Held in the secret of the heart, Wentworth, of Knox, in lectures inspired Does not foreshadow the yet to be by wise ones in the temples above, has given When time reveals its mystery: food for thought and stimulus to spiritual un. When every broken link and chain found myself in a city of matchless grandeur foldment. Her tests are comforting and con. Is there united once again; vincing and her character readings are accu. When love glorified, serenely fair, rate. She seems ordained to reach strangers Fills with fragrance earth and air; and skeptics, giving a word or hint that When lo! in some sweet land of bliss arouses thous Then and there he led me to see God, to gation, and often conviction; a real mission. When faint and weary we are gently fanned what he called the Arch of Magnificence, the ary, devoted heart and soul to the needs of By unseen ones from spirit-land. grandeur of which it is beyond my power to de. humanity, she is ever a welcome visitor to

The wonderful blind orator, Mr. A. E. Tisdale, has spoken on themes scientific, philosophical and spiritual to delighted audibecame variegated, resembling every color, and ences. Dr. Charles H. Harding, of Boston, dissolved, and as they returned, the waves contributed their share of inspirational teachings and given tests and proofs of spirit re-

I., the chosen and consecrated medium of Dr. however, we could not approach, but looked Ware, has given to us communications from hall. our arisen president that have been of great | She simply held a fan by the handle with "This represents the purified, centered and service, and given strength and courage to one hand and the raps came in answer to of Karma. On Saturday, he gave us an ad. And didn't we receive, beside precepts and erived and supported."

circles held in her own cottage. One benefit luctance that Mrs. Kelty consented to appear

It was all Greek to me, I admit, but now I circle she gave to assist Mrs. M. J. Elliott, for the first time before a public audience for

verse draw their supplies by way of the well. Mr. F. W. Smith, of Rockland, who suc animus of the workers for the cause. proportioned centrifugal and centripetal forces ceeds Dr. Ware as president, has been ever We had what I call a hallelnigh time that were set apart and illustrated as to ready to contribute valuable thoughts on the at Cassadaga, and I was there over two weeks. composition, but I am sorry to say, that even vital subjects that have been brought before The "Heathen" Hindoo was a center of atthough an attempt is made by my guide, as I the people. His address on "Woman Suf-traction and his presence was an educator. eternal past and future. She said the law of write, to give a correct explanation of this, I frage" was unanimously pronounced "the most He told us that there had not been a murder the universe is a return to the primal condition, cannot quite get it so as to give it accurately, and must, therefore, wait until I can; but to subject ever listened to" by those present and years! That they have no poorhouses She closed with an improvisation about Mrs. return; From this inner circle of light above It is needless to say that it was in favor of or paupers; no drunkards or criminals. They Hyser, whom she described as "spirit, fire, referred to. I beheld an issue of fine lines ex- granting the right of suffrage to our sister do not kill to eat, nor for any other purpose and life" while here, and from Mrs. Hyser

supported. I can truthfully say from experi- man destiny, and the ultimate value of a whose original poems and wonderful memory, held the bright, shadeless lamp within two of correcting the errors of poor judgment.

MATILDA CUSHING-SMITH, Sec'y,

AT EVENTIDE.

The wings of evening fold to rest. Where weary pilgrims' feet have pressed, And soft and sweet from low-land plains

That poured its sweet libations o'er Comes this dream fantasy of yore,

Echoes the warbler's toyous strains.

A world of beauty none may know, Free from the shades of worldly woe;

And there are white, fleet airy ships Drifting toward harbors of gold, That left them at death, stark and cold-

A vesper hymn floats softly by, To THE EDITOR:-At the close of one of Pleading as faint as the day expires.

> Within the haunts of this weary brain Sweet waves of music that gently break In melody's soft refrain; Dreams of a sainted face so fair.

Hallowed by the sombre touch of care, That warmed my heart with a tender thrill; And holds its presence with me still;

And who shall say these dreams that line ht and leads to further investi- We meet with love's fresh tenderness

BISHOP A. BEALS.

Doings at Lynn, Mass., and at Cassadaga.

This is my first visit to Lynn. congenial conditions and wholesome climate. A newly-organized society is moving the Spiritual waters with healing in their hands. They have arranged a course of lectures that prom-Smith, of Rockland, has demonstrated to lov- with an equipment of business capacity and Bible Spiritualism as taught and lived by Mrs. Kelty, wife of the president, and recently in the church as leading worker, gave a very

guides. Though they be gods in wisdom and ciation. At this circle a most interesting and these two characters will be remembered manipulation, we saw two hands come out understand all laws of nature perfectly, they account of visits to the planet Mars, and in and looked for as an annual necessity at the from the cabinet over his head. I felt them,

upon our receptivity of qualities of electric by means of the unseen electrical currents and then go to Boston, Mr. Ayer's Temple, my own, when I tenderly begged them not to In looking over the inspirational lecture of It has been my painful experience, at times, universe, and over which the thoughts of the York, First Society for December, and Philadelphia, First Society for January, 1894.

LYMAN C. HOWE.

The Cause in Portland, Oregon.

TO THE EDITOR: I should like a small a little girl in Burmah. space in-your excellent paper for a few lines Portland. The First Spiritual Society is the only society holding meetings in the city, and we are progressing finely. We have a conference meeting at 11 a.m., well attended. The questions discussed are various and exalted, and so interesting that they sometimes encroach upon the Progressive Lyceum at 12:30, ture at 7:35, which is generally well attended, flesh. and until recently we have had a test medium to follow; but now the test medium has opened meetings of his own, so those who like tests can go there, and those who like the deeper depths of Spiritualism, the philosophy, can attend the First Spiritual Society.

I saw a letter from Moses Hull in your paper, and I wish to correct a statement therein. He said: "Spiritualism in Portland has lost caste somewhat; not because of anything its enemies have said or done, but from the efforts of a few to convert its Sunday meetings into a kind of a fourth-rate show." Mr. Hull was employed to speak for the First Spiritual Society one Thursday evening, and he was not here on a Sunday, therefore I infer he got his knowledge of the above from some kind(?) individual, and according to my report he was misinformed. If the Sunday meetings were fourth class, it shows it must have been the First Society that gave them, and their medium was the same one whom he speaks so highly of just before this, as a man who is a gentleman through and through, and of whom he speaks as being the best all-around medium that he knows of. I am sorry Mr. Hull heard such an account of our grand work here, but I suspect it came from the class of people who call themselves Spiritualists, but think the gathering of Spiritualists are not respectable enough for them, so go to the churches, etc., and bemoan the situation. There are in every city just such goody-goody people who find fault with every movement, but keep out of every effort themselves that would take up either their time or money. But Spiritualism is a success here, as our Thursday evening never giving, will, in all probability, become meetings testify to, and we are glad.
N. P. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

Lake Brady Camp-Meeting.

Since my last, we have had our usual complement of seven lectures a week. Prof. Kenyon gave his eighth and last lecture on Wednesday, Aug. 29. It was a picnic day; and, as many church people were present, he adapted his theme to the occasion, "Has Spir not patronize the camp, a matter which would, itualism Been Scientifically Demonstrated?" Giving facts instead of philosophy, he re-diving facts instead of philosophy, he re-and deliver the entire cause of Spiritualism viewed Poughkeepsie and Hydesville; the investigations of Prof. Hare; of Judge Edmunds and deliver the entire cause of Spiritualism into the hands of the Philistines. But he or and Dr. Dexter; of Profs. Crookes, Cox and Varley, with D. D. Home and Florence Cook, and of Zoellner with Henry Slade, giving the names of their books, and where they can be procured. We now a strict the controlling resolution of "I will do all I can to make the camp a success, regardless of personalities," will bring home to you a glow-ing account of the advantage. procured. We saw outsiders taking careful ties that were presented by the management notes of his statements.

On Tuesday and Thursday, Dr. Paul Carus of Chicago, editor of the The Open Court and Monist, gave two lectures on Buddhism. In the first, he classified and illustrated the similarities between Christianity and Buddhism, a prevailing sentiment of "peace on earth and ers and believers in the truth of the Bible, the high aims that means success. On Sunday In the second, he showed that Tao-ism origingood will to men?" undoubted fact, that modern Spiritualism is evening at the Pleasant Hall, 34 Market street, nated by Lac-tsze, "the old thinker," some 600 years B. C., and presents features similar of course, as a natural run of circumstances: to both the religious named above. Tao-wis. but after all, didn't we have a glorious time? striking and satisfactory manifestation of dom, reason, path-being analogous to the Did we not learn something of practical Spirrappings, loud enough to be heard all over the logos of the Neo-Platonists. 'He closed this itualism at Cassadaga, Maple Dell, Lake with a beautiful little story, written by himself Brady, Onset, Lake Pleasant and all the rest? as I afterwards learned, illustrating the law Was not the conceit taken out of some of us?

earnest and sincere. tween the two worlds. Sunday morning, W. J. Colville gave one of his exhaustive and '94. Every one of us, from the humblest

In the afternoon, Mrs. Richmond's theme was "Self-Centered." She claimed that the as well as received something which has left finite soul can be centered only as it appreherself, who declared that she is now nearer seen but little friction. We do not expect to He is said to be thirty years old, speaks to our sympathies and love than ever before,

ence that as we bring ourselves into harmony knowledge of astrological laws in guiding the mimicry, wit and humor cure all kinds of bad feet of the medium's head with one hand.

with the universal principle of order, we bring human family to the highest and best excontrol of the control as well as saw them. They were warm, liva perfect message for they are dependent sibilities of future planetary communications . I speak here the five Sundays of September ing, with rounded fingers, and they caressed pull Mr. Pettibone's hair, which they sometimes do.

I will add that this seance was exceptionally harmonious. It opened with an improvisation by Mrs. Cora Richmond, and tests by Frank Ripley, who saw my father and the Hindoo dirgy who carried me in his arms when I was

After Mr. Pettibone's share in the light, we in regard to the cause of Spiritualism here in had a short seance in the dark with excellent trumpet manifestations through Mr. C. J. Barnes. About sixteen persons were present, including those named above, several good Spiritualists, and two or three honest investigators.

Give Mr. Pettibone good conditions and kind treatment, and one can obtain through which consists of an adult class of from 15 to him manifestations fitted to convince the 20 members: Liberty Groups of young gentle most incased materialist, that disembodied men and ladies; the Star Group of misses and spirits can on suitable occasions so manipulate boys, and the Fountain Group of children un- the elements as to present materialized hands der 12 years. In the evening we have a lec- to the physical senses of persons still in the ABBY A. JUDSON.

LILY DALE, N. Y.

After It's Over, Watchman, What of the Night?

The great day is of the past; the day when we, after much physical exertion and mental excitement, have succeeded in "getting there" at "camp-meeting." How much that meant The Struggle before the Surrender of Womanly Self respect in the Confessional. to some of us; some had saved up with careful economy the necessary few dollars required to take them there and to provide for the

necessaries while on the grounds. The anxious mother, who had of late been nearly prostrated with grief and exhausted vitality at the passing out of an only son or daughter, was there to catch a ray of hope by a communication from the loved one, and the wife earnestly hoping for a message from the departed husband. We have been searching either for evidence of a life beyond, a revival of lost interest in the cause, or a link in the chain of circumstantial evidence that may successfully close the mouth of the skeptical debater at bome. Whether for a greedy, selfish desire to gratify the material curiosity to see Auricular Confession in Australia, America, and a show, or to satisfy the avaricious demand for gold, each and all of the many thousands of people who have been to camp-meeting this year have received that which they have been prepared for. Those who have been mental or material gluttons, always receiving and mentally and spiritually dyspeptic, and will become members of the great army of chronic growlers. These individuals will find you who have not been there; they will tell you all about the frauds among the mediums, and the trickery of the "ring" which controls the management; the favoritism; the amount of

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Errors and misunderstandings there were, as lasting impressions of the need of more Friday, Hon. O. P. Kellogg maintained that sympathy and consistency in dealings with Spiritualism alone places a firm abutment on each other? Let us hope so, and let us return the other side to help sustain the bridge be thanks to the powers that assist us in our earthly career, for the grand experiences of

> among those fortunate ones who have given, an oasis in the lonely heart. The much-talked-of Cassadaga has not been overestimated by those who have said it was a beautiful place, and that its management was

The secret of success at camp-meetings is, sounds that yet blend harmoniously in the disciples that prove to our satisfaction that it He says, western scientists recognize one ether; a good-sized lamp, well-trimmed, the wick first, in having business men control the busiconstant chanting of creation's rhythm. This is, indeed, one of the missions of Spiritualism whereas, the Hindoos have known, for the turned up full, and no shade at all. I will ness end, and scholars and parliamentarians fiber system then shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there are five, give the closing demonstration of this occa- who have naturally benevolent and wise heads fiber system then shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present to the world the interior truths of past five thousand years, that there is a shown to me, my spirit to present the interior truths of the interior tr function! He expressed himself much pleased Richmond had just been inside of the little this we have noticed in the board of managers also as "soul telegraphy," which plainly shows Mrs. M. E. Thompson gave valuable with our people, especially those represented cabinet behind him, with a light, and declared and chairman (Mr. H. D. Barrett), whose how all that is good emanates from that centhoughts on the subject of astrology, the in- at Cassadaga. Two other brilliant attractions that there was nothing in it. While in it, strong personality is felt so forcibly as to keep tral source which we call God, and is thereby fluence of the planets and fixed stars on hu- made Cassadaga lively: the inimitable Brooks, she felt the hands. She then came out. I out discord, and thus avoid the difficult task

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R. E. V., Philadelphia: Q. On what does the success of a lyocum most depend?

There is a demand for books for the use of lyceums which has been supplied by the "Manual" and "Guide." Such books are essential to furnish music, general directions come into this world pure, do they go out so, many earnest seekers after truth. and map out and systematize the work. This and do the sins committed in the body go is all books should be expected to do.

leaders of groups and other officers are constantly asking for books containing more lessons, or more material. They mistake, for the object of the lyceum is not to be discarded root and branch, not a lingering seance by Elsie Reynolds, short speeches by them from a brother in earth life, and as learn, parrot-like, from a book, but to sharpen vestige allowed to remain. Matter is just as the speakers and members of the Association, correct. Two of the three I have sat with in the mind by broad thinking, and by this the pure as spirit, and is as much "from God." and the reading of an original poem by Mrs. lodge on this side; Brother John Blackmer, instructors are benefited equally with the members of the groups.

been suggested that a paper be published after the orthodox style, giving lessons for the day, to have mental food ready prepared. Books, papers, and lesson leaflets are all of value, are valueless. How soon would a "Question Books can, at best, point the direction and the individuality. illustrate the methods.

The officers must expect to give many hours of study to the work. They have no infallible book ready with its texts, simply to be learned and repeated. They have the whole wide universe to select from, the books of all ages and races, and the object-lessons of nature on every hand, and the lives of all great and good men are for moral and intellectual stimulus. Their task must be of love, and they must be zealous, and not shrink from sacrifices, and expect to give time and thought to the work. Thereby they strengthen them- Our mortal garb we leave on earth, selves more than is possible by any other means, for it is the right method of self-cul-

The intellectual status of the lyceum depends largely on the leaders, for their mental and moral endowments are reflected by their Whose scenes are found with beauty rife groups. The calisthenics machinery and display have their uses, but alone will not maintain interest. The intellectual and social departments must be relied on. Outside inducements, as prizes, etc., may for a time call a larger attendance, but they are not of permanent value. The lyceum must be made of itself so permanently attractive that the members will not allow anything to call them away. The leaders must be interested, and as they have a week to prepare for the question or Eternal youth comes to us all lesson, they ought not to be at a loss. Every member should be prepared to give at least Decay and death no more befall one thought, to be gathered by the conductor into a bouquet of beauty, in a brief summary The spirit body ne'er grows old, at the close. The lyceum thus becomes a school, in which all are pupils and all teach. Though eons pass in time untold ers. The main requirement for success is leaders with souls wedded to the work, who are willing to make personal sacrifices for the good of those over whom they preside. Withput such officers, and the absence of selfishness, a lyceum cannot flourish.

M. I. W., Cordele, Ga.: Q. What is the Why not be glad when it draws near influence or Spirit power that I as well as countless others have experienced, commonly called conversion?

A. The writer remarks: "I was hundreds of miles from home, among strangers; no excitement or revival influence around me. Then I passed through the darkest clouds of Our hell we have in mind and heart my life, suddenly followed by the brightest visions and ecstatic happiness." In his case the magnetic force of spirit friends was the uplifting cause. But in revivals what passes Then let us welcome life's release for conversion is nothing more than the effect of hypnotic influence excited by the preacher, It may not bring us perfect peace assisted by the members of his church. To this may be added the assistance of the de- Twill break the trammels that now bind parted members who have not learned the falseness of their earth-life beliefs.

G. W. H., Anchorage, Wis. Q. (1) What Yes, let us greet our earthly end, is usually understood to be the creed of those calling themselves Bible Spiritualists?

(2) What are the various explanations which have been given to account for the 'Twill ope for us the pearly door phenomena of Spiritualism?

(3) How can reconcile man's free And take us to the shining shore agency with the influence exerted by alleged To meet the friends we love. controls, guides, etc.?

A. (1) Bible Spiritualist is a very indefinite term, but those who come to Spiritualism | That comes to all the human race from the churches, bringing with them more or less of their former beliefs and reverence for the sacred book, prefer this designation. They take the Bible as evidence of their newfound faith. Really, the term is a misnomer, for there can be no distinctive "Bible Spiritualism." There is simply Spiritualism, and that much of it contained in the Bible, the Zend Avesta, the Shaster, the Book of Kings accidental branches.

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with od-force and hypnotism. The church | The Last Week of the Clinton claimed, from the first, it to be the work of Satan, or evil spirits. The Theosophists affirm that the phenomena are only manifestations of astral shells, whatever these may be, something like our friends, yet not our friends, explanation covering the whole field and in to take their leave, many others arrived to

(3) A sensitive, giving himself to the control of a spirit, must surrender his will, and, in the measure of the perfectness of the control, loses his free will. Therein lies the fitting program for the closing week of a most great danger of mediumship. If the highest successful season. The opportunity for inand best results are sought for, the medium itualism, its phenomena and philosophy, and cognate subjects. The questions should be sent must, as an individual, perfect himself along direct to him on a postal or by letter, and which the lines of culture he seeks to inculcate. That is, if he seeks for scientific communications he must study science; if moral, he must himself practice morality. If it is selfish gain, he has but to give himself over to slate-writer, while Jennie Moore, C. E. Win- relatives came to all in the seance-room. All selfishness, to attract the Spiritual element ans and Mrs. Aspinwall gave general satisfac- were quickly recognized, as all but two could of selfishness.

down to the grave with the body?

A. To gain a correct view, the old idea

place of zealous workers, without whom they tity after death as before, its character is the Francisco. resultant and sum of all actions and thoughts

WELCOME DEATH.

Weep not, dear friends-why fear we death? We only change condition; When here we lose our vital breath We find life's full fruition. We shuffle off the mortal coil And get release from pain, Are free from irksome care and toil

Our daily bread to gain. Resigning dust to dust, And death we find is second birth That frees from earthly rust; 'Tis resurrection unto life

Immortal in the spheres, Far more than here appears.

Why should we dread to leave this form As Nature has decreed? It must grow old-become infirm, And constant care doth need: Death sets us free from all the ills Which flesh and blood now heir. And leaves a form with health that thrills

And never needs repair. When earthly life doth cease; When once they give release; No wrinkles doth it wear, 'Twill still be young and fair.

Death frees the soul from earthly dross, And from its clogs makes free; "To die is gain," and not a loss; We must with Paul agree; Then why should it inspire with fear Our foolish, shrinking minds?

And life its freedom finds? The worst of life most see below In this dark, earthly sphere, To no worse Sheol can they go Than many find while here!

Wherever we may be, But here, or there, 'twill from us part Whene'er from sin we're free.

Without a pang or tear; But nought 'twill bring to fear; The soul to flesh and sense, And that's a change we all will find To be a gain immense.

That sets our spirits free, As we would meet our dearest friend We long have wished to see; To realms of light above,

Death! we fear not thy embrace, We know thou art a friend Their griefs and pains to end; We welcome thee to bear us home

Our weary forms to rest; Whene'er God wills, we bid thee come. His time, we know, is best.

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(lowa) Camp.

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Elsie Reynolds was with us during the closing days and gave a number of seances which aprons on; one with plain white, two with were convincing and satisfactory to her patrons. that the spirit is from God, and pure, becom- The closing exercises were held in the pavil- signs, grips, and words of the first three deing corrupt by contact with the body, must ion Sunday night, and consisted of a public grees in Masonry, as perfectly as I ever got The spirit comes into the world just as pure Mary L. Barrington, which is enclosed for who passed to Spirit-life about eight years ago as parental conditions and ancestral taints publication. The public seance was an un-near Devil's Lake, Dakota, and Brother Geo. The largest compilation would soon become will allow, and life should be a constant effort qualified success, a number of forms coming Burnett, who passed over one year ago at exhausted and the leaders would soon find the to overcome the tendencies to impurity, by out of the cabinet while the medium sat in Belding, Mich.; the other, at stranger to me, same difficulties confronting them. It has adjustment to the correct laws of living. full view of the audience, which numbered but an uncle to a lady in the seance room. "The sins committed in the body," if against nearly two hundred. Your scribe was not They are workers now in that Grand Lodge the body, except as they reflect on the spirit, present, but is willing to take the word of on high, where we all hope to meet them in but it is opposed to the genius of Spiritualism perish with the body, but the sins of the spirit scores who were, and the testimony was to the the sweet by and by. which include disobedience to the world and effect that materialization was absolutely dem. Farmer Riley is not a Mason, and his control

We were extremely fortunate in being per- could not say it was Riley doing this. Book" become exhausted, or a "Speaker" preceding its presentiment, and its sins are all mitted to attend a somewhat private seance stale, or a system of calisthenics wearisome? graven into its being, as they go to make up given by Bessie Aspinwall and her guides on where I make my home, is sitting for development of the louise stale, or a system of calisthenics wearisome? the same evening. There were seventeen opment for materialization, and has been persons in the circle, and twenty one forms for three years. Her main control is Alexanpresented themselves and were fully recog-der Hamilton; her chemist, Thomas Hood, and taking it altogether, it was one of the and gave their medium treatment (one at a ever witnessed.

scored another successful season.

(ORIGINAL POEM.)

The silent tread of passing time Has brought again the hour When we must speak the parting words And seek our homes once more. What means this grand camp-meeting? Why are we gathered here? What is the purpose of each soul As we congregate each year?

Is it to while in social chat The summer hours away? .To clasp again fraternal hands And words of greeting say? Or, is there deep within each soul A yearning for the food That feeds the inner consciousness With love for human good?

This festival of reason, This carnival of thought, Unfolds to eager, hungry souls The changes time has wrought Upon this deathless question. This life that lives for 'aye', While the fogs of superstition Fade, like the mists, away.

Here science, learning, logic, Spread out a tempting Bast Of jewels rare, from wisdom's store, A culling of the best.

Of gems of thought on questions fraught With weal or woe to all, Who'd solve these mighty problems, And list to reason's call.

...'Tis here our disembodied-ones Assume the form once more, And bring us kindly greetings From that mystic, shining shore. Tis here our loved ones whisper The words so sweet to hear, And their gentle, loving presence Seems so divinely near,

Here that chilly wave, death's river, Becomes a narrow stream Of happy, sparkling water, So welcome and serene; A bridge of evolution Its seeming distance spans, Supported by strong piers of truth.

Impregnable it stands.

A bow of hope its canopy. Inspires with courage true, To gladly tread this narrow way To pleasures ever new, And guarding it, a shining throng Of loving angels wait To give us kindly welcome Within the pearly gate.

These are the things that bring us here; They fill our souls with joy; Dispel the shadows on life's tide, Bring gold without alloy. They make us love these gatherings. They brighten up our way And lead our feet unerringly.

On toward the glorious day, So here we meet, and here we part, The smile begets the sigh.

We wish "God speed," fresh courage take, Shake hands, and say good-bye; Yet feel that we shall meet again, The spirit cannot die,
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FARMER RILEY.

His Mediumship at Haslett Park.

There were wonderful manifestations of disposition on the part of some speakers to spirit return at a seance with Farmer Riley, belittle the manifestations altogether. Mrs. at Haslett Park camp, the night of Aug, 24th DeWolf sustained her reputation grandly as a and morning of Aug. 25th. Friends and tion to their patrons. As materializing medi- talk and give their names so as to be plainly ums they are certainly genuine, and each was understood, and the two that could not talk M. E. D., Miltineague: Q. If our spirits the instrument in affording light and joy to were so perfect in their make up that their friends could quickly recognize them.

Three Master Masons came out to me with fancy blue lambskin aprons. They gave me the

intellectual obligations and duties of the spirit, onstrated upon a public platform at Mount Benton told me to tell his medium that he did but they are only helps, and cannot take the remain. If the spirit remains the same iden- Pleasant Park, by Elsie Reynolds, of San not want him to join the Masons; not because he did not like Masonry, but so the people

> Mrs. F. B. Warren, the lady of the house nized by their friends. The light was good, and her physician, Dr. Rusk; they came out finest demonstrations of spirit power we have time) by calling up the sitters and forming a circle around them and their medium. Alex-Justice demands that we mention an ex-lander Hamilton walked out, and went to the ceedingly fine and practical discourse given head of the circle to his medium, and took by the Rev. T. J. Woodrow, a former Uni-hold of her and had her get up out of her versalist clergyman. This gentleman and his chair so he could walk through to the cabinet. wife became thorough Spiritualists and promise Then he came back and had us all rise and to become splendid workers in the cause, form a circle around him and his medium himself as a teacher of the philosophy and while he gave her a thorough treatment. Then, Mrs. Woodrow as a medium. Surely the shaking hands with all, he bade us good night, world does move, the darkness of the past is and returned to the cabinet. Then came fast disappearing before the light of the new Riley's son-in-law, Samuel Bellingham, who dispensation, and Mount Pleasant Park has passed to Spirit-life last April. He first came and gave his name, shook hands with all in the room, and then went back in the cabinet to get strength. He their came out again, took me by the arm and led me to the light that stood on a table full twenty feet from the cabinet, and turned his face up to me with a smile and said, 'Sam," in a loud whisper. He then turned and led me back to the cabinet and said to me: "Tell my dear wife, Emma, of this." Then he bade me good night and disappeared.

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Mohammedan Temperance.

"Vines are cultivated throughout Arabia, and have been so from time improhibition by the Koran the grapes are no longer pressed for wine," so says Encyclopædia Britannica.

Whether in darkest Africa, or in more favored climes, the Koran is the guide of the believer, and its injunctions are everywhere obeyed, while the peointemperance. One of the most powerful sects of Islam makes unconditional forms, and cites their holy book as authority for its exclusion from the lips content to work harmoniously with perof the faithful. Travelers in all counof the faithful. Travelers in all countries subject to the rule of the prophet compliment his followers for their sotriumph, the natives are taught they artifloial product. have no hope of paradise who even taste of intoxicants.

missionary and the product of the still-worm, or of fermentation, journey arm Christian they have not silenced many Italy.........3,606 little wine for their often infirmities"; great temperance reform originated and "give strong drink to him that is and was carried on for many years by that, if to this be added the homicides 079; in France, for the decade 1879-88, ready to perish, and wine to those who those the church branded Infidels, in Russia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, those by the lower courts alone were few that if to this be added the homicides 079; in France, for the decade 1879-88, ready to perish, and wine to those who those the church branded Infidels, in Russia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, those by the lower courts alone were few that if to this be added the homicides 079; in France, for the decade 1879-88. be of a heavy heart. Let him drink and forget his poverty and remember while the pulpits were closed to temperance lecturers. nis misery no more. "Drink thy wine with a merry heart."-Eccl. 9:7.

The preachers may formulate their creeds until doomsday, and try to abolish an infallible Bible makes conflicting America, the homicidal aggregate of intemperance; but while their parish- statements, which shall we believe? ioners can read, and the Bible is in their will be made in staying the ravages of and Judah." -2 Sam. 24:1. the monster that wasteth at noonday. Prohibitory laws are of no avail; for here is a higher one emanating from God himself. If the Christian world had prohibitory laws in their sacred Satan are identical, else we are at sea books as the Mohammedans have, they as to who gave the order for numbering would have no need of municipal laws in the people of Israel, an act God afterthat direction.

generation found all their efforts to repented of his threatened evil he crush slavery were met with a "Thus would have destroyed Jerusalem. saith the Lord," sanctioning the ac-cursed institution. They were comcursed institution. They were com- and saw an angel of the Lord standing demned to hard labor he found 37 per pelled in maintaining their position to between the earth and heaven with a cent. to be old offenders, and among 363 make war on the Bible as a twin relic drawn sword in his hand stretched over of barbarism with slavery. So with in- Jerusa'em. No wonder he and the temperance; the vice can only be abolished when the Bible shall cease to be divine anger, enough to excite even a control of the latter.

The causes at work to produce these recognized and worshiped as the voice better man than David. That whole of God. And while lying is defended by 21st chapter of 1st Chronicles tells the the holy book in propagating the faith, Satan version of the story. it is futile to denounce lying as a sin against heaven.

Something Else Required.

history, interpolations into the classics, and false statements everywhere, will be needed to save the system from ex-

Insane from Religion.

SPRINGFIELD, O. Aug. 31.—Helen ture on Sunday where money is received for admission. Justice Mathew disjump from a Big Four train running at missed the case, substantially deciding the law and additional missed. fifty miles an hour near here to-day. At the law not adapted to our times. lice headquarters she called Detective wilson God, and fell down and worshiped him. Religious excitement caused sudden insanity.- News Item.

religion which makes its votaries mad the Latin. is of God? Is it not more probable it is priest-made, false in fact, and should it truth. Shelley. not be relegated to the Dark Ages in In 1775 hallstones said to weigh 20 which it originated?

The Religion of Nature.

The eloquent and forcible John

Ruskin has given us a portraiture of the Religion of Nature, which is in delightful contrast with that of the church, with its angry and repenting God, its hideous, cloven-footed Devil and its lake of liquid flame, in which they who do not agree with the priests The Increase of Crime on This impunity to the guilty, or so protract they who do not agree with the priests they who do not agree with the priests are to be eternally burned, yet never consumed. We commend it to the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER as an exposition of the views of a scholar of modern times who seems to have broken away from the tyrannous creeds of the past and built his faith on the ndestructible teachings of nature, in no way narrowed by barbarous Bible lore.

Read: "There is religion in everything round us-a calm and holy religion in the unbreathing things of Nature which man will do well to imitate. It is meek and blessed influence, stealing n, as it were, unawares upon the hear it comes quietly, and without excitement; it has no terror, no gloom in its approach; it does not rouse up the long can they stand the pestilential hesitate to try offenders unless they feel passions; it is untrammeled by the creeds and unshadowed by the superstitions of man: it is fresh from the hands of the Author, glowing from the immediate presence of the Great Spirit which pervades and quickens it; it is written on the arched sky; it looks out from every star; it is on the sailing cloud and in the invisible wind; it is among the hills and valleys of the earth. where the shrubless mountain-top pierces the thin atmosphere of eternal uates before the strong wind, with its lark waves of green foliage: it is spread out like a legible language upon the broad face of the unsleeping ocean; it is this which uplifts the spirit within us,

opens to our imagination a world of spiritual beauty and holiness." Can the young find in creeds or holy books better sentiments to memorize memorial; though since the well-known and carry through life than this descrip- followed the example; and at intervals tion of the Religion of Nature, from one of the most gifted minds of England? We opine not.

Narrowed by a Name. It is difficult to find any good reason for labeling an organization having in ception of the British empire, society ple are wholly exempt from the vice of view the reformation of the intemperate, has been worsted in the conflict with its France...... 'Women's Christian Temperance Union," unless its object is to reform ganization and the anxious labor of the Denmark. war on the use of tobacco in any of its drunken. Christians exclusively. All tribunals. In France, for instance, from Bavaria..... other temperance reformers have been 1826 to 1880, the population grew only sons of all creeds, and of no creed, their rape committed on children increased great object being to suppress the tripuling habit. It must be admitted from 136 per annum to 809, assassinatippling habit. It must be admitted tipping habit. It must be admitted tions from 197 to 239, arson from 71 to there is a show of propriety for the exclusion of propriety from the 2150, infanticide from 102 to 219. The agbriety, their personal cleanliness, their clusion of non-Christians from the devotion to one God. Prostitution is Women's organization, because the vice gregate criminality of Christendom tounknown among them, save in the great of intemperance seems to have origincommercial marts open to Christians ated with churchmen; its priests and deacons were the first victims, and the Wherever the Mohammedan missionary reputed founder of the church is credited succeeds in gaining sway, or his armies with being the first manufacturer of an

Well, we are right glad the sisters aste of intoxicants.

How very unlike Christianity!

The devoting themselves to such a needed reform. We shall lay no ob- Austria..... 689

structions in their path; still it may be Hungary....1,231

God or Satan, Which?

When doctors disagree, who shall decide? was an old-time inquiry. When

reach, and they are taught it is the against Israel, and he moved David ally. The most deplorable feature, voice of infinite wisdom, no progress against them to say, 'Go, number Israel

In 1 Chronicles, 21:1, the same inci-In 1 Chronicles, 21:1, the same inci-dent is recorded in these words: "And multiply more rapidly than those for Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. It is very apparent either God and

wards disclaimed, and for which he visited Israel with a postilence, destroying as relapses are visited with increased The anti-slavery agitators of the last seventy thousand men; and had he not

Good Morals Don't Count.

"The morals of the nation are high-Goethe, the German poet and phil-most willingly paid," said the Dean of who go astray oue-half yield to temptaosopher, said: "The destiny of any na Norwich, Eng. in a late sermon in aid tion, at any given time, depends on the of the Poor Clergy Relief Society. it a large share not only in stimulating opinions of its young men under the age Those habits heretofore supposed to be to crime and in blunting the moral perof five-and-twenty." If correct in this essential to a worthy life do not count if ceptions, but also in producing the pe statement, and the sentiments of the the tithes are not promptly paid so the culiarly dangerous class of born crimiyoung men of America under twenty- priest may revel in luxuries. Hear that, five are to shape the future of the ye starving poor! God's priests negchurch, then something besides doc- lected and you are successful candidates tored inscriptions on ancient monu-ments, additions to deficiencies in Bible the cash, and promptly.

An attempt was recently made in England to revive an obsolete statute of George III. making it an offense to lec-

He alone is wise who can accommodate himself to all the contingencies of caused sudden insanity.—News Item. life; but the fool contends and struggles crease of offenders, and that the prisons Can it be possible that that system of like a swimmer against the tide.—From are never so full as in a period of gen-

> There is one road to peace, and that is ounces, fell at Murcia, in Spain.

IMPORTANT STUDY For Spiritualists as Well as Others.

Old Earth.

IT IS GROWING WORSE, THOUGH SPIRIT-UALISTS ARE FOUND EVERYWHERE-IF NOT CHECKED, "MENE, MENE, TE-KEL, UPHARSIN," WILL BE WRITTEN everywhere for non-political criminal ON THE BANQUET HALL OF THE RE-

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.] Spiritualists have a duty to perform. | are easily led away by the rhetoric of the advocate, and who, if we may be-

Evidence that can not be refuted shows lieve the criminologists, are frequently that crime is increasing. The centers (cities) of our civilization are becoming so very corrupt that the question is, how on the part of prosecuting officers, who strain? Spiritualism has a part to play a reasonable certainty of overcoming in this reformation. Many are adding the scruples or the fears of the juryman to the aggregate of crime by apologizing for and shielding the wrong-doer. The following, by Henry Charles Lea, in the Continental jury is not required to that excellent magazine, The Forum. shows the tendency of the present age towards crime:

The two great scourges of humanity are disease and crime, and man's strugwinter, or where the mighty forest fluc- gle against them forms a notable portion of the history of the race. The advance of science within the last generation has greatly modified and improved the practice of medicine, and it is natural that earnest sociologists should be until it is strong enough to overlook the incited to the endeavor to reduce into Holland, Portugal, Roumania, and practime to the species with incited to the endeavor to reduce into Holland, Portugal, Roumania, and practime to the species with incited to the endeavor to reduce into Holland, Portugal, Roumania, and practime to the species with the species of the sp which breaks, link after link, the chain nopelessly carried that binds us to materiality, and which treatment of crime.

The necessity for improvement is admiration a world of The necessity for improvement is admiration as world of the necessity for improvement is admiration.

commenced to collect and publish statistics on the subject; in 1835 England the other Continental nations have, one by one, done the same. Thus there has gradually been accumulated a vast body of materials for scientific study, and although comparative criminal statistics are notoriously apt to mislead, the figures show underiably that, with the excriminals, and that crime has been in Spain strating the insufficiency of the existing means of repression and the crying necessity for a change. If we take, for excessity for a change. If we take, for excation of the race by the wholesale ample, homicide, we are told that in the slaughter of vagabonds under the Tuseven years, 1881-'87, the annual average in some of the leading States of to the American colonies in the eight-

Holland.... 35 England..... 318 Scotland Ireland \dots 129

-amounting in all to 9,208 yearly; and probably below the truth; and, if we include Canada, Australia, and the Spanish republics of Central and South moreover, of this swelling tide of crime is that the increase is specially manifested in the class of habitual criminals, first offenses. In France they grew, for official figures are greatly too low, for, penalties, the offender naturally conceals the fact as far as he can, and the means of ascertaining it are necessarily imperfect. Ferri says that by personal indolent poor. investigation among 346 persons concondemned to prison 60 per cent., though the official returns make out only 14 per

The causes at work to produce these disheartening results are not far to seek One of them unquestionably is the marked increase in the consumption of intoxicating liquors, which is shown by the statistics of almost every nation. Tolstoi may perhaps exaggerate when he asserts that alcohol is accountable for 90 tion when under its influence; but the nals, who are hopelessly incorrigible. Marro found by investigation among convicts that 41 per cent. of them were children of drunken parents, and the incalculable extent to which such hereditary criminality will infect society is amply shown in Dugdale's remarkable

study of the Jukes family. The immense development in recent by Countess Wachtmeister. It is full of I here offer on the terms stated, it will times of the urban population is another fruitful source of increasing crime, for cities, through their temptations and contaminating associations, are hotbeds. of vice. The increase of wealth among all classes is to be reckoned as another cause, for, contrary to the popular opinion, poverty is not an incentive to crime. Morrison tell us that every rise in the rate of wages is followed by an ineral prosperity and abundant work. Yet still more efficient than all these causes has been the humanitarian movement which is so marked a feature

ETERNAL VIGILANCE.

have been adopted which, in their effort to avoid injustice to the innocent, afford speedy justice is lost. Garafalo, indeed does not hesitate to assert that to the popular mind the courts seem devised and conducted so as rather to protect the criminal against society than to protect society against the criminal.

Trial by jury, introduced into France by the Revolution of 1789, has spread cases. It is a clumsy device at the best among races trained to its use, and is utterly unfitted to peoples whose symceased to make itself felt in the living bear away the freed and aspiring spirit the supreme consolation of my soul. pathies are apt to be rather with the wrong doer than with his victims, who forces of the present day.

the advocate, and who, if we may believe the criminologists, are frequently open to the seduction of bribery or cradle. The hero strangled them both liable to intimidation by the friends of the accused. This induces extra caution on the part of prosecuting officers, who can be supported by the control of the course of the church with its suprement on the part of prosecuting officers, who can be supported by the course of the cours Thus in France, in 1887, out of 459,319 complaints, 239,061, or more than half were pigeonholed. Unlike the English be unanimous; its decisions are reached by secret ballot, in which a tie acquits and a blank or illegible ballot is counted or acquittal. When, under these difficulties, a conviction is obtained, if the offense is a capital one, the diseased senise of the invisible hereafter. timentalism of the age steps in to preserve the worthless life of the criminal. death throes, and it has called to its aid In Italy, no execution, save in the army, has taken place since 1876, and the death-penalty was finally abolished as victous and unjust legislation, and even

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Period.

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British severity, as illustrated by these figures, may perhaps explain how England has held crime in check better than Garafalo's suggestion of the purifidors, and by the deportation of convicts eenth century and to New South Wales

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in the nineteenth. This virtual abandonment of the death-penalty leaves to the legislator no resource for the repression of crime but imprisonment in its various forms and it. is employed for all offenses, great and small. In Italy, in the ten years 1880-89, the sentences to jail amounted to 1,112, in Russia, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, those by the lower courts alone were Portugal, Roumania, Servia, Montene- 1,675,000, of which 113,000 were for sible, but the usual estimate of 3,000 is courses and are let loose with the taint and disgrace of the punishment clinging to them. At the same time they have lost their former terror for the hardened criminal, for the humanitarian in-States professing the Christian faith stincts of the age have rendered them "The anger of the Lord was kindled must be between 20,000 and 25,000 annu- abodes far more endurable than the cabin of the peasant or the garret of the workman, to say nothing of the relief from the care of the morrow which oppresses the man who depends on his abor for his daily bread. Even the bagne and the so-called galleys are managed on benevolent principles and are remisdemeanors, from 21 per cent. of the garded by the dangerous classes rather whole in 1851 to 44 per cent. in 1882, and as a refuge in time of need than as a for crimes from 33 to 52 per cent. In punishment to be dreaded. Coupling all Italy they were but 101 per cent. in 1876, this with the larger gains to be made in while in 1885 they were 344. Yet these a society where the increase of wealth offers such opportunities to the spoiler we can well appreciate the assertion of M. Tarde that the profession of a criminal offers greater profits and smaller risks than any other career open to the

cial shedding of blood:

Country.

Austria

Denmark.....

North Germany.

England.....

Scotland....

Australia and

New Zealand. 1867-79

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Resolution.

Out of the night that covers me Black as the pit-from pole to pole. thank whatever gods may be. For my unconquerable soul. In the fell clutch of circumstance

I have not winced nor cried aloud; Beneath the bludgeonings of chance My head is bloody, but unbowed. Beyond this vale of wrath and tears.

Loom up the horrors of the shade, and yet the menace of the years Finds and shall find me unafraid. t matters not how straight the gate,

How charged with punishments the scroll: am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul. WM. ERNST HENLEY. London, England.

suggestive thought, and while Spiritualists will not endorse all she says, they will read her views with great interest. Our aim is now, and has been, to present the ideas of leading minds on subjects intimately connected with our philosophy, and in that respect THE PROGRESS-IVE THINKER leads.

The acknowledgment of weakness which we make in imploring to be relieved from hunger and temptation is surely wisely put in our prayer.-Thackeray.

of the present century. The reaction The average annual amount of dew against the barbarism bequeathed to us England is equal to 5 inches of rain. The average annual amount of dew in

AND WHAT IS DEATH?

drawbacks. Punishments have been it is the Price of Liberty. Prof. Apperly Tells About the life.

Grim Monster "If I face death with a calm smile it

No one knows the truth of this old adage so well as the modern Spiritualist. From the beginning of its first manifestations. Spiritualism has been constantly threatened with destruction by its enemies. Had it not been for the unceasing intervention of the mighty angels who were set to do the work for the reappearance upon the earth of the long-concealed truth, Spiritualism and all that it heralds and leads and stands for, the perfect freedom of choice on all planes of existence, would long ago have

It is related of Hercules that Juno goddess, the two serpents of Slander and Tyranny have been let loose, if by chance, overcoming the power that is held by a living faith, that death is but the soul; the body is changed to dust, the soul is changed to light." omnipotent, the spirit, they might a change or the casting away of earthly 'Oh, death! Oh, moment grand! Oh, make an end, once for all, of the coming elements, that have been brought tohand has squeezed the life out of the vile lies, so often and so freely circulated, of the grandest and noblest religion ever adopted by man, as a guide through the visible present, and a prom-

But Tyranny is still wriggling in its death-penalty was finally abolished as physical force, when it dares, to carry useless in 1891, as it has likewise been in out its treacherous and cowardly ends. and its Christian Endeavorers are mov hopelessly empirical and hap-hazard other States the following curious table, treatment of crime.

The necessity for improvement is admitted on all hands. In 1826 France are the Continental nations in the judiport, stands the prison, the gallows, the stake, the fagot, and all the horrible tortures of the "most holy inquisition." The attempts now made, secretly, but no less persistently, are but the letting out of waters. If Spiritualists do not watch the stealthy movements of their opponents, and counteract them at the beginning, they will find themselves overwhelmed by the flood vomited out of the mouth of the dragon for their de-

Above all things else, Spiritualists are the champions of free speech, free says, "the terrors with which we clothe thought and free action. They seek to death, come largely from the erroneous breast. The deepest sorrow and bemake men better, as the result of their own free choice. They deny the right to any man or set of men to force others to be good. They assert that never since the earth was hurled into space has fear made a man pure and holy. It is an impossibility.
Our opposers have smuggled laws

through Congress and our Legislatures, masked under innocent titles, which are Czar of all the Russias. These laws seek to deprive our citizens of liberty of put on others more worthy of them. thought, speech and action. One of these grants power to irresponsible parties to drag men and women on trumpedup charges into court; to subject them whole press of the country. They have not dared to publish this law and show not dared to publish this law and show which you can fly through the air, and W. H. APPERLY. gro, Bulgaria, and Greece, the total terms of less than six days. The prisons up its infernal injustice. In this he is which you can fly through the air, and would be about 15,000. Accurate statistus become nurseries of crime, where aided by the Catholic officials, who are thiving offenders are trained to evil planning to perfect precedents, and ma-

chinery, to muzzle the press at their pleasure, in the near future. These bloody blots upon our statutebooks are sought to be reinforced and enlarged by the medical and Sabbatarian laws. Our enemies are not dead, nor sleeping. As the emancipating powers of Spiritualism are more and more focalized on the despotism bequeathed us by the past, and its attempted revival in the present, these maggets in the fetid waste of ignorance are roused to new life and activity, and seek to diminish, as best they may, the force of the spiritual life and truth thus disturbing them. It becomes our brothers of the household of spiritual faith to watch closely effort to nullify all attempts to encroach upon our rights as American citizens, to As Spiritualists, we have in no wise for-

our claim to all our rights as such. against, in any particular. So long as voice to speak, it will not fail to urge its readers to constant watchfulness and action against hostility and malice directed toward our grand philosophy, whether it be visible or invisible.

A Challenge.

British Medical World, makes public a examples. chance to secure \$1,000. Here it is: "I will place a bank order for \$1,000

ordinary pine box, and the \$1,000 note asked: "What shall we be doing to-more their intention to do so, claim the de-posit, by reading the plain English writng and give the number on the order. The Countess Wachtmeister.

Any person accepting this challenge shall deposit \$100, to be given to any charity that I shall name in this city. If they are able to claim the \$1,000, which be at their disposal for whatever purpose they choose, for their own benefit or for the benefit of any charity or for the advancement of the cause of psychical research."

> to set this down against Spiritualism to show that it, as well as church religion, cannot stand the test of truth.

Can any one answer this? As far as for Spiritualism minding such bluffs as this, yet as difficult things have been bursts forth. done and the money would be useful to some poor medium

Grim Monster. Beginning of a Higher Life.

MAN WILL PASS FROM ONE DEGREE OF INO IN VIRTUE.

It is a birth into a higher life. It is unfortunate that paintings and sculpture the winding sheet of the tomb. to a brighter and happier sphere.

the eternal spirit. Lamartine exthe eternal spirit. Lamartine ex-presses this idea in the following beauti-While others wept and stood beside the ful lines on the "Death of Socrates:" To die is not to die, my friends; it is to Friends, brothers, children, mother

change. here below. Man towards his God but languidly doth Hast seen a smile across the dead man's

Forced his vile wants to feed, no prog. He groaned, he choked, he died just ress makes; Moves with a tottering step, or truth And yet he smiles. Dread gulf, oh. forsakes.

But he who verging on the end which he Cometh that light, seen on the face of does pray death's unwilling slave?
Sees glorious glympses of the eternal What is the tomb? Whence cometh, day-

Like sunset rays ascending towards the The awful calmness on each dead face skies.

gins to live.

Victoria, the present queen of England, after her husband, Prince Albert, had passed to the higher life, wrote ceases. Nature is a kind mother. She very eloquently under the title "Medita-permits death to steal upon a true life and revolting descriptions of it given to reavement may be the part of those who us." Thus, it is sometimes styled de- are left to mourn the departure of the composition or corruption; but we do loved and the dear; but such sorrows

Others claim that death is synonymous death, has never tasted of sorrow and with destruction; but we cannot be de- loneliness. But such a parent cannot stroyed. No; to die is to return unto know the deeper consolation that comes worthy to emanate from the brain of the our Father. Our souls merely cast off from thinking of the loved and lost. garments which do not become them, to This consolation far outweighs the joys

charges into court; to subject them and wise instructor. How much of death thoughts are born, and a deeper spiritufine and imprisonment; to destroy and the awakening to a higher life may ality awakened. When the assurance their business and even life itself, on man learn from the caterpillar, that comes that the child which was lost in technical charges. All this tremendous power, in this "land of the free," is given into the hands of one man. We that some higher being than the cater will not the hands of one man. We that some higher being than the cater "Oh, death, where is thy sting? Oh, will venture to say that there are not pillar should whisper to it, and say you grave, where is thy victory?" the morning dews while beauti ful children admire your lovely colors. What wonderful revelation this would believe the story; yet it is true.

changes that we do not understand. When we are tired with the day's toil. death and welcome it as we welcome a a sad and dreary waste. night's repose.

Many who have given up their lives

for the truth, as they saw it, have at the last moments arisen above fear and mor tal pain. The sublimity and the glory lighted up their countenance as the A. Marshall says in the Freethinker's spirit was preparing to take its depart-

At the last supper of the Girondists, just before the execution of the most illustrious men that France ever proin a sealed envelope enclosed in an duced, Ducos, one of the condemned, We are immortal. These destiny. living thoughts, these boundless aspiraof the destiny of the human mind.

all, exclaimed with his soul-moving elo- poor person who is unable to pay for it. quence: "Death is the greatest act of life, since it gives birth to a higher state of existence. would be something greater than God. No, Verginand is not greater than God; but God is greater than Verginand, and Mr. Marshall says that Dr. Hart's test He will not suffer him to ascend a scafhas never been accepted, and he seems fold but to justify and avenge him in nausea, Ayer's Pills are the best in the future ages.

Victor Hugo has given us the following beautiful thoughts in his "Contem-"Everything ends under six feet of

we are concerned, we see no necessity earth? No; everything begins. No; More than 1,000 forms of snow concerned, we see no necessity earth? No; everything begins. No; tals have been observed and copied. blossoms, and grows, and springs up, and

immortality of the name, which is but whole earth is 36 inches.

smoke; but in the enduring life of the individual. I believe in it, I feel myself immortal.

"Yes, I believe in God and in another

is because I believe in a future life. And note that I am on guard against the caresses which bestow on our ideas to the end that they may become opinions. But here is an absolute conviction, I believe—I say more. I am sure—that we do LIFE TO ANOTHER, EVER INCREAS- not utterly and wholly die and that our

ego survives.
"Yes, I believe profoundly in this better world; it is far more real to me should represent death as a hideous than this wretched chimera which we skeleton or as the scepter wrapped in devour and which we call life. I be-They lieve in it with all the strength of my should have pictured death as a smiling conviction; and after many struggles, messenger, who comes to man, not to much study and many trials, it is the punish or destroy, but to reward and supreme certainty of my reason, as it is

"Therefore, let us have no fear of Birth and death are but changes in death. What is laid in the tomb is not bears him away to endless torment. The pear—it goes on to pursue a fresh career Poets and the prophets of all ages, and in the skies. The body is the cloak of

mortuary rays! giant of the centuries. But the baby gether to form a temporary dwelling for Hast thou ne'er turned the sheet from

> bed-with down-hanging head, While he lives burdened by his body Distracted, sobbing, of wild grief the prey,

> > features stray?

whence and how

Oh, thinker grave, we see?

An exile, thence, in God's own arms he It is that the secret is out; it is that the lies,
And quaffing eagerly the nectar which It is that the soul, all-seeing, all-shining.

does rapture give,

That day on which he dies he first be- Laughs aloud, and the body itself takes part in its fearful delight.' Severe pain may precede death, but

as soon as the vital forces cease, all pain tions upon Death and Eternity." She as peacefully as sleep steals upon the not, speaking exactly, fall into either are generally followed by the purest one or the other of these states, joys and the deepest spiritual unfold-some say that to die is to leave the ment. The parent who has never had world, that being in itself impossible. an idolized child snatched away by that come from the living. The be-Wonderful changes take place in ani- reaved parent, may pour out his very mal life, from which man may learn soul in tears and prayers. But he remany lessons. Nature is a kind mother signs himself to the will of God. New

five men in the great city of Chicago who have any knowledge of the text of the law, and its infamous provisions.

This spy's band is on the throats of the whole press of the country. They have be resurrected and become a beautiful another, ever increasing in virtue and

What can we say of the terrible cybe to the dull caterpillar. It could not clone of fire which two weeks ago swept over vast districts in Minnesota, North-All instinctive life is full of wonderful ern Wisconsin and Michigan, destroying great forests, towns, villages, cities, and gentle sleep steals away our cares and the soil itself in its desolating march? the quiet slumbers of night rock us The whole country was strewed with in their peaceful embrace. While the the remains of the festering dead who body is thus gaining strength for new found no escape from the sea of flame, labors, the soul is ever reveling in phan- and the houseless, homeless wanderers, tasm or dreams. With the morning who were left with nothing but life and light we seem to spring again into ex- penury to contend with the severities of istence, eager and prepared for another northern skies in autumn and winter. day's conflict. These wonderful transi-tions may come and go every twenty-four ports have heralded the news to the exall our legislatures, and by organized hours of a long life, yet no man can mark | treme limits of civilization. We can the minute that sleep steals over him or only refer to the event as another "disthe moment of awaking to consciousness. pensation of a mysterious Providence. the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness here and hereafter. but we cease to wonder at what is oft the sparrow and in numbering hairs to repeated. After the spirit shall have regard the lives of his worshipers, even foited a single lota of our citizenship, or passed through many births and deaths, neglecting to provide safety to many who or changes in its eternal progression were found with hands locked and in the do not propose to be discriminated and can read its own history, which attitude of prayer, whose importunities against, in any particular. So long as likely began before our earth began to for relief were silenced in death. No THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER has a revolve in its orbit, it may look upon wonder the pessimist looks upon life as

The Past Summer.

The past summer has been a trying one to all classes of business, and the of dying for a righteous cause have end is not yet. As a general rule re-burst upon their vision and a smile has trenchment begins in the family by cutting off the spiritual food-discontinuing Magazine that Dr. Hart, editor of the vre. History has given many illustrious the paper that furnishes, each week, the glad tidings of great joy of the new dispensation. No one seems to think that each exceedingly small sum makes up in the aggregate the very life of the paper, and that each one who discontinues it. shall be at the disposal of any one, man, woman, child, medium, thought-reader, minds had been darkened by atheism, do a humanitarian or missionary work clairvoyant or telepathist, who can Carro replied: "Annihilation is not our among those who can not pay a single cent for the spiritual food, they so much tions, can never die. To-morrow, far crave. Bear, this thought in mind, away in other worlds, we shall think Spiritualists, and make a determined and feel, and act, and solve the problems effort, each of you, to continue the Verginand, the most brilliant of them paper, and if possible send it to some

> Before going on a sea voyage or into Were it not thus there the country, be sure and put a box of Ayer's Pills in your valise. You may have occasion to thank us for this hint. To relieve constipation, biliousness and world. They are also easy to take.

> > The high cirrus clouds are believed to be formed of snowflakes. More than 1,000 forms of snow crys-

The principles of rainfall were first

correctly set forth by Dalton, in 1787. "I believe in immortality—not in the The average annual rainfall over the

The First Society of Spiritualists.

TO THE EDITOR:—Once more I crave the privilege of your valuable columns in order that I may notify our friends, and all those who may sympathize with us in our new venture, that success has thus far crowned our efforts, and on the 16th of September we commence our season's work in Hooley's Theatre. I hardly need remind you that, in response to the ever increasing spirit of inquiry for greater light and knowledge into the truths and principles of Spirit-ualism, the officers of the First Society of Chicago decided to appeal to the body at large of this city; determined, if the response should warrant such an aggressive move, to secure one of the theatres in the center of the city and hold one service (Sunday morning), making it as far as possible a union service, not only of the Spiritualists, but also of all those interested in psychical research, and all advanced lines of thought. Circulars were accordingly issued, laying before the thoughtful public the proposed plans of the committee, which were to secure purpose, the expenses to be met by the sale of opera chairs or aftings, at \$10 us a brief item, please. A great deal each, payable quarterly in advance. I can be expressed in a dozen lines; but am glad to be able to report that reone of the leading theatres for the above sponses came, and while not yet enough are of local interest only. We extend a to meet all demands, were enough to war- cordial invitation to all speakers to send rant us in extending our borders.

comfort of our audience and prosperity great of the work; and we have now pleasure in sending out this cordial invi-tation to all our friends. In doing so we nediums. We can, as a rule, only pub-tend funerals.

We nave sent to us a great many tess timonials of spirit cure through different tend funerals.

He will answer calls to lecture and at-and speakers have been engaged, I un-tend funerals. would say, give us the support of your presence. Hitherto, perhaps, we have not been as true to our colors as we might have been. Too long have we feared, lest we should collide with the prejudices of the world in declaring our-town, N. Y., have been here the past selves on an unpopular side, and have three days, and Marion people have rekept the cause we profess to love in the ceived an intellectual treat in the way The young ladies of the lyceum had

But the unseen powers have silently done this work. Truth has made itself done this work. Truth has made itself toward her by her winning, ladylike Page, Miss Eldora Parsons, Miss Symons, felt, and before it many of the walls of traits of character. They both have Master Robt. Page and Mr. French. Of prejudice, ignorance and bigotry have crumbled to the dust, and the time has come when to declare one's self a Spiritualist is a sure passport into the ranks of intelligence and advanced thought. The move we are making will help to place this great conscience liberator in its true position before the world, and will of itself proclaim that we have a truth of which we need not be ashamed.

We are especially happy in the thought that the spirit of unity has made itself felt. The leaders of our sister societies have, one and all, given their word of encouragement and Godspeed, and while this especial platform will be for the philosophy, we feel from this will come the demand for proof, and this must ever be found in the phenomena; and, therefore, we propose to print, (as a standing advertisement), on the hymn slips which will be used in our services, notices of all our sister so-cieties, and in addition to this, a regis-lllinois I finally find myself here in on September 2, at Army and Navy Hall. our services, notices of all our sister soter will be kept, in some prominent position, of private mediums, with their dif-

tory of Spiritualism. Choice selections of music will be given, and the name of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond as speaker, will of itself insure an intellectual feast to her hearers. Sunday, September 16th, at 11 a. m. Note the change of C. CATLIN.

Very Clear Indeed!

An exchange says: Mrs. Besant was asked for a short and understanding ber. He has October still open. His definition of Theosophy, and this is her address for September is 136 West Veranswer: "It is hard to cram a science into a sentence; but the root idea of Theosophy is that the material world we live in is the outcome-an expression of will and thought, and may be modified by their exercise, just so far as mind and thought are developed. The universe is the exercise of universal will and mind, and man's mind being identical with that in its essence, is capable of developing power, and, in fact, has done it to some extent."

Just so. In other words, the speculative understanding of man hyperflopa-gates over his ordinary, everyday common sense, and runs riot with his peculiar idiosyncrasies, so to speak. His excomfloberations so insinuate themselves upon his heterogeneous spontaneity as to render somewhat vague and obvious his metaphysical disquisitions. When his Mahatmas and Karmas reincarnate over his ethereal contaminations, his ecclesiastical exegesis excommunicates his innocuous desuetude to such a degree as to completely annihilate all superabundant eccentricity. Am I not right?

Special Notice. Mrs. M. Theresa Allen, is now prepared to resume her general Spiritualistic labors as inspirational speaker and platform test medium, and will answer calls to lecture upon Spiritualism and kindred subjects at reasonable terms To those unable to comply with her general terms, she offers the following: She will visit localities within reasonable distance; parties agreeing to furnish hall, attend to and pay for advertising give her entertainment charge 10 cents admission at the door to lectures and give her the total door receipts, and she will come and take her chances for remuneration. James Madison Allen, her husband, will accept engagements on the same terms. Mr. and Mrs. Allen take pleasure in serving the cause of Spiritualism, and desire to be kept busy throughout the fall and winter season. hence the above offer. Address, 106 Bluff street, Peoria, Ill.



Bear in mind, please, that we cannot publish weekly reports of meetings. Whenever a change is made in speak cordial invitation to all speakers to send slate-writing, as well as their other in their appointments to lecture, and phases of mediumship, at No. 10 Eliza-We have secured Hooley's beautiful general movements, which will be read theatre, and full assurance has been by at least 40,000. We go to press early monday morning, and items must reach everything will be done to insure the order to have immediate insertion.

We have sent to us a great many tes-

background, content to drink of its of spiritualistic phenomena and philosodepths ourselves, in some little, out-of-the-way hall.

of spiritualistic phenomena and philosophy. Mr. Sprague is a power in his line, as a pure, lucid speaker and platform test medium. Mrs. Sprague drew all

toskey, Mich., where she is doing an ical Chicago, and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'Typical Chicago,' and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'The later to the world, 'Art, 'Typical Chicago,' and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'The later to the world, 'Typical Chicago,' and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'Typical Chicago,' and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'Typical Chicago,' and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'Typical Chicago,' and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'Typical Chicago,' and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'Typical Chicago,' and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'Typical Chicago,' and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'Typical Chicago,' and a burlesque on 'Liberty Enlightening the World,' 'Typical Chicago,' and 'Typical Chicago,' and 'Typical Chicago,' and 'Typical Chicago,' 'Typical Chicago,' and 'Typical Chicago,' 'Typical Chicago,' and 'Typical Chicago,' 'Typic

Dr. A. M. Roberts and Mrs. L. A. Roberts, both excellent mediums, and about whom we have received very fa- Brother French, whom she is trying to vorable reports, are now located in this city, at 337 West Van Buren street. Dr. Roberts lectures and Mrs. Roberts gives tests. They hold materializing seances every Monday and Friday night. They can be addressed for engagements at the above number. We desire to say that neither one of them was connected with the exposure made by the Water-town (N. Y.) Spiritualists. Their mediumship has never been questioned.

Adrian B. Ormerod, in Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo., and for the first time Mrs. Lake is the regular speaker, who in my experience as a medium I am is announced as follows: "As is wellour real strength.

To those who have already subscribed for sittings, let me say: The plans of the first are now open at the office of Dr. Green, 12T LaSalle st., where the first agusterly subscription can be paid and set selected. We trust our friends will as easily as possible, that all may be statisfied. We trust our friends will may be statisfied. This will also greatly as one or one sitting as of these who have not already done so, we will still appeal. Showy your sympath, dear friends, by taking one or one of the part of the statisfied to our cause paths, dear friends, by taking one or one sitting as above.

To those who have not already do not contain the part of the part o ferent phases of mediumship. Thus we practising under a city license, simply known, Mrs. Lake has no superior on hope to clasp hands in brotherly love in because I used the word clairvoyant in a the Spiritualistic platform as a logical practising under a city license, simply known, Mrs. Lake has no superior on medium. My present address is 1418 McGee street, Kansas City, Mo."

> Dr. Louis Freedman has removed to 150 East 87th street, near Lexington avenue, New York City, where he can be consuited.

E. W. Sprague, trance and inspira tional speaker, and platform test medium, is serving the Indianapolis Association of Spiritualists for Septemmont street, Indianapolis, Ind. Home address, Newland and Forest avenues, Jamestown, N. Y., where correspond-

ence will always reach him. A. S. Gilson writes: "I like THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER; it is all it claims to be, and more; and its advent was just n time of need to fill a great demand. is a guide and support for all those stepping from the old to the new faith. It is a compass for all those making a royage on life's sea, and a lighthouse,

oringing the voyager safe into port." The well-known lecturer and test melium, E. W. Sprague. writes: "Mrs. Sprague and myself have now comour camp engagements. We opened the camp at Maple Dell July 22, and remained there six days, working with Brother George Perkins, musical director, speaker and test medium, and ais good wife, who is also a good clairvoyant and test medium. Harmony reigned supreme in this beautiful spot. We left there for Chesterfield, Indiana, amp. Here we found a fine camp-

round, large auditorium, dining-hall, odging-house, seance-rooms, cottages, and many improvements. The camp was in full blast. There were many mediums on the grounds, all doing good work for our cause. We remained here two weeks, speaking five times, each lecture followed with tests, which were generally satisfactory to the recipient, and evidently so to the society, as they have engaged us for two Sundays next. We left here for Vicksburg, Michigan, arriving there in time to

S. M. Tucker has a favorable word for nis lectures deserve special notice. chart, showing the various formations of the earth; 'Why I Became a Spiritualist,' and 'The God Idea.' A. L. Concannon held a seance for materialization at my house last night. The manifestations were generally satisfactory. He is being developed into a fine me dium for that phase. I am doing all I can for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, which we consider the best paper pubished.'

Eliza F. Rogers writes: "I have been Spiritualist for more than thirty have had sittings with most of the and guitar was carried above and out-prominent mediums of America, and side the circle, all around the room, per-Reynolds, a young English girl now residing in Lansingburgh, N. Y., has given me more satisfaction in foretell-ing future events than any and all the rest of the mediums I have been brought in contact with."

Lizzie and May Bangs have returned from their summer vacation, and are open to engagements for independent beth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Brooks are at present at their home, Elgin, Ill., resting after the camp at Haslett Park. All Mr. Brooks at 228 North Liberty street.

W. S. Hanson writes: "The social given by the ladies of the Progressive will attend. Spiritualists and investiga-Society of the South Side, last Wednestors, we expect a grand feast. day evening, the 5th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Page, was well attended, the spacious parlors, reception and din-ing rooms being filled to overflowing. prepared a programme of great excel-lence, consisting of tableaux, songs and recitations. Of those who took part mention may be made of the Misses made many friends here who will gladly the tableaux presented, the most promiwelcome their return in the mear whit were the 'Goddess of Liberty,' future."

[Tuberty Enlightening the World,' 'Art, Tuberty Enlighten

> caused the most merriment. The curtain rises showing Miss Gertrude Page the goddess, seated, and by her side enlighten on some subject, the nature of which is unknown to the audience. The enraptured couple are entirely unconscious of a night-capped head-Mamma Page—protruding from the curtains in their rear. The recitations of Miss Parsons and Miss Mae Huntoon were of the best; also the singing of Miss Estelle Hanson. The next social will be held the 12th inst. at the residence of Mrs. Parsons, 6333 Grace avenue.'

The People's Spiritual Alliance, o

of decorum and nothing unbecoming a howl, but it cannot harm the crown.'

ley, platform test medium and lecturer, should be sent in care of 2762 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Ripley has a few

s presented to me as an intelligent unit Brady. istent with both."

Mr. and Mrs. Rice Thompson write: 'We hope that all Spiritualists will asenterprise, as we as well as others enjoyed Florida climate in winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, who reside in Indiana, write: "We arrived home yesterday from a month's visit to different resorts in the East, stopping two weeks at Lily Dale, where we found thousands of Spiritualists and others en-

open their camp on August 12. We remained here ten days, speaking five writes from Des Moines, Iowa: Feeling management was fine. Miss Fraser, we This, like both the other camps an interest in the Spirit-world, and the think, is equal to the emergency. named, is a real Spiritualist camp. It ability of spirits to communicate with B. F. Fuller kept the grounds in order is run solely in the interest of Spiritual-ism, and by one little woman Miss Jeannette Frazer owns the grove, and takes the responsibility of the wild and well as the cause. He will long be retakes the responsibility of the whole edly tried, we are very anxious that courtesy he paid to each one, always docamp-meeting, and it is a success. We others desiring such service should know ing his part manfully. But not least made many friends and received much that we have tried and found Mr. H. encouragement all the way around. On our way here we stopped at Dowagiac, Mich., and gave a lecture in the Uni
Mich., and gave a lecture in the Uni
Iowa, and find that we have never found are the right people in the right place, we say the say in his phase. We delice the component of the camp. In short, they have never found are the right people in the right place, ersalist church. We also stopped at his equal in his phase. We desire very and we fall to see any cause for com "Garland" Stoves and Ranges are no higher in price than the worthless imitations. Ask to see them.

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"Garland" Stoves and Ranges are no tures. We arrived at Indianapolis, that he be thoroughly tried and tested other season as good a meeting as the by any and all desiring to hear from recent one; also as great an attendance, and as well managed."

A lecture, brilliantly illustrated with Dr. De Buchananne and his lectures. He a Parabolon Scionticon, will be delivered speaks of him in high terms: "Three of by Mr. A. D. Clarke, at Lodge Hall, No. 11 North Ada Street, on Tuesday even-Genesis and Geology, illustrated by a ling, the 18th inst., at 8 o'clock on 'The chart, showing the various formations Science of the Stars," from the standpoint of occult astronomy, elucidated by Ormsby's Planetary Chart. Horoscopes cast and delineations of character made of persons taken at random from the Bailey Kay Leach, 175 Monroe street

residence, last evening, to quite a number of Spiritualists and non-Spiritualists. years, and have spent much time and Each one present was patted on face or money investigating its phenomena. I shoulder by spirit hands. The violin can truthfully say that Miss Georgiana feet time being kept upon both instructional children against their will, for any purments at the same time when beyond pose whatever? What good does it efthe reach of any person in the room. He is undoubtedly a genuine medium for physical manifestations. I have known Search for a number of years, and attended several of his circles, but have never had occasion to doubt the genuineness of his mediumship.

O. G. Richards writes: I fail to see any announcement or notice in your most excellent paper of the spiritual camp or grove-meeting of Brother J. C. Dewell's near Fairmount, Leavenworth county, Kansas. I presume Brother Dewell has forgotten to send the notice. legrams and letters should be sent to The meeting is to be held on the 15th, 16th and 17th of September, Saturday, derstand, and a large number of people

F. Corden White writes from Cassadaga: "We leave here to-day for New York City for a few months. This camp has been success in every way. I have received all the patronage I could attend to. I think it a great place."

E. N. Pickering writes: "The First Society of Spiritual Unity held its usual meetings last Sunday, September 2, which was the hottest day of the season. for doing good work in this direction are very favorable. We offer the mem-bers of the lyceum cards, badges, and medals for proficiency in the work, and good behavior, and will endeavor to make the exercises attractive and instructive to all. We begin our Unity Harmonial Circle again on Wednesday evening, after a recess of three months meeting at the home of Brother Lane, 107 South Leavitt threet, in whose harmonious rooms we have had the great pleasure and satisfaction of hearing from our loved ones on former occasions."

G. W. Kates and wife are engaged in Pittsburgh, Pa., for October, and Geauga county, Ohio, for November. Would like calls for following months. Address, Manitou, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. George F Perkins have an engagement at Erie, Pa., where they To The Spiritualists of Chicago. can be addressed for engagements in the vicinity and towards New York.

Last week we published a most excel-

true American. The cross is sure to to 214 Center street, near Halstead. He will hold circles Wednesday and Friday Hereafter all letters for Frank T. Rip-ey, platform test medium and lecturer, Thursday. A seance will be held on Thursday. Mr. Arnold is doing a most excellent work.

Frank T. Ripley, lecturer and platform open dates for October, December, Jantest medium, can be engaged for the uary and February, and can be engaged month of October. Address him in care for them. He goes to Cincinnati, Ohio, of 2762 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio. for September. Mr. Ripley has just D. S. Maynard writes: "The universe closed a successful season at Lake

of force, individualized. Man as a spirit A Scribe writes: A grand rally of the s a fractional part of the unified whole, Spiritualists of Geneseo, Ill., and of individualized by virtue of his conscious Henry County will be held in Geneseo, relation to the All One. As a fraction, September 14, 15 and 16. Kewanee, he bears with him, in some measure, all Cambridge, Morris, Atkinson will send the forces contained in the unit. Man delegates. There will be all phases of embodied in mortal form is known as a the phenomena given, so that both person, an organism, operated upon by Spiritualists and skeptics can have a the involution of an individualized en love-feast. There will be slate-writing work to the ity, exerting what power it may to aid tests and materialization of spirits in full going. person in its journey along the evo- form on the public rostrum, and clairlutionary line of progress toward the voyant and psychometric tests and read- tific magizines, who can spare one now goal of perfected manhood, To attain ings, with poetic improvisations by and ther, would confer a favor on these this end, there is a constant effort on the White Rose. The inspirational lectures mediums to send them one. Send to Dr. part of the spirit to increase its signifi-will be delivered by White Rose and Wight, Swift Island, North Carolina, cance. This is done by cancelling per- Rev. J. C. F. Grumbine. A county orsonal (denominational) weakness, thus ganization will be formed. Private seadding individual (numerical) strength ances for all phases of the phenomena pen used by a lady of seventy-eight, There is but one unit in spirit or num-will be given, so that all can hear made from wood, can, by sending a few bers; and fractions of either are co-ex-from their friends through genuine and cents, get a pen which will be a novelty true mediums.

C. L. Clark writes: "Dr. C. E. McCallister is holding class lectures at his ressist Mr. Johnson in starting a Florida idence 345 Elm street every Monday winter camp, and join us and help the Thursday and Friday evening. The lectures treat of the spiritual philosophy. They are very interesting and instructive from a Spiritualist standpoint. The Doctor will lecture for the North Side Spiritualist Society from time to time.

Mrs. N. Reid writes: "Please allow thousands of Spiritualists and others enjoying the words as they fell from the speakers' lips, the sacred truth of Spiritualism. Every camp found people eager to get the truth, and others, like ourselves, are not satisfied without The Progressive Thinker to feast upon."

PROGRESSIVE THINKER to feast upon." me space in your valuable paper to state

The Chicago Anti-Compulsory Vaccination League has been formed in this city, consisting of the following officers President, M. H. Garland, 332 Maple street (Englewood); vice-president, Ewing Summers, 113 Adams street, room 2; secretary and treasurer, W. Douglas King, 866 N. Western avenue; executive committee: The above named, with audience. Admission twenty-five cents. 2d flooor, and Alexander Spencer, 192 John A. Johnston, slate-writing and trumpet medium, is located at 3213 following statement: "Organized August 31, 1894, for mutual protection gust 31, 1894, for mutual protection argins compulsory vaccination, and for Colorado avenue. The League makes the against compulsory vaccination, and for B. G. S., of Galena, Kansas, writes; testing in the courts the validity of such George D. Search gave a circle at my a barbarous practice. Vaccination always does harm, and, as many say, noth ing but harm. The 'statistics' of the vaccinationists are falsely given, but even if truly given, do they constitute a sufficient reason for one person en-

fect for the 'protected' party? would the vaccinationists like to have inoculation for consumption forced upor them? Moreover the law should suppose that every person is doing his ut most to eliminate and keep out of his system all poisons, for the sake of his health, by sweating, bathing, etc; (but, by the way, there are no compulsory vaccination laws upon the statute books of Illinois, or in Federal enactments) All persons desiring the protection of this League will become members thereof for six months by reporting their names to the secretary, and paying him twenty-five cents each, which sum is solely for postage in giving notice of meetings, etc., where one may learn the latest news of the movement throughout the country." Silver Bow writes: "Mrs. J. E. Leon

ard, a highly gifted as well as a much beloved medium, has located in Butte, Montana, much to the joy and comfort of all Spiritualists and investigators She was welcomed with great delight, as she is well and favorably known throughout Montana, where she has been called an angel of mercy in scores of households. Both Mrs. Leonard and her worthy husband possess many remarkable phases of mediumship, among We opened a Children's Lyceum for the them being test, trance, writing, profirst time last Sunday, and the prospects phetic, as well as diagnosing disease. with wonderful accuracy. Developing circles every Tuesday, Thursday and with wonderin account Thursday and circles every Tuesday, Thursday and circles every Tuesday. The writer can

what is called the "printing process. The message is shown in good print and is easily read by the medium, generally sees the one who sends the message, at the same time the talking is going on. It is termed a debating school, as there are so many different subjects brought up for discussion. At times there will be hundreds of spirits who gather about the mediums to hear the discussion and the instructions that are given. A great many wish to reach their earth-friends, and the lady is kept very busy writing when not engaged about necessary labor. At present the work of these two is confined to the spirit side and to writing. They live in very humble quarters and hard circumstances debars earthly visitors at present. The leading spirits say more real good can be done at present as they now work than to have outsiders coming and

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to those not used to backwoods life, and assist the lady in that way to some postage and stationery, which she has constant use for, and no means to obtain only as furnished by friends occasionally. Your reporter has spent many an hour at the cabin where these mediums live, and held converse with friends on the Spirit-side of life, and has received many a positive proof as to the continuity of life when earth scenes are done with Friends, you who have it to spare, send a few cents as above noted, a will be well rewarded for the trouble. REPORTER.

Friendship.

It is not while riches and splendor sur-That friendship and friends can be put to the test.

But 'tis when affliction's cold presence hath bound us That we find which the hearts are that

love us the best. For friends will fawn at fortune's dawn, While the breeze and the tide waft us merrily on. But if sorrow o'ertake us, each false one

forsakes us,

alone. -Anon.

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phetic, as well as diagnosing diseases with wonderful accuracy. Developing circles every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. The writer can youch for Mrs. Leonard's splendid qualities as a lady, noble and self-sacrificing, willing and ready to do the good work you much needed in Butte."

Edgar W. Emerson will hold public test seances on Sunday, September 16, at Orpheus Hall, Schiller building, 107 Randolph street, this city, at 3 and 7:45 P. M. All are invited. Take elevator.

Prof. W. M. Lockwood is now in the city, and is stopping at 752 West Madison street, on street. His lectures at the campmetings proved a great attraction. He can be addressed for fall and winter engagements at 752 West Madison street, or in care of this office.

To The Spiritualists of Chicago.

The president and officers of the First Society of Spiritualists take this means of extending to one and all a cordial invitation to the opening services of the First Society in-Hooley's Theatre, on Sunday, September 16th. Leaders of First Society in-Hooley's Theatre, on Sunday, September 16th. Leaders of Saturday, September 16th. Lead

American continent—are here arranged in compact, literary form, in this very interesting volume. The book possesses especial interest to Spiritualists because of its affording corroborative evidence of the genuineness and truth of the statements purporting to be given by spirits of ancient Atlantisus concerning the fact of an Atlantis and a great people of the

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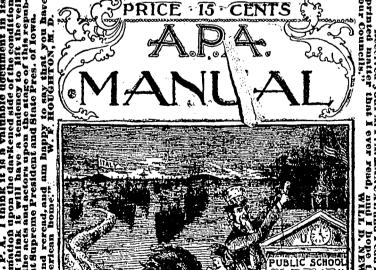
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the renowned infidel, and I am again in the him (or her), for you know that you are not While the growth is not phenomenal, it is tak-

writer, and many others. A seance which to me was the most wonderful of all that I have attended, was given by Mrs. Era Hill of Greenwich, N. Y. Mrs. languages and five different voices. I demonstrated to us. would recommend all who are interested in the study of music, to give Mrs. Hill an changes instantly from the soft, sweet trills of a fine soprano to the deep, soul-stirring tones of a heavy bass. The tenor voice that sings through Mrs. Hill is beyond a perfect description from me, hence I earnestly hope that all whenever she may be holding her seances.

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Mrs. Tabor said the spirits wanted some. sit behind the curtains, and Mrs. Anna L. Robinson, the noted lecturer and test medium, sat with the operating medium and held her materialization, no lights being arranged, doing here in Blair. and the only one in the room being an ordiconditions forms materialized. At one time three little toddling babes materialized and dematerialized within a foot of Joe Rea, of Van Buren, Ark, and the little babe of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rodgers materialized and

reference to prosecution in the Lincoln com- human forms, and figures of ancient appearmunication applies to the lie published in the ance with symbolic emblems, most of which circle stand ready to testify to Mrs. Tabor pictures partake of a religious nature to a

"Friends, brothers, and sisters, I am very happy to attend your little circle this evening. I come in behalf of the medium, one of our report of A. Bouvier, who has kindly formost glorious workers; but we find a power- warded them for the Spiritualists of this coundesire the earnest and sincere co-operation of every Spiritualist within convenient distance ful band of Catholic spirits around who are try and the National Association, will be one every Spiritualist within convenient distance cute all our best workers, for they are the ones they fear. We must gain a victory over those who are and always have been a curse to our country. We are anxious for our meshow to the world that you are and assist us united we stand, divided we fall. Which we will all assist in it; so, don't feel uneasy as to the outcome. We don't mean a success

MESSAGE FROM VOLTAIRE.

was given through the Bangs Sisters, of what I have to say is uncalled for, for it is tist), of Cape Town, and we are promised were those given through G. V. Cordingley, as much set against fraud as some of you, give extracts from these communications you would never see a form or hear one sound which we believe would be of considerable in-I dare say anyone who may have the from the spirit side of life. Now, too many terest to your readers. opportunity of attending one of his seances of you go to see a medium, thinking fraud all It is gratifying for Spiritualists to note that will become fully convinced of spirit return. the way. You prepare, take slates all scaled while creedal religions are slow to be accepted, Leaving Onset for Lake Pleasant, I found and fixed. Well, now the medium don't Spiritualism is taking seed and progressing as I had reached this beautiful spot in time to know who you are; don't know but what you well in the barren places of the earth as in listen to three lectures by Robert G. Ingersoll, are trying to play or practice some fraud on the highest civilized centers of commerce. midst of many popular and reliable mediums: all honest, if you are Spiritualists, and we ing firm root, and unlike the efforts of the Arthur Hodges, Mrs. Mott Knight, the slate often hold back many good things from me Protestant and Catholic missionaries, which are diums because we feel as if we were casting in the main unsuccessful in eastern countries, precious pearls before swine. VOLTAIRE."

the accuracy of the above statement, but also influences of the older sects, where they are Hill sings under inspiration in nine different to the worth of Mrs. Tabor as a modium as

Signed, Anna L. Robinson, and ten others.

audience. I imagine the range of voice that An Excellent Medium at Blair, Nebraska.

time that some Spiritualist from this place, hopes realized. Biair, Nebraska, should make public the work who can will pay this estimable woman a visit done here by Mrs. Annie Buchanan. Mrs. B. is simply a good, honest woman, a good, faith-A seance given by Mrs. Maud Lord Drake ful, loving wife and mother, and incapable of Additional Societies to the National deception. She has now been holding seances for about three years. I have been attending give a series of lectures in Boston, during the now a little over a year. Independent writing been made to the National Spiritualists' Assoon slate or paper, and independent voices are clation by the charters issued to the Michithe principal types of her mediumship. Lately gan State Spiritualists' Association and the the demonstrations have been truly wonderful. Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association. The demand for "The Priest, Woman and Sealed letters are answered on blank paper The latter sent in the sum of \$42, as collecput into the envelope containing the letter tions, and it has the prestige of forwarding been such that the publishers feel warranted directed to the spirit, without the seal ever the largest amount last year to defray the exthe Orthodox creeds cannot be successfully in getting out an edition in German. The having been broken. Messages come on the penses of the Chicago convention. A numslate to the sitters in rapid succession. Flow- ber of these generous contributions from kinders are passed around to each member of the red organizations will do much to pave the The Contrast: Evangelicalism and Spirit circle. Spirits pat the sitter, and voices of way to sending out workers into the field who ualism Compared. By Moses Hull. A spirits, loud enough to be heard by all in the can rapidly coalesce the numerous societies room in conversation with us, are a common with an embryo existence, and are waiting for occurrence.

The gentleman was rather skeptical when he end. sat down, but he arose fully convinced that The National Association has just sent out he had been greeted by the spirit of a much- the forms to be filled out with names of dele-

It did all present good to look upon the sat- sary that all should give the matter immediisfled and happy faces of both father and ate attention and that every society and asso-

that it was impossible that they could be tober and make it a success. opened without its being known by them. When it was announced by raps that the message was completed, the slates were passed to the gentleman with the request that he would open, read aloud, fasten the slates and then pass them to the medium, when another message would be written. Once quite a lengthy message came between the slates, written on paper in a legible hand.

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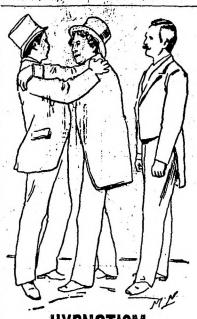
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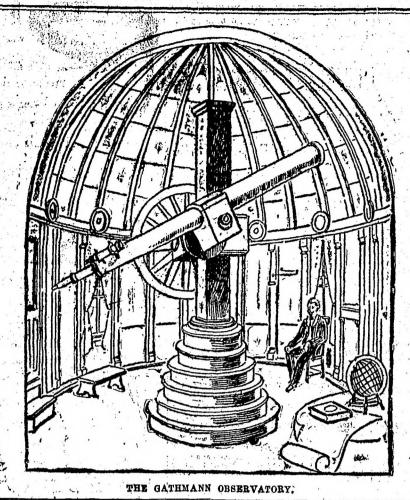
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The discovery of the principle upon which cidental. The children of a spectacle-maker sun. in Holland being at play in the father's shop, happened to put two glasses together, and in looking through them perceived that the weather-cock on the church steeple appeared nearer and much larger. This led the father mann's observatory has been visited by a large to fix glasses on a board, that they might be number of persons interested in astronomy ready for observation.

The news of this discovery soon spread all

over Europe, and Galileo hearing of the phenomenon, soon discovered the secret, and put value of the discovery. But a visit to the the glasses in a tube, and thus the first tele observatory set at rest the practicability of scope of modern times was constructed; but the telescope. The first object viewed through it is now pretty generally conceded that the it was the moon, and a beautiful view it was. ancient Egyptians, Chaldeans and Phoenecians as Luna was in her first quarter. Her surface used deep holes in the ground and loving galleries, in their temples and other structures, as their shadows. The definition was perfect, telescopes to observe the heavenly bodies.

Galileo, by means of his one-inch telescope. rediscovered the true theory of this solar system and at once aroused the bigoted, priestridden scientific world to such a pitch that he was subjected to severe persecutions, and he glasses of different powers, Mr. Gathmann was called into court and made to renounce his theory in these words:

"I, Galileo, in the seventieth year of my age, on bended knees, before your eminence, having before my eyes and touching with my hands the holy gospel, I curse and detest the error of the earth's movement."

forced renunciation, he is reported to have hosts of heaven, and clear, clear and majestic forced renunciation, he is reported to have it came in view as the earth rolled along—came: "Too much light. Thereupon the lamp was extinguished, and immediately the Park Camp meeting, at Ashley, Ohio. This move, after all."

Ten years after he was sent to prison for the same supposed error, and soon after, in his eightieth year, the grave received him and two others lower down. Many times was the sank down again. When it appeared to be myself over more territory. The Woolley

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of March 17 contained an interesting account of the wonderful discovery made by Louis Gathmann of this city, of a new principle as applied to telescope lenses. That is, Mr. Gathmann has discovered that a lens will collect the rays of light when composed of several pieces of glass, as well and even better than a solid single-piece the invention when it is stated that those Gathmann has built a seven-inch telescope speak—of figuring. This is the way it has been figured. A solid seven-inch lens is represented by its square for its light-gathering purpose, which is forty-nine, when seven twoinch lenses would have a light-gathering power of twenty-eight. So that if this theory were correct. Mr. Gathmann's theory would be worse than worthless; but like many other discoveries, instead of its having about onehalf the power, it has mere and better powers, from the fact that those little lenses seem to multiply, like pulleys, the light-gathering capacity of the lens; or, in other words, gather more light than a single large lens, which always contains millions of little blisters can be truthfully asserted that Mr. Gathmann much more than a small lens.

There are many obstacles to be overcome in making a telescope; for instance, a lens thirty-six inches in diameter will gather enough sunlight to cause the most intense educational institutions, now unable to procure if I could ascertain whether or not a beloved heat, and has been known, says Professor Gray, to melt cornelian in seventy-five seconds ical knowledge, will be enabled to have them; I received a kiss on my left hand. I then received a hearty endorsement of the policy and a piece of white agate in thirty seconds, that thus great interest in this most attractive quested a written message by means of which so that the rays of the sun, when collected by study will be awakened in this country, now I might be certain of my friend's identity, any ordinary telescope, have to be received so far behind most of the countries of the old but was informed by raps that the medium into an asbestos holder, which soon becomes world. at the sun a short time.

tance of the diameter of the circle formed from the arc of surface of the lens; a double convex lens brings the focus to the center of the circle, and a reflecting concave mirror brings the focus to one-half of the radius of a

Then another difficulty is to keep the rays from sliding by each other; the purple ray A Seance There-Some Interesting is well advertised, a large attendance. moving so much faster gets to a focus first, THE NEXT THING IN ORDER A TELESCOPE TO SO a second glass has to be placed inside of the telescope to correct the speed and make the rays come together, and become acromatic or white, and all the while being liable to refracting telescopes are constructed, was acmelt iron when turned towards the noonday

LOUIS GATHMANN'S TELESCOPE.

Since the article in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of March 17th appeared, Mr. Gathand kindred sciences. A full description of this discovery was given in this article, and much discussion has taken place as to the was snow white, except where the craters cast and much clearer, it is claimed, than any other telescope of the common lens pattern. From the crystalline appearance, we must conclude that there is no air or water on the surface of the moon. After viewing Luna with pointed his telescope to the middle star in the handle of the Great Dipper, and the star at once revealed two jewels, one of a bluish and green tint, a most beautiful sight. But we the table itself rose about two feet from the Maine is a great State for summer resorts; but could not spend much time with these pearls, floor—now from one side, now from the other, this summer it seems to have almost overdone as old Saturn was hastening downward to-as if in a kind of feverish excitement. Prof. the thing. Beside its five regular Spiritualist wards the western horizon; so the telescope was turned upon the most beautiful of all the saked the cause of this unrest, and the reply meetings, it has had several grove the golden rings clearly defined against the relieved him from the malice of his persecut. glass arranged, and this interesting miniature system observed. Saturn was then in the western horizon, and near it a large star Spier. in the constellation of Virgo, setting about 10

When these observations were concluded, Mr. Gathmann turned his telescope towards its have their way, and immediately phosphor. While there I shall preach to many of my the moon, and removing the lower lens he invited his visitors to view the moon. Through the sectional lens at the upper end of the tube lens. So full a description was given in the light came streaming through seven large previous article, that one can easily understand circular sections, and the six smaller circular all of us were caressed by somewhat cold and left their little bodies in a cemetery within lenses are arranged in the large opaque set invisible hands, one of whose fingers I tried to three miles of that camp. I shall probably take single lenses seem to multiply the power in a ting. It makes no difference what shape a remarkable degree. For instance, a mathema glass is, the focus will be round, and this is held that of the medium, but it escaped me were laid away over fifty years ago. tician will at once figure out that a six-inch the great feature of his invention. The edges and moved about my hair, face and shoulders, telescope made of seven small two-inch lenses of these small lenses must be blackened so and then I plainly felt a kiss impressed on my would have to be more than six inches, as at that the rays of light will not cross and beleft hand. At the same time my husband was least a quarter or eighth of an inch must be come prismatic. By having flint glass on lightly touched, and Prof. Siemiradski asserted left between the edges of the small lens. Mr. one side and crown glass on the other a lens that he received a kiss on his cheek. It must becomes acromatic, or capable of eliminating be remembered that we were in close circle, with a sectional lens, and it is truly a fine all of the colors from the light. Mr. Gathglass, which destroys the old axiom—so to mann has succeeded in accomplishing this that the slimmest of human bodies could an enthusiastic attendance. Col. Ingersoll that the theory of sectional lenses is an old neither get in nor out. and exploded theory.

It was stated in the former article that Mr. Gathmann made no pretensions to a scientific table, which had gone out from our circle, the coming winter. It will seat a thousand knowledge of astronomy. This is not correct. Heaven knows how that happened, for out of people. Some men commence from the top and work downwards towards the bottom of a scheme; others, like Mr. Gathmann, commence at the bottom and work upwards towards the top. These men are the ones that succeed. He knows how to make everything about a telescope, while the top-heavy and scientific man cannot make a straight brass rod; so that it always contains millions of little blisters can do what he claims, viz. make a telescope This something proved to be the tambourine, his unflagging and gratuitous labors in its be-

> the cost of making large telescopes, many one. At this seance I asked Prof. Hoffmann glasses available for obtaining new astronom- Russian relative was present, and immediately president, and the camp-meeting of 1895 in-

so hot that the telescope can only be pointed It is only fair to state that Mr. Gathmann's compound or sectional lens telescopes are just Another remarkable thing is noticeable in as expensive as the old single lens telescope Them. By Moses Hull. A beautiful essay lenses, in reference to the focus. A half a until the diameter of about ten inches is in the line of refined spiritual thought and Modern and Bible Spiritualism, showing their

decreases, as, for instance, the ingot of the glass for the Lick telescope cost \$30,000, and took several months to cool, and then it cost \$30,000 to grind it. By Gathmann's process, this cost is reduced to almost a nominal amount. He proposes to build a fifty inch lens telescope to demonstrate the theory that compound or sectional lenses are not built on an old or exploded theory. Then will the heavens reveal more of their mysteries to man, and many vexed questions become easily solved. Luna will be brought so close that one can almost 'toss 'an apple to her, and clearly see the dust and cobwebs that have so long settled in her burnt-out volcanic craters. Verily, mankind in this age of mechanical inventions and critical investigations, should direct their energies more to the study of the stars and magnetism; for by the study of the former we can make great strides in the matter of acquiring accurate knowledge of the bodies surrounding us; and by the study of the latter acquire a knowlede of the powers and effects of these bodies upon the astral, animal, vegetable and mineral life and the so-called exploded theories of the ancients again called from their tombs to enlighten and purify mankind.

Mr. Gathmann, while not revealing any of his inventions, gave hints to his visitors that he had other valuable discoveries that would remove many of the obstacles attending the manufacture of telescopes, so that we may look for greater and more startling discoveries from this modest yet enthusiastic inventor.

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IN OLD ROME.

Phenomena.

COUNTESS HELENE MAINARDI IN THE "SPHINX UNION," BEBLIN.

International Psychological Academy, where new woman. She is so far restored that she we were kindly received by the director, Prof. has gone to the Etna (Maine) Camp, to do Hoffmann, who invited us to a sitting and in- business as a medium. troduced us to Dr. Santangelo. The latter read two important letters, one of which was

radski, Dr. Santangelo and an ecclesiastic. After the circle had been formed at a fourlegged table weighing from fifty to sixty asked the cause of this unrest, and the reply meetings.

quarters of the room, and remaining visible and were linked to each other in such fashion

In a few minutes a light was struck, and tures. then I observed that my arm was bound to the chair, and Sig. Giacomo lay on the top of the duced. A new auditorium hall will be erected that circle no one could have escaped to do it. President Daily has been a most efficient Another medium, Sig. Cecchini, was found officer. The following resolution was passed fast asleep and in his shirt sleeves, while the at a great reception given him at the close of clothes which were taken away from him had the meeting: been put upon Sig. Giacomo, who was bound. At the latter part of the sitting, when the of the people at Lake Pleasant here assembled room was again in darkness, we realized that are cordially given to President Daily, for his something was flying through the air, just over devotion to the interests of the New England our heads, without, however, touching us. Spiritualists, Camp-meeting Association; for for \$50,000, equal in power to the great Lick the flute and the bell, which were all playing half, resulting in a prosperous financial contogether, and they afterwards sank down in dition of its treasury, and inspiring its mem-It is obvious that with the cheapening of the middle of the circle without touching any bers with renewed hope and courage to work

was already exhausted;

The Spiritual Alps and How We Ascend

CAMP BENSON, MAINE.

It Ought to Be Better Known-Other Items of Interest.

Camp Benson, at Newport, Maine, ought to be better known. I doubt whether there is a more beautiful place for camping on this continent; if there is, the Spiritualists have not found it. It is situated on the most beautiful body of fresh water, clear as crystal, about three miles wide by six in length.

The boys who donned the blue and went out to save the country in the early '60s, saw the beauty of this spot and purchased it, and have made it a place of annual resort. There is land enough adjacent to it, which can be purchased at a low figure, to make one of the most desirable camping-grounds the Spiritualists have ever seen. If it were not so close to Etna, I would surely advise Spiritualists to

Mr. Frost, an old soldier, who has charge of the grounds, has tried for years to call attention to its superiority as a Spiritualist camping ground. This year he determined to have speakers and to run-meetings a few days. He had J. Frank Baxter one day, and I spoke thirteen times in all. The audiences were. for the most part of the time, rather small but always deeply interested. The last day the audiences were more than double the size of any former audiences, and the interest was so intense that many wanted the meetings to continue another week; this, of course, was out of the question.

Next year, if the same party has charge of the grounds, he wants to have a Spiritualist camp the first instead of the last of August. This will be a wise move and will secure, if it

Mrs. L. Pet Anderson-Bovee and her good husband were at this camp. The last time I saw her before, I thought somebody would very soon be called to officiate at her funeral, but her six weeks' sojourn at Onset, and her On March 28 my husband took me to the one week at Camp Benson, has made of her a

If Mrs. Amelia Gould-Stevens lived anywhere else except in Maine, the Maine people from Prof. Lombroso, and the other from would send for her as a test medium. She Prof. Richet, of Paris. Both spoke in the and her guides have their own way of getting most hopeful terms of the new science, and at things, but I never knew her to fail in a Lombroso even added that on this occasion he test. More pointed tests I never heard from expected to see a large number convinced. At anybody than she gave in four of my meetings this seance there were present four mediums at Camp Benson. I have known Mrs. Stevens and about fifteen sitters, among whom I re-for eighteen years, but I did not know until marked the well-known painter, H. de Siemi-this meeting that she gave so many and such convincing tests.

The camp at Etna begins the same week that this one closes. That camp is generally pounds, the honor of each sitter was pledged the largest small camp I ever attended; I beto preserve the contact of hands and knees. lieve it has only nine acres of ground in its The room, the chairs, the table and the walls enclosure, and yet there are often six to ten were carefully examined, as were also a tame thousand people there. This year, with the bourine, a small flute, a bell and cord lying exception of their "home talent," they have on the table. A red lamp, which was lit, en made an entire change of speakers. Many abled the sitters to recognize each other, and hope that it will make the camp even more after a few moments they heard, as if in the popular than ever before. Certainly it will wood of the table, what sounded like the pow-erful roll of a drum, while, at the same time, acquainted with a few more of our speakers.

came: "Too much light." Thereupon the 1 am writing this on my way to Woolley table rose clear from the floor and floated so will be my eighth camp this year, besides one body of the planet. To the left and upwards high that the members of the circle could grove meeting. I was invited to two other could be seen one of the large satellites and barely keep their hands on it, until it suddenly camps, but found it impossible to spread to be compared to the could be seen one of the large satellites and barely keep their hands on it, until it suddenly camps, but found it impossible to spread about to repeat this experiment, it suddenly, Park Camp will be a very interesting place to and to the great astonishment of the closed me; it is within five miles of where I first saw circle, floated clear of them, and proceeded the light, and about the same distance from towards a corner of the room where the me- where my mother was born and reared. It is dium, Sig. Giacomo, was in a magnetic sleep. close to where my parents were married; about Prof. Hoffmann then told us to let the spir-three miles from where they were baptized. escent and starry lights appeared, singly and relatives, some of whom know nothing of in groups, moving hither and thither from all Spiritualism, and will only go out because "cousin Moses" is to preach to them. Five for a few seconds. At the same time almost of my brothers and sisters, one a twin brother, retain with the thumb of my left hand, which Mattie to see the place where their little forms

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notism'is rife amidst us. It is rife here your charge against this lady; state wanted to die and go to the Spirit-world. in your own country, in your very your case." And the young man was midst, and I will tell you a story which dumb; he could not speak. The judge ualism, and he died in that faith.

your own land. your own land.

When I was with Madame Blavatsky in London, one day we received a note he is a lunatic." And the jury prothe way from America to see you, be a very ritiable condition. cause, I believe that you are the only Months passed by, and at last one person in the world who can help me." morning he came to her room looking He spoke to the men all the time and he was there. said to them: "What do you want? Is it Only the other day a young man said money that you want?" And the men to me: "Whenever I want money I just you will go and put a large sum there they always give it to me." He said: behind that tree, and we will take it "The fun of it is they do not know." before the morning," and they went there with him. This man was a very idea that he was doing wrong, that he brave man, and he was determined that was committing a crime, and when I he would not pay a penny to those men, told him this and explained it to him he and he did not put the money behind was horrified, and he promised me that the tree: but the next morning he got he would never do it again. That was

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to be strong, help him to overcome the that gentleman also was an American. evil, because we should help all who It was an American who went to Paris clear, and I have shown you how mag- benefiting nearly every one. Mysel may want us, all who ask us to help with his mother. He was a wealthy netism is for good and hypnotism is for and wife will never tire in doing every them; but we cannot cure a man's vice man, and they were very happy in Paris, evil. alone; we can only throw a veil over it until at last they made the acquaintand keep it latent. We are pleased with ance of a Parisian lady, a lady who had ourselves, thinking we have done it, but a grand salon and invited the best peowe have not, because it will remain there, and sooner or later, that man will have to cure his own vices. Therefore, why delay the Karma now? Why not let him work it out at once instead of delaying that Karma?

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under hypnotic control will commit a am far too strong. I have far too much tense, she was never known to utter a crime. This is his theory. He says: "I will power." She smiled; she said: single word of complaint. Mr. and Mrs. take a pistol, and the pistol is not "May I try?" "Oh, with pieasure." loaded. I give it to my patient, and tell She put her hands here (on the foremy patient to shoot a man who is over head) and he said he felt as if a gimlet there. I say to him 'shoot,' and the had run through him, and then she took the burlal of the mortal, assisted by man shoots. Then," he says, "I take a off her hands and said to him: "You Rev. G. C. Love, although the husband loaded pistol, and then I give it to my will write me a letter to-morrow," and

pistol he has fear, and therefore it he was a lost man. He signed check mense crown of pure white roses. they arrived there, and there was the Burty Watson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. the says to him "shoot," the man will judge and the woman and the jury, and R. W. Watson, aged 12 years, 11 months, the mother and the young man, and the and 24 days, accidentally shot himself Thus the dangers of hypnotism. Hyp- judge said to the young man: "State while hunting rabbits. He said he will show you what danger you have in spoke to him again and again; he was

from an American gentleman, wanting nounced him insane, and he was taken to see us. I wrote to him and begged to the lunatic asylum, and the mother him to come. When he came he said: had very great difficulty in getting him "Madame Blavatsky, I have come all out, and she brought him to America in

Then he told his story. He was in the radiant, quite different to what he had habit of sleeping with a light in his been, and he said to her: "Mother, I am habit of sleeping with a light in his room, and one night he woke up and free, I am sane. And she said: "My son, what has happened?" And he said: "My son, at Morenci, Mich. He passed to Spirit-life of Uncle Horation Wilson, at Morenci, Mich. He passed to Spirit-life of Uncle Horation Wilson, at Morenci, Mich. He passed to Spirit-life of Uncle Horation will be read with the higher life peacefully, calmly, and without a struggle, on the last evening that make inquiries, and you will find what I ward, looked him in the eyes, and he make inquiries, and you will find what I said that he felt as though a gimlet had tell you is so." And she did so, and she gone through him; and then the man discovered that that woman had com-Tom, you come and have a trial." And the other man came and looked him into the eye, and he felt the same thing. lost all his fortune, but his intelligence

'Yes; of course it is money; and throw my will to my rich relations, and

on his horse and he rode off in town, thinking it was wise to be there for a few days, but when he got to his room he constantly heard voices laughing and just before I was going to India, I was jeering at him. He looked, and the told that there was a band of young men door was closed, and there was nothing there who went into a restaurant, and in the way, and he turned around until had very good dinners and afterwards

they spoke to him, and they laughed called the walter and gave to the walter

And so I think I have made my case

Passed to Spirit-Life.

period, although her sufferings were in-Lasourd early learned the truth of spirit return, and have fought a great battle with Catholic relatives. I officiated at was importuned to send for Catholic the man does not shoot."

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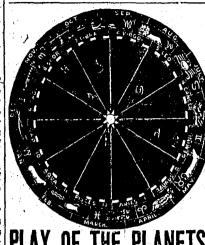
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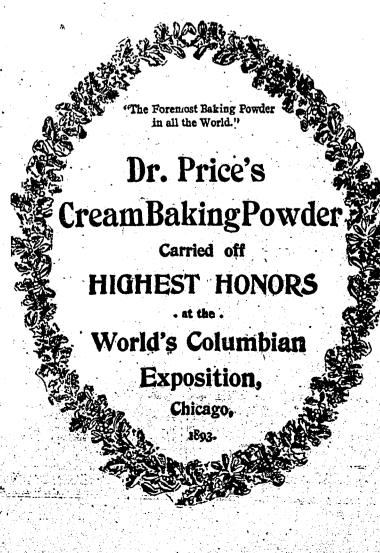
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