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Of Very Important Questions.

By a Master Mind.

WHERE IS YOUR SPIRIT-WORLD?

A few weeks ago I met a reverend orthodox friend on a railroad train. He

took a seat next to me, and after a few moments looked at me with a mingled expression of pity and a logical acumen and said: "They tell me that you are a Spiritualist. Is that so?" I replied that I was. He paused a moment as if

concentrating his gigantic intellect to a focus, then said: "Whore is your Spiritworld?" "It is all around us. And where is

yours?" I answered. "Above and beyond the stars," he re

plied. "And where is hell?" I asked some-

what abruptly. "Below us," he answered. "The Bible says that the Savior ascended into heaven, and that Satan and his followers were cast down into hell." And to give emphasis to his oracular

statement he pointed up to the bell-rope and down to the floor. "But," said I, "if I had asked you

questions twelve hours ago you these would have pointed in exactly opposite directions. For as the world has made a half revolution in that time, you would have then pointed in the direction of heaven for hades, and towards hell for heaven. I am afraid, my Christian friend," I gently remarked, "that your geography is as uncertain as your the-

ology." This conversation suggested to me the subject of my present lecture: WHERE IS THE HEAVEN AND HELL OF

ORTHODOXY? And where the Spirit-world of our comparisons of familiar objects and discherished faith? The heaven of or- tances. I invite my audience to go with thodoxy is located beyond the stars! me on a voyage into stellar space. To-

apped out the heavens and calculated theories of the times in which they originated. But-

"The day the star of reason arose in the

sky, And science advanced with her conquer ing legions,

When every respectable, time-honored lie

Fled from her face to the mythical region."

WHAT SCIENCE HAS DEMONSTRATED. "The orthodox heaven is beyond the

stars." sav the religious creeds of today. Now let us see what science has demonstrated as to the vastness of stellar space, and the inconceivable number of suns, worlds and systems that surround us in the boundless fields of ether The figures of astronomical calculations fail to convey to the average mind a just conception of the size, movements and distances of even the few constellations that are immediate neighbors in the geography of the heavens. We must judge of them by comparison with well-known facts and distances, and even then we are bewildered with velocities so great and intervening space so vast, that we pause in awe and with bated breath at their contemplation. In vain we search for the boundaries of the

starry kingdom. In vain science seeks for the locality of the "New Jerusalem" or for the endeared hades of the Christian's hope and faith. The locality of the one has escaped the vision of the keen-eved telescope, while the flames and sulphurous fumes of the other have

eluded the observation of the unerring spectroscope. But let us make a few

CERTAINED.

opened at the time of the flood, and the Bible, and proves from the rocky pages **OUTLINE** opened at the time of the flood, and the Bible, and proves from the rocky pages of the earth's formations, written by above them. Before astronomy had God's own hand, that our world has been a globe teeming with life for millions of with mathematical precision the move- years, and that primeval man has lived miles, and only felt a faint sensation of ments of the celestial orrery. Before thereon over a hundred thousand years, warmth from its fiery breath as it dashed geology had read the rocky pages of the and all this time he has seen Arcturus earth's formations, there was nothing occupying nearly the same place in

> THE IMMENSE STAR SIRIUS. There is another star, Sirius, in the constellation "Canis Major," or "Great Dog;" it is also a fixed star, the bright-

est in our firmament, and astronomers estimate its distance from us to be a hundred millions of millions of miles.

It is as large as six hundred thousand of our suns, and is moving from us on its awful pathway at the rate of one thousand miles per minute; yet we see it now, as did the early astronomers. Where is it going? Will it ever reach a space in the firmament beyond the stars wherein is located the heaven of orthodoxy? Now here are two stars, and from the standpoint of our earth, one is coming from illimitable space and the coming from illimitable space and the other going towards it; and yet their Milky Way, until one million, nine hunjourneys commenced billions of years ago, and will continue through all the eons to come, before they reach the boundaries of their orbits, or enter a region beyond the stars-if such a place exists. On and on they fly, through the boundless depths of ether; on and on for interminable ages, until time on this little earth of ours shall be no longer; and as they journey on they will only enter new fields of space, filled with tiny shall be fulfilled in the infinite plan of the universe. We have selected these two stars as illustrations, because one is approaching our system and the

is going there. And do not forget that we have selected two of the nearest of the fixed stars as examples, while there are un-counted millions of others in space of much greater magnitude and velocity of

and he repeats a verse of Oliver Wen-dell Holmes' celebrated poem: "The comet, he is on his way, And singing as he flies: The whizzing planets shrink before The specter of the skies.

'Ah, well may regal orbs burn blue, And satellites turn pale At his ten million cubic miles of head

And ten billion leagues of tail. At first our passengers feared a ool lision with this wandering vagrant of the skies, but no! it crossed our track

In that twenty minutes we had trav eled two hundred and forty millions of on its unknown pathway toward the space beyond the stars, the future home of the elect; the favored few, to whom a just God has decreed an eternity in heaven; a God, "As holy Willie says in

his prayer: "Wha, as it pleases best thysel, Sends ane to heaven and ten to hell.

A' for thy glory, And no for any gude or ill They've done afore thee!"

And where did this "spectre of the skies" come from? and whither goeth it in its awful journey, that commenced long before time began on our earth, and will continue until time on our globe shall only be a record of the past? But our train moves on and on, past the path of Arcturus and the flaming Sirius. Past Polarie and the Ursa Ma dred years have elapsed, when our engineer whistles "Down brakes," as we

enter the depot of our destination. But we have not yet reached the limits of stellar space-the "beyond the in whatever direction we go we find the stars" of the Christian hope and faith, same illimitable space filled with suns for as we stand on the platform of the and systems, all moving in concert, and celestial station and look abroad into with a harmony that could only come the distance before us, we see other from the government of one central stars, systems and nebula; as interminaenter new helds of space, filled with other stars, that will rival them in grandeur and velocity, until their des-we stand the must powerful telescope is the same. Ten thousand times ten n we stand the most powerful telescope is the same. Ten thousand times ten mon in answer to the question "What it have can with Christian forti-would fail to see the locality of the New thousand shining orbs are around us, are our departed Christian friends doing tude and resignation. Only think for it Jerusalem, or the Hades, beloved by whose size and distance defy our power the saints as much as it is dreaded by of conception, except by comparison the sinners; for no modern orthodox and even then we fail to comprehend other going from us; one is coming the there inhers; for no modern orthodox and even then we fail to comprehend from "beyond the stars," and the other beaven unless he was certain there was horizon is Uranus, the most distant of heaven unless he was certain there was horizon is Uranus, the most distant of a hell for many of his friends and neigh- all our primary planets. It revolves

HELL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Now, while it is true that if the Celestial City was in size proportionate to the limited number of the elect, it might be

THE POPULATION OF HELL.

nominal and real, who have ever lived

on the face of the earth have been saved

eighteen thousand millions. Now, if we

deduct this latter number from the

lived, and loved, and died; had battled food we eat, that gleams in the moonwith contending forces for an existence; light and flashes its countless wings in had survived the cold of the glacial the sunbeam. Even prominent educated the scientific oracle of our company,

period, built cities and erected temples, orthodox divines and scholars acknowl pyramids and obelisks, now buried in the sands of the desert: had worshiped idols in their ignorance and the gods of mythology in mistaken ideas of their re-University of Denver, late professor of Biblio Literation and the gods of Difference of Difference of Difference of Difference Difference Difference of Difference Difference of Difference Differen sponsibility to their creator; had fought Biblical literature in Allegheny College, murderous battles for their faith and religion, and in countless millions had after he has described the spirit man diad unatoned, centuries before they ifestations that attended John Wesley, could have been redeemed by the crucidied could have been redeemed by the of the says: fixion of a savior, and therefore all this says: "Many then and since have tried to

the burning gates of hades, there to explain them. It was thought to be a suffer the tortures of the damned for- spirit strayed beyond its home and clime, ever and ever. Now, is it not manifest as an Arabian locust has been found in to all that the orthodox hell would have Hyde Park. Of those things this writer

to be as large as Arcturus, and then it has no theory. There are more things would be overcrowded, while a heaven in heaven and earth than his knowledge of the size of the smallest moon of or philosophy can compass. Only he is Jupiter would be large enough to ac- sure that outside of this world lies a commodate all the saints that have been spirit domain, and it is not strange that there should be inter-communication."

commodate an the sames that have been there should be inter-communication." And as Arcturus is plainly visible to Be charitable, then, my Methodist the naked eye, while the moons of Ju-piter are within the range of telescopic pen to be any in my audience—for the vision, would it not be proper for priests founder of your church was not only a conditioned be believer in spirit manifestations, but his and laymen to secure the services of believer in spirit manifestations, but his mother was a medium, in whose presthe Lick telescope to investigate stellar space on a voyage of discovery? Asence at Epworth parsonage for a number ronomers might overlook heaven from of years there occurred spirit manifestaits diminutive size, it is true, but hades tions more wonderful than these that toought to loom up as large at least as the laming Sirius, or a star of the first pulpits invite denunciatory sarcasm from the reverend followers of that great magnitude. What an infinite range for the human Spiritualist, John Wesley. Verily, verily

nind do the vast fields of stellar space are you wiser, at least in your own conafford, even with the limited knowledge ceit, than was your father? Even the come and see you all. Yes, I will come of the present day-and as that knowl-great clerical "Bombastes Furioso" of to all the people to whom I have ad-bedge advances, and more perfect instru- Brooklyn, the refulgent and effervescing ministered the gospel, and to the millof the present day-and as that knowlments of investigation are devised and Talmage, preaches Spiritualism from his ions of souls to whom, through the constructed, how wonderful will be the bankrupt Tabernacle one Sunday and discoveries of the future.

IMMENSITY OF THE UNIVERSE. Starting from our little earth, as we

did in our imaginary journey by railway, power, controlled by one infinite mind. around our sun at a distance of nearly

three billions of miles. ALPHA LYRA.

it be like the warfare of American politicians, "full of sound and fury signifyng nothing." TALMAGE ON THE HEALING ART.

But of all these grave matters he says nothing; yet he does speak of a subject of interest to our mediumistic healers and of which our law-makers ought to take notice, for he continues: "What are our departed Christian

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friends who in this world had their joys in the healing art, doing now? Busy a their old business. No sickness in their old business. heaven, but plenty of sickness on earth plenty of wounds in different parts of God's dominion to be healed and to be medicated. You cannot understand why that patient got well after all the skillful doctors in New York and Brooklyn had said that he must die. Perhaps Aber crombie touched him; Abercrombie who, after many years of doctoring the bodies and souls of people in Scotland, went up to God in 1844.'

Now, if that is true, as it doubtless is, spirit healing is one of the recognized facts in heaven, and it ought to be respected on earth.

MINISTERS TO HAVE A SOFT THING. According to Talmage, the ministers of this wicked and unappreciative world will have, in the slang phrase of busi-ness, a "soft thing" in the next. Hear day excite your ridicule, and that in your him:

"Most of the ministers that have gone have their people around them already, When I get to heaven—as by the grace of God I am destined to go there-I will printing press, I am permitted to preach denounces it the next, and thus has been every week. I will visit them all. I able to perform the remarkable eques- give them fair notice."

I do not know how my audience may trian feat of riding two horses in opposite directions in his theological arena of feel in view of this coming affliction, but for my part I am very sorry! I was hoping that the time would come when myself and the rest of mankind would He not only knows that there is a not have the weekly mental pain caused Spirit-world as substantial as ours, but by the publication of foot after foot, and he also knows what the saints are doing, yard after yard, of the most illogical and how they will occupy their time and insipid twaddle ever uttered by huluring the endless circles of eternity. | man lips. But if it must be it must, Listen to what he says in a recont ser- and we will all have to suffer the inflictude and resignation. Only think of it! Talmage's sermons through all eternity! Why should a merciful Creator thus punish alike the just and anjust: Why should saint and sinner alike thus be

> VARIOUS PLANETS INHABITED. Is this little world of ours the only one among the billions in the starry universe that is inhabited by sentient beings?

deduction and common sense conclude that in heaven we will be just as differ ent from each other as we are now, and hence, that there will be at least as

condemned to one common doom?

many different employments in the cclestial world as there are here. "In the first place, I remark that all planets in nearly the same physical conthose of our departed Christian friends dition, equally capable of sustaining huwho on earth found great joy in fine arts man life, and as like causes produces are now indulging in their taste in the like effects, if evolution is a demonsame direction. Raphael could improve strated law, and if man has evolved from his masterpiece of Michael the Archprimordial life on this earth, why may angel, now that he has seen him. not the same law people all the planets that are in a fit condition, with living Michael Angelo could better present the Last Judgment after he has seen its flash souls, joint heirs with us in a heritage of immortality? If this is so, then does and heard the battering-rams of its thunders. the so-called plan of salvation which "Again I remark that those of our deculminated in the crucifixion of a God parted Christian friends who in this on Mount Calvary, extend its saving power to all other worlds, or was an world had very strong military spirit. are now in armies celestial and out on individual savior sent to all of them? bloodless battle-fields. There are hunls our insignificant globe, with its popudreds of people born soldiers. They cannot help it. They belong to regilation of savages, saints, sinners and politicians, the pet of the Creator, the ments in time of peace. They cannot only place where man fell because a hear drum or fife without trying to keep woman ate an apple? Science does not know and Brother Talmage will not tell and when they fight they fight on the us. Oh, creeds of men, what absurd theories have been taught by your advocates and teachers! Oh, religion of powerful military spirit, enter heaven. they enter the celestial army.

now?"

sawdust and tanbark.

TALMAGE'S ROSEATE VIEWS.

during the endless circles of eternity. "I am," says Talmage, "not going to speculate in regard to the future world, but by inevitable laws of inference and

so sav all true believers. But where is gether let us visit in imagination a few of the heavenly constellations known to beyond the stars?

fore the sciences of astronomy and geology were born, the fundamental theories of our present theology existed and exactness. Perhaps in our wanderin the minds of men. The world was a ings we may accidentally find that unwide, extended plain; the sun was a discovered country from whose bourne, greatlight created for its illumination orthodoxy asserts, 'no traveler re-alone, while the moon and stars were turns." To start with, as an object of lesser lights-all made on the fourth day comparison for size, distance and of creation, the one to rule the day and velocity in its orbits, let us take our sun, which in round numbers is one million. the other the night.

There was no other world than ours. two hundred and fifty thousand times no other sun, no other stars than those larger than our earth, and is distant whose feeble rays were kindled for the from us about 93,000,000 of miles. Now, first time after the earth had brought in the northern heavens, in the conforth grass and herb-yielding seed, and stellation Herdsman or Bootes, there is trees yielding fruit whose seed was in a star named Arcturus; it was an object itself. This world with its immediate of interest as long ago as when the book surroundings was the extent of creation, of Job was written. My audience will and man, the consummation of infinite remember that after the celebrated ingenuity and wisdom, was the last act wager between the Lord and Satan as to of creative power. And notwithstanding the integrity of poor old Job, as related the mythical story states that "God in the Bible, and after the Lord had saw everything that he had made. and, won the bet, he asked the much-abused tinied against his Maker; rebelled time Job failed to answer this conunggainst his government, oppressed, en-laved and murdered his fellow-man, to him by the Lord, yet modern science and by his general vicious and brutal conduct has given rise to a cardinal doctrine of the Christian faith, that of total depravity, and that all mankind the far-distant space and discovered unprimarily deserve to be damned; that in fact. nine-tenths of them will be, and that somewhere beyond the stars there is located a very large hell and a very bula: small heaven for the future punishment and reward of mankind.

GEOGRAPHY OF THE COUNTRY.

Now, as all of the countless millions that have died in the cons past and all

that will be born and die in the centuries to come must-if theology be true-make their final home in one or the other of these localities. are we not all interested in learning something of the geography of the country, or as lawyers would say, of the *locus in quo* where we will either suffer the torments of everlasting fire, or the but little more endurable eternity of playing on musical ing all historic time, yet its distance is instruments, singing songs around a so immense that there has been no great white throne, and drinking milk observable difference in its position and honey within the glaring, glittering among its sister suns. Let us imagine walls of the New Jerusalem for ever and ever.

"HEAVEN IS BEYOND THE STARS."

tree that bore in its fruit the future weal How often have we heard this asserand woe of mankind, and while they told the tale of their young love, as Eve tion from the lips of the learned ortholooked longingly at an apple on a branch dox divines in the pulpit, and how often is it repeated by the unthinking mem-bers of their congregation. In the over her head, she saw Arcturus gleaming in the heavens above them. And ignorant past of long ago there was there it is now, apparently in the same nothing in the knowledge of men to place, although for the six thousand contradict this clerical dogma. The un-years of the Mosaic account it has been aided vision of man saw nothing above us but the crystalline spheres of Ptolemy, in which the stars were set like iewels W8S before Eve's trangression. in a diadem. Beyond were the waters

Now, from whence did this glorious orb commence its apparently endless that were above the firmament, which. journey? Surely not from a region be-yond the stars for it is itself a star and according to the Biblical narration, God divided on the second day from the waters which were under the firmament.

movement, and whose orbits are finitely more distant. In the infancy of our race, long be scientific research, the size of whose planets and velocity in their orbits have

NO LIMIT TO STELLAR SPACE. NO LIMIT TO STELLAR SPACE. would be so large as to rival Polaris in Let us make one more illustration to size, while its flame would dim the been calculated with unerring certainty

our purpose quite. Herschell says that brilliancy of Sirius and should be visible if a person should start from the earth even to the unassisted eve. even to the unassisted eye. and travel with the velocity of light, You know that it is an axiom that two hundred thousand miles per second igures cannot lie, and that mathematics t would require one thousand, nine is always a truthful witness. A correhundred years for him to reach the spondent of the New York "Sun" has outer limit of the starry universe alnublished a calculation of the relative ready discovered; but since the great size and population of the heaven and astronomer made that assertion, imhell of the orthodox creeds, which I proved telescopes and photography have reatly extended the bounds of scientific learers who are not mathematicians but knowledge and have practically demon-strated that there is no limit to stellar believers.

space, and that there is no such place as 'beyond the stars." A JOURNEY INTO SPACE.

Now, let us suppose that there is a ions are professional Christians, the railroad from our earth to the farthest other one billion being Mohammedans. nebula discovered in our universe, and Buddhists, Jews, pagans and heathens. that on that railroad is a light express The whole race was condemned to behold, it was very good." Yet if philosopher, "Canst thou bring forth —not a lightning, but a light express; eternal punishment for the sin of Adam. orthodoxy is true, He was grievously Mazzarath in his season? or canst thou that is, a train that runs with the veloc. This was the fall of man, from which mistaken, for man has constantly muguide Arcturus with his sons?" At that ity of light, or eight times round this there was and is no redemption save earth in one-second of time. We are through the death of Christ. all of us seated in the cars, ticketed to a "Biblical chronology gives the earth world in the distant "nebula." The bell a period of about six thousand years. rings, the conductor shouts "all From Adam's time to Christ was about to him by the Lord, yet modern science has answered a number of them in a very satisfactory manner. The wonderaboard," and away we go, at the rate of four. thousand years, during which ful eye of the telescope has penetrated two hundred thousand miles per second. | period no human souls were saved. The the far-distant space and discovered un-counted millions of suns and worlds where heretofore naught was seen but the blended light of an unknown ne-bula:

the comparatively short distances of a to eternal fire, and for all we know they million or billion of miles from each are there now. In the one thousand "The flood which rolls its milky hue, A river of light on the welkin blue." other. As days, weeks and months pass nine hundred years that have elapsed WHAT MODERN ASTRONOMY HAS AS.

on, in our unceasing, tireless journey, since the birth of Christ, fifty-seven we look back at our sun fast diminishing into a star of first, second and third lived and died. If all the Christians, Modern astronomy has ascertained the magnitude, until finally, as centuries fact that Arcturus is a sun, five hundred pass on, its comparatively feeble rays and fifty thousand times larger than ours. are totally obliterated by the immense they would not number more than and eleven million five hundred thousand listance our train has passed through times more distant, and yet it may be the boundless fields of stellar space. And, right here, do not forget that, our sun is one million, two hundred and one of the smallest in the constellations. Now this splendid orb has been coming towards us at the rate of three million fifty thousand times larger than our hundred and fifty-nine thousand million five hundred thousand miles a day durearth, and yet, long before we have souls who are suffering the torments of reached the end of our journey, it is so hell fire, as against the eighteen thouinsignificant in size, compared with sand millions who have escaped. But kindred orbs, that it is lost in the obscurity of immeasurable space. that our mythical ancestors on the even-Onward we pass, swifter than the ing after their creation were seated in

the professed Christians are saved. Oalvinists themselves say that the elect flash of the lightning's wing. Century after century passes, and we look shead, the beautiful garden under the fabled are few. If this is a fact, heaven contowards our destination, yet we have not approached it sufficiently to make Itains but eighteen hundred millions against a population in hell of one hunany appreciable difference in the apdred and seventy-five thousand mill

pearance of the nebula. On and on, for centuries more, and it begins to assume form, and we see a faint light of its destiny of our race does this truthful great beacon, kindled by the creator billions of years ago. In our journey we years of the Mosaic account it has been have already passed countless thousands moving two thousand, four hundred and of worlds and suns and solar systems, thirty miles per minute from where it revolving in harmony in their endless cvcles.

MEETING A COMET.

As we look out of the window of our car we suddenly see a flame of unusual must have had then, as now, uncounted magnitude, and it seems to be approach-

Yonder in another direction is Alpha Lyra, whose distance from us is one million three hundred and thirty-seven so small as to escape telescopic vision, yet the hell of the Christian churches thousand miles farther than our sun.

THE STARS POLARIS AND CAPELLA. In the north is the star Polaris, three million seventy-eight thousand times farther than our sun. In another direc-

tion Capella, four million four hundred and eighty-four thousand times farther than our sun. Now, if some one in my

audience who is fond of mental arithmetic will multiply these figures by ninety-three millions, they will have the distance to the planets I have enumerquote for the benefit of those of my ated: yet the mind can form no conception of the vastness of the celestial orrery, or the distance to that unknown region

which our orthodox brethren call beyond the stars. And, oh! what a weary jour-"In round numbers, the earth has a population of one billion three hundred ney it must be for the spirits of those step to the music. They are Christians, who have passed away to reach their millions, of whom three hundred millheaven of eternal rest; and how painful right side. Now, when those of our the thought that our loved ones are so Christian friends, who had natural and far away.

THINKING MIND LOST.

"I have not so much faith in the army No wonder that the appreciative, thinking mind is lost in awe and amaze-ment when it attempts to grasp the great the air. O God, open our eyes that we whole in mental embrace. No wonder may see them. The military spirits that went up from earth to join the military that the psalmist, impressed with the grandeur of the universe, the greatness spirits before the -throne-Joshua and Caleb, and Gideon and David, and Sampof Infinite power, and the littleness of son, and the hundreds of Christian warman, should have exclaimed: "When I consider thy heaven, the riors who on earth fought with fleshy work of thy fingers, the moon and the arm, and now have gone up on high, are now coming down the hills of beaven stars which thou hast ordained; what is ready to fight among the invisibles. man, that thou art mindful of him? or Yonder they are-coming, coming. Did the son of man, that thou visitest him?" No wonder that we shrink at our own you not hear them as they swept by. "Oh, Talmage! Talmage! None but thyself can be thy parallel." Thy picnothingness, and tremble at the awful power that surrounds us; and yet this little atom, this infinitesimal living anbald theological cassock is becoming fraved at the seams and out at the el imalcule called man profanely babbles bows. Its skirts are too long for some about the "wrath of God," a plan of salof your enunciated views and too short vation formed by the Creator of this for others, while its sleeves are not as wilderness of worlds: prates oracularly ingeniously constructed as were those of of His loves, hates and wishes, and from Ah Sin, and fail to conceal the hidden the pulpit proclaims God's endless vencards as you play them to a credulous geance against the creatures he has world. Is it not time that it be conmade: and then to write a book and call signed to the darkness, dust and moths it the word of God-to state therein that He overshadowed a Jewish maiden and of the rag-bag of oblivion?

grand total of one hundred and seventybegot a son, and allowed that son to be sacrificed to himself to appease his own anger; to delegate to puny man the power to absolve from sin his fellow-man. this is not the whole truth. Nobody and sell indulgence as a peddler hawks his wares! Priest, dupe, contemptible worm, look above; behold the magnifibelieves that more than ten per cent o tion with the winged brotherhood of the saints: but if the erratic preacher is true in his prophetic visions, we will be cence of the celestial universe! look within-behold thine own insignificance and unworthiness, and bow your his fighting brotherhood, and necessarily there must arise many legal conhead in shame at your presumption, and tingencies; numerous cases of murder, or blush in guilty contrition that you have at least assaults and batteries with intent dared to '60 libel the Infinite God that What a consoling view of the future designed all things and governs all through the might of his immutable the propensities and capabilities they calculation present to the thinking mind. laws.

WHERE IS THE SPIRIT-WORLD?

But recollect that that problem is based upon the chronology of the Bible, which states that the world was created only against the virtuous David for abducting his "pet lamb." I only wish good Brother But where is the Spirit-world of our six thousand years ago. Now, science has clearly demonstrated that man has beautiful faith? asks an honest inquirer. Talmage had told us something about I answer that it is all around us, unseen the system of courts, and whether the existed on the earth a period of over to human vision it is true, but not more trials are by jury or in chancery, and one hundred thousand years, while the so than is the world of terrestial life, in something about the fees and pleadings, plan of atonement was only invented by the crystal waters of oceans, lakes, rivers and whether there are any courts of apthe divine mind less than two thousand and rivulets, and even in the dew drop peal-and how the many ancient war waters which were under the firmament. "Beyond the stars" then meant beyond millions of companions. But science ing us with fearful velocity. What is turies before the tragedy of Calvary, ble than the winged life that abounds celestial battle-fields, and whether there it? is asked by our terror-stricken pas-the crystal spheres whose windows were scoffs at the Mosaic chronology of the it? is asked by our terror-stricken pas-input to a number of the stars" then meant beyond millions of companions. But science ing us with fearful velocity. What is turies before the tragedy of Calvary, ble than the winged life that abounds celestial battle-fields, and whether there is asked by our terror-stricken pas-input terror-stricken pas-

earth, what crueltics and horrors have been perpetrated in thy name! Before historic period began the earth was whitened as the snowflakes whiten the plains, with the bones of those who died in senseless, barbarous, cruel warfare. Ever since the pen of the historian

commenced to record the events of men and nations, the blood of martyrdom and smoke of the fagot and stake have stained the earth and darkened the heavens. The cruel assertion of Paul in his epistle to the Hebrews that, "Almost all things are by the law purged with blood, and without shedding of blood is no remission of sins," has justilied the religious leaders of all creeds in, enforcing their beliefs on mankind by rapine and murder. With the torch and sword in one hand and a Bible in the other, they have spread their missionary efforts by fire and carnage to the uttermost bounds of continents and the distant islands of the sea. In the name of the pure and loving Nazarene they have justified crimes on this earth that would make the cheek of darkness pale. And when death has relieved their What a consoling view of the future victims here, with Christian malevodoes this elaborate picture of thine give lence they have consigned them to the to us poor unfortunate lawyers. As a never-ceasing agonies of sulphurous general thing the Christian churches flames and the venom of the worm that have excommunicated us from associanever dies. To teach this horrible

doctrine, costly temples are erected throughout this enlightened land, mag-nificent salaries are paid to ministered there with the murderous Joshua and and billions of dollars of untaxed property is supported at the expense of those who labor for their daily bread, while want and famine are around us on every side, while women and children are to kill, if the dead carry with them all starving in our cities; millions of money are spent in erecting costly churched had on earth. I wonder if poor Uriah and magnificent temples in the name of could commence an action of crim. con. him who, while on earth, had no place to lay his head.

For centuries past these have been the teachings of religious creeds, of churches and tabernacles; these the sea and beliefs of those who worship thereit. These are they who condemn our be up ful faith without a trial and revile demonstrations without investigation. These are they who preach a doctrin

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CHAPTER IX. - Ç

La Suze-The Retreat.

While Louis, assuaging his grief and disappointment by devotion to a noble cause, was pushing his way with his followers into the western wilds, we turn to Bertheldorf and take up a thread hold, and the story of its destruction is and fell insensible. among the most curious revelations of "A pretty maid!" exclaimed the Italthe age when the light of knowledge ian priost, struggled with dense ignorance and superstition.

Its walls arose from the summit of a populous town, not showy as towns are better give another hundred. at present, but with a few public edifices are plenty of children in the villages, magnificent in their massiveness, and and they may be made useful singing in lanes bordered by the thatched huts of your choir."

no fear. He was lion-hearted in battle want another hundred!" and his hoarse voice was heard where "Aye, if we stop here, I know not how dust. When she opened her eyes they the the strife raged thickest. Yet was he I shall content myself," replied the rested on this grating, through which in I?" of his action, which the culture priest. "The shrick of the victim is the morning light she caught a glimpse " of his age fostered, and practiced mys- music in my ears." ceremonies and incantations. terious He engaged a professional astrologer, events. given to those practices, until he be-

ame a devotee in the horrid rites. History on her blackest pages presents is a trifle of pain more or less. When it is over it leaves nothing. I like the air

turn to Bertheldorf and take up a thread shining through the translucent bones, of our narrative which the reader may possibly have concluded was irremedi-ably broken. Some twenty miles above the castle were the ruins of another, La Suze, which for more than a century the duramine had remained uninhabited and crum-bling to decay. The peasantry regarded it with dread, and on no account would to idea huge golden serpent, with seious, proceeded to bind her hands to-membered the overturning of the boat, and remained uninhabited and crum-of the fieshless jaws. Before these was self with great adroitness into the frail shell, and finding Helloise still uncon-to idea a huge golden serpent, with seious, proceeded to bind her hands to-membered the overturning of the boat, And read the twelve-month reco they approach or cross its grounds. brilliant diamond eyes. She saw all gether, and prepared to throw a shawl after which all was a blank. Where The goats that wandered there were this in a moment, and that three persons over her face the moment she gave was she now? The blocks of stone, the unattended, and came and went at their stood before it dressed in long, black signs of returning consciousness. own will. Once it was a famous strong-robes. She uttered a wild cry of horror By this time the current had borne

"The sacrifice will be more accept-

able," replied Retz. "Let me see! This is our one hund-The precipitous bluff, and its towers lifted redth to Diabolus. The full number of pursuit, with unfailing stroke kept bowl of venison sour, some bread and a their gray coping high above the walls. which you said would bring me all I ask. on during the night, and when the gray glass of wine. She was weird and at its base flowed the river, and a This night will I conjure them." plendid country extended from the "Be not hasty, my Lord, some over-banks. A short distance below was a sight may have been made. We had populous town, not showy as towns are better give another hundred. We had

Safe within his stronghold, surrounded Retz, "my choir!" scornfully exclaimed by his vassals, the Lord of La Suze com-Diabolus. And though you hesitated at mitted himself to the control of the first, you poor priest, in plucking out most cruel passions which ever black-ened the heart of man. Lord Retz knew altar, you rather rejoice in it now, and teeted by heavy iron bars, deeply

"Well, you say two hundred victims

will bring me power, such as the world who every day observed the places of the knows not of, and that I shall be able to planets, and by long formulæ calculated lead in the propagation of the holy re-Year by year he grew more ligion! Let us go on, I say, even if two thousand victims are required. Death

and remained unimpaired. Lord Retz and his companions were executed at the stake, he protesting that he was acquitted by Jesus through the masses he had said, and was inno-cent of crime. More than a contury fiesh with the unsafet number of the unsafet number of the state of th cent of crime. More than a century flesh, with the unselfish purity of the presence, her friends have become dishad passed, but the prejudice of the love given a saintl"

The ruins were moss-grown, matted with brambles. The eye of Martesq fell on these ruins,

where he could consummate his diabolic al scheme. He resolved, with the aid of Rosenbaum, to capture Helloise, and at hand of man and time, and persuaded an aged couple to reside there as keepers, and he played so artfully on their super-sure and praise were the same. stition that they were his cringing slaves

He then sought the court of Rosenbaum, and urged the necessity of his at opposite," replied Louis. once taking measures to capture his "We shall have as much as we de

daughter and vindicate his authority. The wily priest was appointed to this important trust and set out with three smiled cheerfully as she spoke. companions. The result of his expedition has already been partially related. the boundless wilds, through which the He did not intend to murder his com- foot of white man never trod. Think of

panions if he could avoid doing so, yet the journey before us, and the hopeless She heard voices in conversation, and found herself in a large, dimly-lighted hall. The walls were covered with strange, symbolic characters, apparently painted with blood. At the upper end of the hall, across its entire face, was a row of skulls with crossbones beneath. There was a light in each skull which, shining through the translucent hones

bars of iron told her that she was a cap-

By this time the current had borne them far below the castle. He seized the oars, and with strong arms con-tended with the stream. Bringing the tended with the stream. Bringing the boat near the opposite shore where the ble hate of my father."

Softly the door opened and an old tide was less strong, he sped past the castle, and with endurance bred of fear crone entered, bearing on a salver a Rowing into a deep indentation which less; her forehead low; almost bald, with Nature calls her seasons' 'muster,'

perfectly concealed his boat, he carried thin, yellow hair drawn tightly back and his captive still enveloped in the shawl tied in a knot. She was bent by carryover the space from the boat to the cliff, ing heavy burdens, and moved stealthily, and up a narrow passageway to the foot casting around her furtive glances, as List, friends in youth, fresh courage of the tower, and then again up the though expecting an enemy. She drew stone staircase to the second story, where he laid her on a couch prepared for her. tray thereon.

teeted by heavy iron bars, deeply eat," she said in a cracked voice. rusted and covered with cobwebs and Helloise arose and sat on the When she opened her eyes they the couch. "Good Gretchen, where am

the morning light she caught a glimpse of the river. The walls of her room were stone, the floor was strong and a stone arch formed the ceiling.

CHAPTER X.

joined the soldiers in the work of dem-olition. The southern tower by its waters. He touched her arm as he said: stream and there is a lengthy consulta-massive strength resisted their attacks "Sister Gertrude, you sang a beautiful tion. The boat sails on. Her friends "It may be, yet how much more desir- forced her face between the bars and heartened and left her to her fate. She

had passed, but the prejudice of the presence of the peasantry had strengthened, and their fancy gave the place over to goats and goblins. On stormy nights lights were seen moving through the broken arches, and wails floated on the air. "
"Then even you have hours of doubt" from their fastenings until the said Gertrude in surprise. said Gertrude in surprise. "Nay, not so. One cannot prevent blood dripped from her bruised fingers.

vines and the grounds overrun brambles. be eye of Martesq fell on these ruins, who was anxious to know exactly the moment, triumphed over her faith.

and saw in them an admirable retreat, plans and requirements of the morrow. There now was no hope, except in the "It may be a month before we can morey of death. She had conquered the move from the city," replied Louis. wild beast who held her captive in their "Then it will be winter," said Count first encounter, but spiritual strength the same time he alone would reap the Vivian fidgety. He was a small man, might not again hold brute force in advantage. He prepared the southern past the prime of life; mercurial and abeyance. In the old fable of Beauty tower of La Suze, which had been so nervous. Subdued as he was by his strongly built that it had defied the professions of religion, he was given to wolf destroys perfect innocence represented in Red Riding Hood. The beast has won the glory and emoluments of the past world; the strength purely spiritual shall be the masters of the age "I know I shall experience an appall

ing amount of discomfort," said he. "None of us will have too much of the to come.

THE NEW YEAR. Born at twelve o'clock last night, "Look across the dark waters, over While watchfires bright were burn-

ing, And upward toward the beacon light Of hope each face was turning; And bright above shone moon and star, As though the door was left ajar. Behind, the flickering tapers burn,

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Some shadows there revealing; Some joys for which the soul doth yearn; The Fates are still concealing,

And yet we're farther on the way,

And read the twelve-month record through.

With flowers you decked the Queen of May, In shady grove, 'neath skies of blue, Where, with the harbingers of Spring,

You, too, your sweetest songs did sing. Then Summer with advancing train, Roses wild and fields of clover, Waving grass and ripening grainl But the reaper, ere 'twas over, Gathered in the golden sheaves

While still were green the forest leaves. Autumn came with purple cluster

Hanging on the festooned vine. And freely flows the ruby wine; Ripened cornfields, without measure, Orchards bending 'neath their treasure!

take. Thine is the Spring, in bud and bloom; Each day some slumbering thought will

Then strive to reach a higher plane.

sung---

No aspiration is in vain!

Leave not, life's sweetest songs un-

So start while yet the year is young,

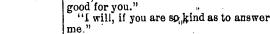
And weave a web with threads of gold

To wear when thou art growing old.

"The madchen has hunger and should 'wake! Each thought for grander will make Helloise arose and sat on the side of room;

Each day you live hath something good; The past, not always understood. "This is La Suze."

"How came I here?" "Who can tell?" was the evasive an "Come, take a sip of this red swer. wine, and the venison broth will be



"First, then, sip the wine-it will relish, and then the bread and the broth." With a choking sensation she did as And each may bear away a prize. "Farewell, Dear Ship." And each may bear away a prize, If he but follow in the train, no parallel. Immensely wealthy and of this hall, and the skulls are like pilot had come aboard and was in com-ing and culture with a handsome person advance us." The voyage was near its close. The pilot had come aboard and was in com-she was bidden, and when she had fin-ing and culture with a handsome person advance us." "And the chattering!" said the priest. Yet were all "And the chattering!" said the priest. The voyage and captivating address. Yet were all these noble qualities degraded and turned into the most loathsome channels for vile purposes.
What he stars tell us, every groan was a link in the chain of my power. This power I shall give to the holy church and extirpate heresy from the world."
bloody rites of human sacrifice. He had in extirpate heresy from the world."
Come," exclaimed the impatient priest, "let us talk no longer. Our victim is ready. Ere she revives let us place her on the altar."
They raised her up and bore her to Bay, the soft outlines of Cape May on of making answer, for at that moment The star of Hope shall lead you on. Boston, Mass. Now the year is sinking slowly, now under my especial care." "Under you?" asked she in disgust. They raised her up and bore her to in our berths, we have heard the waves "Aye, me, which again is proper, see-ing none other is capable of protecting Like a friend about to leave us, preserved us, and gratitude and thankbillain was brought to justice. Non the brow of a hill beyond the bastle, in a small cottage, dwelta family bir retainers. At the door sat a young wirl—half girl, half woman—most de-wirl—half All too honest to deceive us, Tho' made up of transient dreams. And in passing they have proven Life is real as it unrolls. While they conversed in groups, with you dead, consequently none will take the thoughtful words of those embark- the trouble to search for you." O, the year of tears and laughter, ing in a great undertaking, or the younger members grew mirthful at the termination of a monotonous voyage, destroyed my friends, driven me from "Cowardly wretch, what is your ob-Vainly searching for its form. Louis stood apart leaning over the bow. my father, and now bury me alive in this Still that form, so feeble. lingers. He was interrupted by the sailor who tomb." related the ghost story, and was known as Bige. The latter touched his hat, gave his trousers a hitch, and in an em-you from the world, even at the risk of Toward the unsolved mystery. O, how lovely in its dying my own soul." "Love!" she exclaimed in tones of horror; "profane not that sacred word barrassed manner said: "I beg your pardon, but I hear you are going out among the Indians." "Yes, my friend, we are going to form with your polluted lips." a colony and teach them." "Ah, hal Pretty one, you may put on "Well, what say you to taking me?" your high airs, these walls are strong By that grave with open portal, asked the sailor, abruptly. "Taking you! We cannot do that, for dom to which that of fire were prefera-Till the old year, like a mortal,

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"Not until she revives, else we lose

"I will go to the meadow, mother," "Not unti the said, "the lilies are hanging like the benefit."

colden bells from their tall stems. "True, but we can begin our incanta-"Wait, Viva, until the dew is off the tions."

He lit the perfumed censer, and as the grass," replied the mother, but too te, for the girl was skipping away. the smoke arose he cried: She had not gone far before she met an "Prince of Darkness! All powerful

old dame whom she knew belonged to spirit! Arise! Arise! Arise! There was a sound as of rushing wind the castle. "Good morning, dame," she said, and and a dark, indistinct cloud gathered

was about to pass when the crone, ex- behind the altar and slowly shaped it tending her hand, replied: "Miss Viva, I have news for you, and happy have we met, else these old feet century of victims. Art thou satisfied?"

Out of the cloud came a voice like a

must have gone to your house." "News for me? What can it be?" "You know Walter Montfort? Ah, sullen echo: "Satisfied!" "Grant me," said Retz, "power unao not blush. One would think a girl limited, to further the cause of the holy like you too young to love. Well, Lord Scripture and compel belief, and make

Retz has taken offense at him for some me invincible in battle for the church rash speech, and has shut him up in the and I am thine." keep, where he lies in great misery, and

above all things in the world desires to see you."

me quickly! Only last night I saw him, There was a rush of feet; the door them a deal, and I could do my share in I detest you! Leave me, nor dare to and we planned how we could live so yielded and Walter Montfort entered my line." happily! Alas! alas! what has befallen with a band of armed followers. "Spare them for the torture!" he Louis, "and that is the greater half.

the dame to the castle. The drawbridge strike them down.

was down, the gate open, nothing ob-"What is that? Satan himself!" exstructed except a sentinel who asked no claimed Montfort, as he saw the unsubsociety. of stone steps, and was ushered into an with his sword. It was a reflection from spartment lighted by a narrow grated a mirror, contrived by the artful priest. window. She had no sooner crossed the On approaching the altar, the victim, threshold than the dame stepped quickly just recovering consciousness, seeing out, closed the door, and sprung the him called: the door, and sprung the door, and sprung the him called:

So sudden was this action that she did to for a time, realize her situation. In prison who told you that?"

bot, for a time, realize her situation. "The old dame who brought me here. The blocked around on the waits of her brison. The only furniture was a bench and a rush mat in one corner for a bed. The hag! I came after you this the threw herself on the rude seat, and of a peasant in a field close by, and he sciously to herself, she burst forth, bird-to her sciously to herself, she burst for the night sciously to herself, she burst for the night sciously to herself and sciously t

The hours passed and the setting sun term of the dark suspicions and trem-ind thus confronted by a fate the more burgomaster, told my story, and he sent these soldiers and we arrived in time to the arrived in time to these soldiers and we arrived in time to the arrived arrived in time to the arrive

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a deep religious conviction is essential." my office of priest for you. If you ac-"Now, there you shut me out, for I cept, it is well; if not, bear in mind you In these words our gladness volcing: haven't religion. But," hesitatingly, are absolutely in my power." keep, where he lies in great misery, and "Agreed!" "You always say that; I must have "back me to him; take "You always say that; I must have "back me to him; take back me to him; take "back me to him; take back me to him;

my line." "I think you are honest," replied proposal."

As she spoke she advanced; while he Half blinded by her tears, she followed cried, as the soldiers were about to You can go with us if you wish. You retreated, and, awed by her manner, he the dame to the castle. The drawbridge strike them down. present, until amply tried and proved, perated.

Gretchen had fled like a frightened you cannot become a member of our animal, and again she was alone. Then "I understand and thank you for the came a reaction from the tension of her

favor given me." While they were conversing a voice couch. After a time she looked out of

began to sing an old-fashioned song, the window. The river stretched away such as the people of the Rhine have in a broad curve, disappearing behind sung to their babes from immemorial a jutting headland. As she gazed a boat Into her life, without warning, time. The voice was low, distinct and appeared, making the water foam at its Came grief with its withering blight, time. The voice was low, distinct and appeared, making the water foam at its came grief with its withering blight, responsive to every shade of feeling, prow, and flash with the long-bladed And the glow of her hope laden morn-Louis at once recognized it as Gertrude's, oars. She knew that boat, and that it ing

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Sinking to its last long sleep, And the passing hours seem holy, While we turn aside and weep.

Very precious still it seems;

Yet those dreams are interwoven With the fabric of our souls,

Shade and sunshine, calm and storm, Passing on, while we come after,

Like a pilgrim by the sea, And it points with trembling fingers

Is the year so gray and old, While the wintry winds are sighing O'er a new grave in the mold.

Thoughtfully we stand and wait, Sinks beneath the walls of fate.

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threaten me again with your infamous No matter the sun be shining. No matter the day be fair, There's always some soul repining, There's always a shadow somewhere

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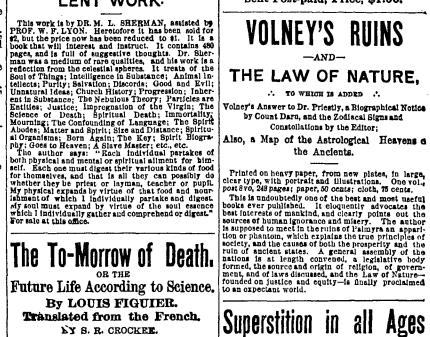
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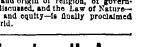
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we are united in a brotherly unity, and ble. We shall see! I willingly renounce From that grave we come rejoicing

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ALWAYS A SHADOW.

It may be the dancers are shaking

For hopes that are dead and gone. There, a baby boy is sleeping; mind, and she sank exhausted on the He stayed but to learn good-by, And a mother is silently weeping-



CHAPTER IX.

La Suze-The Retreat.

While Louis, assuaging his grief and disappointment by devotion to a noble cause, was pushing his way with his cause, was pushing his way with his followers into the western wilds, we turn to Bertheldorf and take up a thread of our narrative which the reader may possibly have concluded was irremedi-ably broken. Some twenty miles above the castle were the ruins of another, La Suze, which for more than a century had remained uninhabited and crumbling to decay. The peasantry regarded it with dread, and on no account would unattended, and came and went at their hold, and the story of its destruction is among the most curious revenue of in priost, the age when the light of knowledge ian priost, "The sacrifice will be more accept-

Its walls arose from the summit of their gray coping high above the walls. which you said would bring me all I ask to take the river, and a This night will I conjure them."

splendid country extended from the banks. A short distance below was a populous town, not showy as towns are magnificent in their massiveness, and and they may be made useful singing in lines bordered by the thatched huts of eerfe.

Safe within his stronghold, surrounded Retz, by his vassals, the Lord of La Suze com-biabolus. And though you hesitated at mitted himself to the control of the first, you poor priest, in plucking out most cruel passions which ever black- the quivering heart and laying it on the ened the heart of man. Lord Retz knew altar, you rather rejoice in it now, and no fear. He was lion-hearted in battle

of his age fostered, and practiced mys-terious ceremonies and incantations. "Well, you say He engaged a professional astrologer,

who every day observed the places of the planets, and by long formulæ calculated given to these practices, until he be-

no parallel. Immensely wealthy and of this hall, and the skulls are like

There was a light in each skull which, shining through the translucent bones.

an altar, draped in black, on which lay coiled a huge golden serpent, with inattended, and came and went at their own will. Once it was a famous strong-robes. She uttered a wild cry of horror and fell insensible.

able," replied Retz. "Let me see! This is our one hundprecipitous bluff, and its towers lifted redth to Diabolus. The full number

"Be not hasty, my Lord, some over-sight may have been made. We had mists which hung low over the river. better give another hundred. There Rowing into a deep indentation which less; her forehead low; almost bald, with Rowing into a deep indentation which less; her forehead low; almost bald, with at present, but with a few public edifices are plenty of children in the villages,

> vour choir. "My choir!" scornfully exclaimed etz, "my choir! That of my master want another hundred!"

and his hoarse voice was heard where the strife raged thickest. Yet was he prone to superstition, which the culture priest. "The shrick of the victim is the strife raged of the morning light she caught a glimpse "This is]

"Well, you say two hundred victims will bring me power, such as the world knows not of, and that I shall be able to lead in the propagation of the holy reevents. Year by year he grew more ligion! Let us go on, I say, even if two Fiven to these practices, until he be-tame a devotee in the horrid rites. History on her blackest pages presents is over it leaves nothing. I like the air

"Potent spirit, this completes our first

sullen echo: "Satisfied!"

joined the soldiers in the work of dem-pensive face turned toward the glooming Now they meet a boat coming down the joined the soldiers in the work of dem-pensive face turned toward the glooming Now they meet a boat coning down the massive strength resisted their attacks and remained unimpaired. Lord Retz and his companions were that he was acquitted by Jesus through the masses he had said, and was inno-cent of whice Mane And Was inno-the masses he had said, and was inno-teen to the masses he had said the masses he had the masses he had said the masses he had the h ent of crime. More than a century flesh, with the unselfish purity of the cent of crime. More than a century nesh, with the uncountry press, with the pressed, but the prejudice of the peasantry had strengthened, and their "It may be, yet how much more desir-fancy gave the place over to goats and able not to be tested in this cruel man-culture in the tested in this cruel man-culture in the tested in the culture in the tested in the culture in the tested in tested in the tested in tested in the tested in the tested in tested in the tested in tested ancy gave the place over to goald and ner." goblins. On stormy nights lights were ner." "Then even you have hours of doubt!" and shricks and wails floated on the air. said Gertrude in surprise.

The ruins were moss-grown, matted with vines and the grounds overrun themselves from thinking." with brambles. They were interrupted by Mr. Vivian,

stition that they were his cringing

He then sought the court of Rosenbaum, and urged the necessity of his at opposite," replied Louis. once taking measures to capture his "We shall have as much as we de-daughter and vindicate his authority. once taking measures to capture his daughter and vindicate his authority. The wily priest was appointed to this sustain us through our trials." Gertrude

important trust and set out with three smiled cheerfully as she spoke. companions. The result of his expedi-"Look across the dark waters, over

tion has already been partially related. the boundless wilds, through which the He did not intend to murder his com- foot of white man never trod. Think of panions if he could avoid doing so, yet the journey before us, and the hopeless

ing into profound and horrible darkness. She heard voices in conversation, and found herself in a large, dimly-lighted hall. The walls were covered with strange, symbolic characters, apparently painted with blood. At the upper end of the hall, across its entire face, was a row of skulls with crossbones beneath. overboard. He caught Helloise with God for the high privilege! We are re-one hand and the side of the boat with quired only to do what is within our

showed words of strange import written thereon, and underneath the day and thereon, and underneath the day and year of sacrifice. The light from the eyeless sockets presented a hideous pict-ure, made the more so by the chattering of the fachless import written back during the the sole of the sole of the block within during the the during the the sole of the fleshless jaws. Before these was self with great adroitness into the frail past day and night came in shadowy or- The star-gem and sweet violets grow. shell, and finding Helloise still uncon-scious, proceeded to bind her hands to-membered the overturning of the boat, And read the twelve-month record they approach or cross its grounds. The goats that wandered there were this in a moment, and that three persons over her face the moment she gave was she now? The blocks of stone, the over her face the moment she gave was she now? The blocks of stone, the signs of returning consciousness. bars By this time the current had borne tive. bars of iron told her that she was a cap-

"Yesterday my cup of joy was full, them far bolow the castle. He seized the oars, and with strong arms contoo full; to-day I drink its dregs. I tartended with the stream. Bringing the ried too long, forgetful of the implaca-boat near the opposite shore where the ble hate of my father."

Softly the door opened and an old tide was less strong, he sped past the castle, and with endurance bred of tear crone entered, bearing on a salver a of pursuit, with unfailing stroke kept bowl of venison soup, some bread and a on during the night, and when the gray glass of wine. She was weird and morning broke, the Castle of La Suze, uncanny; her face thin and pinched; the refuge he sought, appeared in the her nose long and hooked; her eyes Autumn came with purple cluster

perfectly concealed his boat, he carried thin, yellow hair drawn tightly back and his captive still enveloped in the shawl tied in a knot. She was bent by carry-over the space from the boat to the cliff, ing heavy burdens, and moved stealthily, Orchards bending 'neath their treasure!

he laid her on a couch prepared for her. There was one narrow window, protected by heavy iron bars, deeply eat," she said in a cracked voice. rusted and covered with cobwebs and the morning light she caught a glimpse of the river. The walls of her room of the river. The walls of her room were stone, the floor was strong and a

stone arch formed the ceiling.

CHAPTER X.

"Farewell, Dear Ship." The voyage was near its close. The presence, her friends have become discate hands, and strove to wrest

them from their fastenings until the "Nay, not so. One cannot prevent blood dripped from her bruised fingers. chemselves from thinking." Made conscious of her weakness, she sank down in despair, which, for the

The eye of Martesq fell on these ruins, who was anxious to know exactly the moment, triumphed over her faith. and saw in them an admirable retreat, where he could consummate his diabolic-al scheme. He resolved, with the aid of Rosenbaum, to capture Helloise, and at With the did of Rosenbaum, to capture Helloise, and at the same time he alone would reap the Vivian fidgety. He was a small man, might not again hold brute force in advantage. He prepared the southern past the prime of life; mercurial and abovance. In the old fable of Beauty tower of La Suze, which had been so strongly built that it had defied the hand of man and time, and persuaded an aged couple to reside there as keepers, and he played so artfully on their super-sure and praise were the same. "I know I shall experience an appall- spiritual shall be the masters of the age

ing amount of discomfort," said he. "None of us will have too much of the to come. [TO BE CONTINUED.]

THE NEW YEAR.

Born at twelve o'clock last night, While watchfires bright were burn-

ing, And upward toward the beacon light Of hope each face was turning; And bright above shone moon and star, As though the door was left ajar. Behind, the flickering tapers burn, Some shadows there revealing; Some joys for which the soul doth

vearn; The Fates are still concealing, And yet we're farther on the way, And soon shall dawn a brighter day.

through. With flowers you decked the Queen of May,

In shady grove, 'neath skies of blue, Where, with the harbingers of Spring, You, too, your sweetest songs did sing. Then Summer with advancing train, Roses wild and fields of clover, Waving grass and ripening grain!

But the reaper, ere 'twas over, Gathered in the golden sheaves While still were green the forest leaves

Hanging on the festooned vine. Nature calls her seasons' 'muster,' And freely flows the ruby wine; List, friends in youth, fresh courage

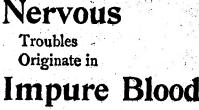
take. Thine is the Spring, in bud and bloom; Each day some slumbering thought will wake!

Each thought for grander will make room; Each day you live hath something good; The past, not always understood.

Then strive to reach a higher plane. Leave not, life's sweetest songs un-

So start while yet the year is young, And weave a web with threads of gold To wear when thou art growing old. With laurel wreath, I'll come again,

And each may bear away a prize. If he but follow in the tra



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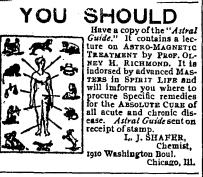
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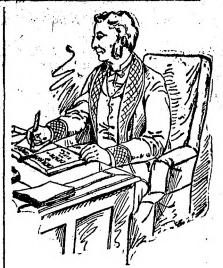
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and up a narrow passageway to the foot casting around her durive glances, as of the tower, and then again up the though expecting an enemy. She drew stone staircase to the second story, where a little table to the couch and placed the

Helloise arose and sat on the side of "Good Gretchen, where am

"This is La Suze." "How came I here?"

"Who can tell?" was the evasive an swer. "Come, take a sip of this red sung-wine, and the venison broth will be No aspiration is in vain!

good for you. "I will, if you are so kind as to answe "First, then, sip the wine—it will rel-ish, and then the bread and the broth." With a choking sensation she did as

"Aye, me, which again is proper, see-

powerful, Lord Betz united understand- friends. Each has done something ing and culture with a handsome person advance us."

and captivating address. Yet were all "And the chattering!" said the priest these noble qualities degraded and "Is music. These skulls once groaned, turned into the most loathsome channels and the stars tell us, every groan was a

for vile purposes. Uniting with him an Italian priest, he set apart a hall for incantations, and the bloody rites of human sacrifice. He had numerous choir, all children, and when he demanded children of his re-tainers, it was supposed he wanted them for that purpose. Dark suspicion began

for that purpose. Dark suspicion began to be entertained, and when a young gril disappeared, her lover entered proached, the golden servent erected proached, the golden serpent erected its head, unloosed its coils, and as soon as it felt her weight closed round her

willain was brought to justice. On the brow of a hill beyond the The ingenuity of a demon only could the day packing trunks and making coastle, in a small cottage, dwelta family have invented so frightful an instruof retainers. At the door sat a young ment.

"Proceed!" cried Retz in an ecstacy girl-half girl, half woman-most deof delight. "Not until she revives, else we lose

Ight han girl, nin worden not to delight. "I will go to the meadow, mother," the said, "the lilies are hanging like bolden bells from their tall stems." "True, but "True, but we can begin our incanta

"Wait, Viva, until the dew is off the tions." the grass," replied the mother, but too

He lit the perfumed censer, and as ate, for the girl was skipping away. the smoke arose he cried: "Prince of Darknessi All powerful She had not gone far before she met an

old dame whom she knew belonged to spirit! Arise! Arise! Arise! There was a sound as of rushing wind, the castle. "Good morning, dame," she said, and

was about to pass when the crone, ex-tending her hand, replied: "Miss Viya, I have news for you, and behind the altar and slowly shaped itself into the form of Satan.

happy have we met, else these old feet | century of victims. Art thou satisfied?"

must have gone to your house." "News for me? What can it be?" "You know Walter Montfort? Ah,

do not blush. One would think a girl like you too young to love. Well, Lord Scripture and compel belief, and make Hetz has taken offense at him for some me invincible in battle for the church,

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me quickly! Only last night I saw him, There was a rush of feet; the door and we planned how we could live so yielded and Walter Montfort entered hoppily! Alas! alas! what has befallen with a band of armed followers.

binded by her tears, she followed cried, as the soldiers were about to You can go with us if you wish. You

the dame to the castle. The drawbridge strike them down. "What is that? Satan himself!" ex-present, until amply tried and proved, the dame down of the gate open, nothing ob-tructed except a sentinel who asked no claimed Montfort, as he saw the unsub-you cannot become a member of our nestions. She followed up a long flight stantial shadow and struck it through the stone steps, and was ushered into an with his sword. It was a reflection from partment lighted by a narrow grated a mirror, contrived by the artful priest. favor given me." interested than the dame stepped quickly just recovering consciousness, seeing began to sing an old-fashioned song, the window. The river stretched away in a broad curve, disappearing behind song in a broad curve in such as the people of the Rhine have in a justing headland. As she gazed a boat

So sudden was this action that she did prison and came to see you.'

the threw hersen on the rate star, and told me you had gone with her to the like, in a song which floated on the night, come to her deliverance. She was not castle. I knew the fate awaiting you hushing all other sounds.

The hours passed and the setting sun these soluters and we arrived in time to thought you cold, but you are not. I am held of her file. The boat came on rapidly, and behind it she saw another. The boat came on rapidly, and behind it she saw another. So near were they she could distinguish the firm this dreadful place." So near were they she could distinguish the turned his steps toward the sweet her friends. "They have rowed in gen-

and the second second

vhan cha h mand of the ship. Late in the afternoon ished, turned an appealing face to the they entered the mouth of Delaware woman. Gretchen was spared the pain Bay, the soft outlines of Cape May on of making answer, for at that moment the right, with its stretches of beach, and a man entered the room and without on the left Cape Henlopen. The sun ceremony advanced to the table.

went down over the green woods stretch- "Martesq! Martesq! Ever-present ing westward with scarcely a break in spirit of evil!" exclaimed Helloise, interminable continuity to the Pacific Sea. During long voyages, strong attach-ments are formed for the good ship which has borne us safely. Often, while in our berths, we have heard the waves in the distribution of the source of the sourc

on the other side of the planking which preserved us, and gratitude and thank

ing none other is capable of protecting fulness mingle with our friendship. you," replied the priest with a leer. "Where is my father?" "At home, or was. He will hear of

your death, and I shall carefully confirm they were quite willing to enjoy the re-the report. Your cursed band of here-treshing air, for the day had been warm. tics think you dead. Everybody thinks. While they conversed in groups, with you dead, consequently none will take the thoughtful words of those embark- the trouble to search for you." "Cowardly wretch, what is your ob

ing in a great undertaking, or the "Cowardly wretch, what is your ob-younger members grew mirthful at the ject? You have persecuted me for years, termination of a monotonous voyage, destroyed my friends, driven me from Louis stood apart leaning over the bow my father, and now bury me alive in this

He was interrupted by the sailor who tomb." "My object? One as quick as you related the ghost story, and was known

as Bige. The latter touched his hat, gave his trousers a hitch, and in an em-barrassed manner said: "I beg your pardon, but I hear you "Love!" she exclaimed in tones of There was a sound as of rushing wind, and a dark, indistinct cloud gathered barrassed manner said:

"I beg your pardon, but I hear you are going out among the Indians." "Yes, my friend, we are going to form a colony and teach them." "Ah, hal Pretty one, you may put on your high airs, these walls are strong

Out of the cloud came a voice like a "Grant me," said Retz, "power un

asked the sailor, abruptly. "Taking you! We cannot do that, for we are united in a brotherly unity, and a deep religious conviction is essential." limited, to further the cause of the holy

this granted now. Hark! What is inght be of benefit to you, and perhaps a gesture of command: "Despicable to the Indians. You'll have to teach wretch! I do not fear you; I despise you to the Indians. You'll have to teach wretch! I do not fear you; I despise you to the Indians. You'll have to teach wretch! I do not fear you; I despise you to the Indians. You'll have to teach wretch! I do not fear you! I despise you! them a deal, and I could do my share in I detest you! Leave me, nor dare to my line."

"I think you are honest," replied Louis, "and that is the greater half. proposal."

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present, until amply tried and proved, perated. Gretchen had fled like a frightened society." animal, and again she was alone. Then

"I understand and thank you for the

"Oh Walter, I thought you were in

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Where noble deeds and duty lies. And when you face life's setting sun-The star of Hope shall lead you on. H. P. TALLMADGE.

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THE DYING YEAR.

Now the year is sinking slowly, Sinking to its last long sleep, And the passing hours seem holy, While we turn aside and weep.

Like a friend about to leave us, Very precious still it seems; All too honest to deceive us, Tho' made up of transient dreams.

Yet those dreams are interwoven With the fabric of our souls, And in passing they have proven Life is real as it unrolls.

O, the year of tears and laughter, Shade and sunshine, calm and storm Passing on, while we come after, Vainly searching for its form.

Still that form, so feeble, lingers, Like a pilgrim by the sea, And it points with trembling fingers Toward the unsolved mystery.

O, how levely in its dying Is the year so gray and old, While the wintry winds are sighing

O'er a new grave in the mold. By that grave with open portal, Thoughtfully we stand and wait, Till the old year, like a mortal, Sinks beneath the walls of fate.

From that grave we come rejoicing At the breaking of the morn;

"Now, there you shut me out, for I cept, it is well; if not, bear in mind you in these words our gladness voicing: haven't religion. But," hesitatingly, are absolutely in my power." "Lol another year is born!" "Lol another year is born!"

Beatrice, Neb. G. W. CROFTS.

ALWAYS A SHADOW.

threaten me again with your infamous No matter the sun be shining, No matter the day be fair, There's always some soul repining, There's always a shadow somewhere It may be the dancers are shaking The dew from the hours of dawn,

Some heart in the ballroom is aching For hopes that are dead and gone. came a reaction from the tension of her mind, and she sank exhausted on the

There, a baby boy is sleeping; He stayed but to learn good-by, couch. After a time she looked out of And a mother is silently weeping-Her little one born but to die.

Into her life, without warning, Came grief with its withering blight, And the glow of her hope-laden morn

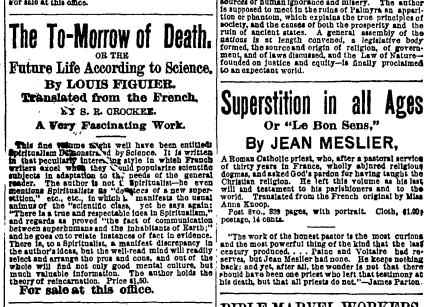
ing Drifts back into desolate night. In the world's wide reach, remember

There's night whenever there's day-Some hearts are enduring December,... While others are beating out May.

Fate offers no bond for the morrow, And to-day there's a shadow somewhere.

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WHY PREFER DARKNESS TO LIGHT?

One swallow-nor many swallows, do not make a summer; neither do, nor should the outgrown political and feudal dogmas of other lands, or the persecutions by Catholics in the past, any more than by Protestants; be charged up against our neighbors-American Catholic citizens of to-day. And none but an oath-bound A. P. A., plotting in the dark, would be guilty of it. Why does this party prefer darkness to light, and secrecy to an open, manly contest in the arena of politics and religion? How little it costs to be frank, fraternal and tolerant in this waning nineteenth century. These A. P. A. organizations represent no principle in keeping with the Declaration of Independeuce, or with nonchalance, he glides glibly over the the spirit of our Constitution. They are atrocious pillagings, burnings and murthe Ishmaelites of political life. They derous persecutions of Roman Catholics strike in the dark. They ostracise in the name of religion. They stir up neighborhood strife. All of which lead on, or will lead on, to a religious war, that must necessarily crimson a thousand battle-fields with fraternal blood. askew? PEEBLES' POSITION IMPREGNABLE.

In minor matters, where there is no principle involved, I am flexible and yielding; but where there is a principle, or an absolute truth involved, I am as unyielding and immovable as the pyramidal rock of Syene. Bear in mind that my original statement, fortified by history, calling out this controversy, that, in the past, Catholics had persecuted Protestants, and in turn Protestants had persecuted and slain Cath-It is a failure. Why olics, has proved invulnerable and absolutely impregnable. And the further principle involved in this PROGRESSIVE THINKER controversy, in which the political mob are arraigned against me, is this: Shall a portion of our Americanborn citizens-shall good, moral, taxpaying Roman Catholics be disfran-chised? Shall they be socially tabooed? Bhall they be clandestinely ostracised? Shall they be put under the political rack and thumb-screw of a secret, persecuting organization and denied the constitutional right to hold office, because, honestly and conscientiously, they times no. And upon this towering rock of right and justice I stand.

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yard's 'dirt?" "

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S TESTIMONY.

Will these fanatical, Catholic-hating bigots reflect a moment, and listen to that great American slave-emancipator nary power? and statesman of statesmen, Abraham Lincoln, touching, and seemingly proph-osying of our present A. P. A. Know-Nothings:

"I am not a Know-Nothing; that is certain. How could I be? How can anylines of Mrs. Barbauld: one who abhors the oppression of negroes be in favor of degrading any class white people? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation we began by declaring that 'all men are created equal.' We now practically read it, 'All men are created equal, except negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control, it will cadaver of nine columns. read: 'All men are created equal, except negroes and foreigners and Catholics When it comes to this, I shall prefer emigrating to some country where they

make no pretense of loving liberty-to for instance, where despotism

its dead? For a whole generation I've | the moral law, are matters entirely exbeen a grave-digger in that line of busi- | traneous to his religious faith, and any ness. And why, oh why, look for the assumption to the contrary is repudiated living among the dead? Why be everlastingly resurrecting the theological the practices of its consistent members." bones and skinless skeletons of the moss- And yet Mr. Griffen pronounces such a covered past and parading them in all statement, made by the president of a their barbaric hideousness before the university, "blustering declamation." If gaze of these ninoteenth century mill-ions? Only saints should stone the sin-least try to be polite. Tired of this volners of a thousand years ago. Griffen's ubility-tired of this verbiage that suspen reminds me of Spurgeon's tongue-Spurgeon and the infidel! It is reported pects, judges and continually condemns, turn-turn away from these one-sided, postponed possibilities of men, to an erudite, full-orbed, royal-souled man, that Spurgeon, in one of his most eloquent sermonizing flights, declared that, considering the infinite riches of the the Rev. Charles W. Wendte, the emi-atonement, he should like to spend a nent Unitarian clergyman of California, thousand years of eternity beholding the who, while strenuously opposing Roman who, while strenuously opposing Roman nailed feet and hands of the Lord Jesus; Catholicism, says in his late pamphlet: ten thousand years in gazing into his pierced and bleeding side, and a hun-"I do not believe that Roman Catholics desire to destroy our American libdred thousand years in looking at the erties. I cannot believe it. I believe, atoning blood that streamed from under to the contrary, that the vast majority of our Roman Catholic neighbors are that cruel crown of thorns-when the infidel, close by the sanctuary, straight- good citizens, are loyal and patriotic ening up, whispered to his pew-sitting Americans. Their conversation and neighbor: "Spurgeon must have a pedaily walk prove this; their votes in gen-

culiar penchant for looking into old eral prove it; their conduct during the wounds, sores and scars." Friend Griffen seems, in his lucid member that the logic of a man's specustyle and characteristically candid man- lative belief is one thing, but the logic of one's daily duty, the dictates of good ner, to have a penchant-a very mania, for unearthing the pre and past-medieval sense and justice, of humanity and honor, not be complete without if. bones of Catholics, and recounting the are another thing, and are more imperahorrible, blood-curdling persecutions of tive than all the Vatican decrees. Desnite what Protestant zealots may say, these old semi-civilized times; while with charming, child-like innocence and the American Catholic is a loyal and nonchalance, he glides glibly over the patriotic citizen."

A CHALLENGE-AND A HELP TO GRIE-

FEN. by Protestants in the Old World when A challenge to Dr. Peebles bespeaks they had the power; and still more lightly does he trip over the Protestant the bravado. But happily I am a peace Puritans hunting witches, banishing man-and it is not to fight a duel or Baptists, and hanging New England run a foot-race that I am challenged: Quakers. Is not his memory mentally but to show, or to compare the "stinted

liberty which Protestants enjoy in Catholic countries," compared with the Seriously, he reminds me of the country parson, who, preaching against "the world, the flesh and the devil," said he 'freedom allowed Catholics in Protesttaken. And had he appealed to me as should spend but a few moments in treating of the world dwell lightly on the flesh, and then pass on to the devil. Our brother seems to have passed on to the devil-that is, his devil, ancient Roman points as telling counts on his side. Catholicism, and is engaged in the tombopening, bone-articulating business for Merida, Yucatan, where there was not the edification of modern Spiritualists. a Protestant church, I was shadowed, watched and haunted, because refusing "Load our young thought with the iron city's great and grim Catholic cathedral.

By bigots raked from some Italian grave-Priests walked the streets in full canonicals. There were but two Americans in the city of 45,000-this Roman Cath-WHO CLOSED THE WORLD'S FAIR SUNolic city.

Returning from my consular appoint-Come back. Brother Griffen, to the liv ing present; come and tell us who besieges Congress every winter to put God in the Constitution? "Protestants, sir." hotel and, joining a passing procession Correct. Now tell us who teased, begged in honor of Saint Theresa. I soon found and bulldozed the Columbian Commismyself in a beautiful park surrounded sioners at the World's Fair to close the by Roman Catholics, who, mistaking Exposition on Sundays? "Protestants, me for the long-bearded old Father sir." Correct. And now tell us who are Gavazzi, a priest recently converted to wrestling and scheming to stop the Sun-Protestantism, were about to mob me. day newspapers? "Protestants, sir." Correct again. And now, which do you Only by lustily calling out "police. police!" and showing the Masonic symbol of the red cross, did I escape from the honestly think would manifest the most wanton bigotry and persecution, Cath-olics or Protestants, had they the plefury of these fanatics. An apology was officially tendered me the next day. "I think there would be But was it religion that fired those zealots? No but rather a lack of revery little difference, Brother Peebles." Thank you; from reading your inmost ligion-lack of that peaceful religion of the gentle Nazarene-lack of education nature, psychometrically, I was confident that this would be your answer. -and a lack of the fraternizing, deep-Let us now unite in singing these sweet rooted principles of universal brotherhood.

'How blest the sacred tie that binds It would scarcely be just to all parties How swift the heavenly course they run Whose heart and faith and hopes are Refreshed with poesy and music, we proceed with a further pen-and-ink dissection of Mr. Griffen's mammoth

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tarists, we should be tolerant in spirit, hating bigotry whether displayed by the Catholic, or the Protestant, the Spiritist ant countries." This point is well or the professed Liberalist. And, "Remembering that two-thirds of the an extensive traveler in Catholic Catholic youth of our country still at countries, I could have given him several tend the public schools, let us continue freely to employ Catholics as teachers Liberal and accommodating, I will do so and members of school boards. Indeed, anyhow: A few years ago when in the question of a man's belief should never be raised in this connection. Competency, character and loyalty to the State are the only qualifications to to take off my hat when passing the be required." And here I feel to quote the stirring, weighty words of our great American General, U. S. Grant, at the Centennial: "Encourage free schools, and resolve that not one dollar appropriated to them shall be applied to the support of any sectarian school. Rement in Asiatic Turkey, I stopped at solve that every child in the land may Messina, Sicily, to climb Mt. Etna. get a common school education, un-Hearing music in the street, I left my mixed with atheistic, pagan or sectarian

teachings. Keep the Church and State forever separate." A VISION. WITH THE INTERPRETATION

Having finished the above quotation rom General Grant, I felt a thrill-not an uncommon feeling-a magnetic thrill more potent than common, creeping into my brain, and suffusing my whole being with the restful feeling of peace and good will. Giving way to the sleep --to the vision!--I saw a magnificent old temple, or stone castle on the hillside, overgrown with mosses, surrounded by was very substantially built, exhibiting many kinds and styles of architecture.

Impelled to approach nearer, I saw not to mention an incident occurring, to my knowledge, far this side of semi-civilized Sicily, showing the persecuting demonism of sectarian Protestantism in the sectarian Protect is the sectarian Protestantism in the sectariantism in the sectariantism in the sectariantism in t demonism of sectarian Protestantism in McLean, New York. In this village plaintive, if not sad, and I remarked servative Frenchmen have been driven there lived nearly fifty years ago one that it seemed dim and gloomy within. family of Catholics, quite poor and in- "Yes," was the pleasant response family of Catholics, quite poor and in-offensive people, who arranged with the priest in Ithaca to visit them twice a

CONFESSION OF THE FORGERY. "I have no doubt," says Mr. Griffen, "that the document purporting to be a bull of Leo XIII, for the extermination forted. There is good in everything. power. Enlightened Frenchmen dread Persecution is heartless and soulless, and no true Spiritualist can justify it. roses find them. All have the divine thoughts for a moment to Italy, the very DR. PEEBLES' PLATFORM. spark within-all are brothers." So birthplace of Romanism. What is the Earnestly, rigidly opposed to se-cret, after-dark, oath-bound societies, talked the angel. truth in regard to that long-suffering But see, there's a crowd unobserved land? before; a well-meaning, unorganized, "Why did the people twenty-five years Often I am puzzled to know just which side of this controversy Mr. Griffen sus-tains. Listen to him: "Those orders and societies that work in the dark always placing themselves in a position to fairly excite suspicion, they have not much left or an education construction of the suspicion of th the root, open the gates-kick down the gain temporal power? Their most en-doors-smash in the windows," shout a lightened statesman, Count Crispi, does actly so. Could he have better described tive period-an education of love and hundred voices, as they madly break in not hesitate to say that the Pope is rethe A. P. A. council? These societies tenderness in the kindergartens, and with battering-ram and sledgehammer; sponsible for this condition of things. certainly work in the dark, thus placing then in our free public schools. These and bush-hook, with spade for unthemselves "in a position to fairly excite must stand like granite rocks upon dermining and firebrands for burning. The Italian government is in imminent suspicion;" any political, skulking, oath-bound society may well excite suspicion. And I agree with Mr. Griffen that such ligious dogmas taught in them, no organizations or political dogmas "care and in the second the second the second the second in the second the second the second the second the second the parts more tightly shut. Force fails. Force is human, selfishly human; love is in the very capital of the kingdom. plottings that are carried on against it

And does not God pour down the

swinging on their rusty hinges, open-itariff, the labor question, the social wardly digest. They enter, and the the enemy of liberty. The excitement torch of truth aflame with love, illumines is at fever-heat while we pen these few spiritually illumines and brightens words, four thousand miles from the

with noonday splendor the whole scene of conflict, temple, permitting each to see in the "It is in vain "It is in vain that Bishop Spalding other a brother-a son of God-a fellow would impute ignorance to those Ameri-pilgrim-traveling by ways diverse, cans who dread the encroachments of yet with the same hopes, aims and as- Rome upon our free institutions. We immortality. Seeing, hearing these which cause enlightened Americans to truth and rejoiced with joy unspeakable. The vision requires no interpretation. But the lesson suggests the rational inquiry: Is not this the wiser way to touch the Catholic heart—to open cathedral lics, drove the Jesuits from the country, doors and enlighten creed-incrusted and it has made rapid strides ever since. human minds? Wiser than to condemn, to mercilessly judge, to pronounce fellow-citizens traitors, and bar them from of corruption, on the ground that he is Spiritalian at the holding office because of religious con-victions? Are not tolerance, charity Catholic Monk, Jesuit, or priest.

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"He's true to God who's true to man; wherever wrong is done

To the humblest and the weakest, 'neath the all-beholding sun.

That wrong is also done to us; and they are slaves most base

Whose love of right is for themselves, and not for all their race.'

Brother Lockwood will naturally take the "base," Brother Griffen may carry the tenor, Dr. Fell the alto; while Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ireland, Moses Hull, J. O. Barrett and J. W. Colville will attend to the sourano. I will beat the time, keeping this unecclesiastical choir up to the key of Catholic brotherhood. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren" to sing-and "to dwell together in unity."

PEEBLES' REPLY TO GRIFFEN.

The nine-and-a-half-column article of Mr. Griffen, in response to mine of three-and-a-half, while startling in length and ponderous in musty quotations, reveals the fact that he fully felt the herculean task before him of somehow and in some way getting around my almost axiomatic position, that in the past Catholics and Protestants had, in turn, persecuted and slain each other. To deny the fact was either madness or imbecility. It is a pity that he did not take the time to make his controversial essay more brief. Human life is short.

What had I to do with the infallibility dogma of Pius IX.? Have I defended any religious dogma of the Roman Catholic church? Not one. And what have these long, dismal quotations about Boniface, of the seventh century, about the popes and their decisions of the eighth. thirteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, to do with this controversy? Have I defended them? Not one of them. Nor have I quoted forgeries and by implication endorsed them, as some of my opponents have done to carry out and brace up a doubtful point. And what had the forgery of "decretals," going under the name of the pseudo-laidorian during the weak reign of Charlemagne's successor, to do with this controversy? How silly to hold me responsible for what my great-great-grandlather believed, or said, or did in Scotland. Has the Catholic Church made no progressprogress up out of its barbarian surroundings of a thousand years ago? Has it felt none of the glow, none of the inspiring grandeur of evolution?

THE DUST-BURIED PAST AND SPURGEON

7.17.

quoted to make a point against Roman their Sisters of Charity are prostitutes. Catholics. The assertion that Catholics were guilty of forgeries in the Middle | no true Spiritualist can justify it. Ages does not help your case any. I condemn them both, pitying the man,

In union sweet according minds;

one."

however, that is driven to quoting a forgery to bolster up a weak position. Often I am puzzled to know just which

claim upon our sympathies in case of with parents long prior to conception-unfair though natural inferences." Ex-a careful education through the gestaorganizations or political dogmas "can-not have much claim upon our sympa-

thies," whether "decretals," A.P.A.-ism, or Roman Catholicism. Open hearts. open hands, open doors and free schools are the demands of true Americans, and much as anarchy is to be deplored, the most blatant anarchists, flaunting their red flags, are to be commended for not plotting conspiracies in the dark and binding the consciences of their misguided associates by secret oaths.

SELF-ENTHRONED, JUDGING OTHERS.

Having now ascended the throne of udgment, Mr. Griffen declares that "the blustering declaration of loyalty to the principles of civil government, so often nowadays witnessed from certain Catholic priests, bishops, archbishops or lay-men, must certainly be taken with a very large grain of salt." That is to say, in plain English, these learned men, occupying the highest social position in the community, are hypocrites and infamous deceivers. Such clap-trap harges are tiresome. Better murder man outright than rob him of his good name. Pray tell me, Mr. Griffen, what right you have to thus judge the honestly-expressed words and motives of your fellow-men? Are you omniscient? Are you the generalissimo of gods and men? Are you a self-crowned spiritistic pope? Are you infallible in judgment, and so divinely authorized to judge, denounce and

University of America, says: "The Cath- of our national existence. olic Church has no political purposes. It

whether political or religious, I feel sectarian exercises held in them, and divine.

But hush-look-there is coming from no theological influences exerted over them. whether Catholic, Protestant or Jewish. Morality aud ethical principles should, however, be taught in our pub-lic schools and in our universities, along How radiant their faces; how white and with the various sciences; but morality is not ecclesiastical dogma nor churchal ceremony. They are no way related to and the tones of their voices, oh, how each other. The one often exists with-leach other. The one often exists with-out the other. Mohammedans are re-ligious bigots. Chinese pray to their the ages, the truly enlightened of to-and imprisoned for disturbing the peace. ligious bigots. Chinese pray to their

gambling god to help them cheat, and day. Love, fraternal love, is the burden Stonewall Jackson prayed to God for of the story they tell; the soul-song that victories that implied revenge, blood these builders sing, reminding one of In Hungary, only a few weeks ago, the

Whittier's words: and death. "The waster should be the builder too." The seven pillars indispensable for the upbuilding and perpetuating of the State and of our American institutions And does not Tennyson say that: Under temples old the roses bloom." for all future generations are:

I. Right conception and right in fluences during the gestative period.

II. Right training in childhood, free rom all sectarian teachings.

III. Free public schools.

IV. Freethought, free press, free speech. V. Free ballot alike for men and wo men, with no immigration of criminals love. All of us live and swim in the and shiftless paupers from foreign lands. VI. Free libraries and free readingrooms in every town and city. VII. Free religion, and the survival of God. the fittest, with the acknowledged right saviors-have now neared the outer of soil for every man to till and homes wall. No coarse criticisms, no jarring

words escape their lips. Two advance for all.

"Deal damnation 'round the land?" "Deal damnation 'round the land?" Bishop Kean, president of the Catholic Iniversity of America, says: "The Cathol

"Let Bishop Spalding turn his eyes to Austria if he wants to know whether

loth, 50 cents,

the hazy, yet heaven-illumined distance Romanism is tolerant or not. Two years a band of really inspired teachers. They ago the editor of this paper was in Vienna, the capital of Austria, just at the How radiant their faces; how white and time when the Methodist church was How radiant their laces, now white and glistening their garments. They are enveloped in an aureole of brightness, and the tones of their voices, oh, how

whole population rose almost as one man against the tyranny of Rome. In the late political struggle the Church of Rome was on one side and the people of Hungary on the other. When Hungary buried her greatest patriot only a few warm sunbeams in springtime, causing months ago, the only Hungarians who the young buds to swell and grow, that did not join in mourning the dead were

they may gently, tenderly push off the old, dry leaves of winter, thus enabling the sweet-scented blossoms to come "Why are the Jesuits still banished the sweet-scented blossoms to come

forth, prophecies of fruits and harvests from enlightened Germany? It is uniin autumntime? God is good. God is versally conceded that Germany is the most enlightened nation in Europe. Her boundless ocean of God's love. Every-thing, from atom to star, is ablaze with universities are crowded with students from every nation under heaven, and the only man that is denied a place in

But this band of true reformersher halls of learning is the Jesuit. Only last week the news came from Berlin that the Catholics were stirring up a revolt in Posen and other parts of Pol

ish Germany. "This month there was an election in Belgium, and the only exciting question four national existence. And while we should not recognize "Truth, truth, light and wisdom." The the Roman Catholics abolished the free orogress up out of its barbarian sur-roundings of a thousand years ago? Has roundings of a thousand years ago? Has roundings of a thousand years ago? Has tfelt none of the glow, none of the in-piring grandeur of evolution? The baseling point of any point can purposes. It for the form of the in-piring grandeur of evolution? The baseling point can point can purposes. It for the form of the in-point can be provided and any point can purposes. It for the form of the in-piring grandeur of evolution? The point can point can purposes. It for the form of the in-point can point can purposes. It for the form of the in-point can point can purposes. It for the form of the in-point can point can purposes. It for the form of the in-the church and any point can purpose. It for the form of the in-the church and any point can purposes. It for the form of the in-the church and any point can purpose. It for the form of the in-the church and any point can purpose. It for the form of the in-the church and any point can purpose. It for the form of the in-the church and any point can purpose. It for the form of the in-the church and any point can purpose. It for the form of the in-the church and any point can purpose. It for the form of the in-secular position and affinities of any schools of any kind officially, as any part schools of any kind officially as any part schools of an

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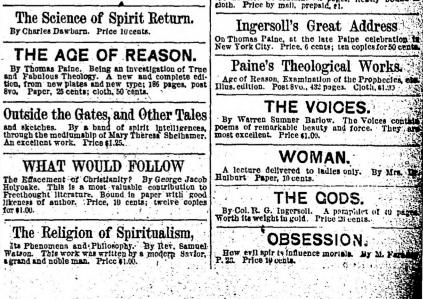
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The Veil Shall Be Lifted.

A press correspondent attended servces at Trinity Church, New York, a few Sundays ago. Rev. Dr. Dix, distinwished for his great loarning and elouence, occupied the pulpit. His text, Latt. 25:6-"Behold the bridegroom someth; go ye out to meet him." The reporter says:

He discoursed on the beauty and hap-piness of a Christian life. He told his measures of the glories of the hereafter, and advised them to remove their eyes from the past and fix them on the great, white throne of heaven. He dilated on the darkness of the unchristian life." Then the good dominic launched into his subject in good earnest:

"Fearful as is the future, it is even more dreadful to look at the past—to think how impossible to recall it. Let is give up looking to the past, then, and turn our eyes to the front. The night is ar spent. Behold, the bridegroom cometh. Propare to meet him! The infidel, the unbeliever, the skeptic, is no safe prophet to follow. The lifting of the veil hypocrisy and deceit is sure to come. Repeat with fear and faith the 'Dies ind for you. Nothing remains-nor buse, nor wife, nor children, nor riends; no more work, no more spend-ng of money. The dial of time is shatred for you. Its hands are broken. ne need not look, then, to see those cople who lead a dark and sinful life-life with no devotion, with no holy aim. ness. No one is prohibited from sending uch a life is like the last hour in life, then the sun is setting, never to rise gain. The flame of love is gone out here, the fire of charity is extinguished. o love the Lord's appearing—to wish or His coming. Ohl what a consecrated

Mistaken Purpose of Life. "Man was created to know, love and serve God, and by so doing save his own

soul." Such is a very brief outline of the objects of life, as we find it defined in an exchange. It never occurred to the orthodox inventor of that epitome of belief that man had any other motive

for living than to get ready to die. He \$1.00 had no conception that life had enjoy-87.50 ments peculiarly its own; that every 25cus 5cus nerve and fiber was attuned to mundane

existence and that happiness was the outcome of their healthful normal action. Life with him was an embryotic condition, death the necessary change, and the grave the doorway to real life. It seems to us, man was made to enjoy the pleasures of being, as is true of all life; that love is an outgrowth of har-

Santa Olaus are but the same traditional monious development and pleasurable personage under different names. association with his fellows, and is association with his fellows, and is limited to those objects which give him delight, while hate flows to those which

God, or love to man; that it is a sequence of earth-life, as day follows dawn, and there is no escape from it. Instead of serving God to save a soul.

who wrongs no man; who is always truthful and just; who lives in strict harmony with natural law, obeying all its requirements—is he not really farther advanced on the heavenly road than the fawning sycophant, who lives on his knees and is always telling God how good and great he is, and how himself in the celestial paradise? Nor ance and bigotry get drunk during to his knees and is always telling God himself in the celestial paradise? Nor ance and bigotry get drunk during to his knees and is always telling God himself in the celestial paradise? Nor ance and bigotry get drunk during to his knees and is always telling God himself in the celestial paradise?

A Good Time Now.

As the holidays are past, and the long nights and cold days are on us, forbidding most kinds of labor, the home circle demands attention. Nothing contributes so largely to the happiness of a planetary-but restricted and zonal. The story of the sun-god and the legends family and leaves such lasting impressions as a well-conducted periodical.

Lessons taught in the seclusion of the fireside usually accompany its members ships and the telegraph wire-because through life. And the paper, a silent to the modern instructed there is no day monitor for good, always freighted with instruction, if brave enough to tell the truth, is specially worthy of consideraor night in the primitive sense, and no seasons in a planetary meaning. What a figure Santa Claus or Kris Kringle tlon

would have cut Tuesday morning with a team of reindeer, hitched to a sleigh May we not ask each reader of these columns to lend a friendly hand NOW in extending the circulation and usefulness of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER? That piled with fur robes and a fur cap over is ears in Australia in the heat of midsummer. Yet that is just what they the paper commends itself to the have there now. Then, again, the literature of a peo-ple who have never known anything thoughtful all concede. It is educa-tional, not sensational. Each contributor labors to instruct and elevate, and outside the tropics would be barren of the enchantments of spring-time, sum-mer, autumn and winter that make ours fit all for an immortal life. The past, with its gloomy horrors, is only revived as warning lessons for the future. If each present patron would induce his friend to subscribe, if only for three to them a continuous fairy tale. A poet has never been born in the tropics, nor has any one yet arlsen in the Southern hemisphere to canonize and embalm months, our already long list of patrons would be doubled for a limited period. with romance the mysteries of marsu-As the paper is read, and its teachings pial life. In short, the planetary ideal become known, these trial subscribers become permanent ones, and they gen-erally interest others to join in still farther widening the field of its useful-

ten, twenty or fifty new subscribers, if possible. The more the better, for the cause we represent. Sympathy with the Heathen.

ion are being inflicted amid the deep The old Attic laws, accredited to Trip- snows of that cradle of faiths. The death of the year, its sleep in the tolemus, directed: "Let all sacrifices be the under-world, is one of the most beauti-ful ideals of the race, but it is the nat-

AFTER CHRISTMAS. **Reflections in Regard to Its**

Origin.

Climates and Religions.

sas City Journal.

By Col. R. T. Van Horn, in Kan-PUBLISHED BY SPECIAL PERMISSION. We are yet in the atmosphere of Christmas, and it may be as well to talk about it this morning, retrospectively, and see it in the perspective of experi-ence. It is a benediction to see so many people happy—happy in receiving and happy in giving. Christmas being a birth celebration has come to be dedi-cated to the ohildren. Kris Kringle and

He is deeply interested in the Ency-clopædia of Death, and Life in the Spirit-World, and is now writing to all his friends to send in a yearly subscrip- on this subject.

alists teach it as an inheritance of mortality, no way contingent on love to God, or love to man; that it is a sequence is a marking it the ondern Mes-cale back of the back is the process of the function o

which is the essence of the gospei of incapable of producing the higher forms the asy years." Some years ago in a review of Christ-mas and its lessons we gave out some tions are the storage localities of plane-suggestions as to its origin that may be tary forces necessary for the support of again rehearsed for the uses of the adult intelligence alluded to. And that was, that our religious traditions were not planeterwerbut restricted and read

entirely different thing from what we have been accustomed to think it wasor rather our ideas formed without of Christmas could never have been thinking. born among a people familiar with If this is not the fact, then the pur-steam as motor, railroads and steam- poses of the Creator will not be fully

poses of the Creator will not be fully developed until the whole planet—all its zones—is ripe for the production and

anes-is ripe for the production and habitat of the highest forms of life and intelligence. Or until the tropics and both hemispheres are peopled with a population stimulated by climatic in-fluences and inspired by natural phe-nomena in common with the highest intelligence. Or until the tropics and both hemispheres are peopled with a population stimulated by climatic in-fluences and inspired by natural phe-nomena in common with the highest intelligence. Or until the tropics and intelligence. Or until the tropics and both hemispheres are peopled with a population stimulated by climatic in-fluences and inspired by natural phe-nomena in common with the highest it was a hard tussle, and it took a good demands of a homogeneous humanity. These things will be as plain before the intellect of the future man as is the cupy?"

present condition before the world of "Who is Jacob Smith?"

Instructed science to-day. These things may all be, and yet the humanities and legends, fables and faiths of the race be all combined in making of Christmas the gala day and the grand festival of all men. The antipodean and the worshiper of the Southern Constella-tions can join with us because it commemorates the birth of the spiritual conception in man, and tells the ages to come when the poetic and religious nahas not yet been embodied in any wor-ship of any deity. The religion of hu-manity, so far as its literature is con-cerned, is as much a thing of the North the beauty of its legends to know that temperate zone as it was when the whole they are such, and that our ancestors earth was bounded by the geography of were equal to the evolution of a mythol-the Mediterranean shores. In Armenia to-day, the legendary birthplace of the race, the fierce hatreds of a tribal relig-

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head off." FARMER RILEY.

the disembodied Jacob Smith, nor could confessed usurpation of another man's Spritualist in the wide world to know physical organism. In a rambling way, what we are doing. A Publishing House Original Thoughts on Christ-



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"King Jacob Beebe."

TO THE EDITOR:-For departed people to busy themselves with earth's denzens, is common. But it is very apt to result in the injury of those on the mun-dane plane. This is obsession. It is natural as it is common. Not one person in twenty knows the meaning of the word obsess. In conversation with a word obsess. In conversation with a young or middle-aged man, a judge of one of our courts, I spoke of obsession and he asked what that was? My brother, Dr. A. T. H., was in consultation over a case of supposed insanity. He diagnosed the infirmity to be ob-"Obsession! What's that?" asked the other M. D., who was between sixty and

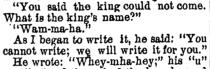
seventy years of age. These items may give some idea of the general lack of knowledge there is

THE CASE OF KING JACOB.

Over twenty years ago one Jacob Smith killed a man in Butler county, death, an inmate of the asylum in this city. He was a "trusty," and went about

is it not merely possible that he who lives a worthy life inserving his fellows; who wfongs no man; who is always without herm or of Santa Claus the privilege of reading " unusual, the writer invited King Jacob to an interview.

"Why are you there?" "Well, we had to kill a man up North, and therefore we were brought here." "You said the king could not come.



was "q," and the e had the broad sound of the final a as in Omaha. "I notice you speak of yourself in the

cupy?" "Jacob Smith's."

"He was a farmer, up in Butte county, formerly from Pennsylvania." "If you occupy Jacob Smith's body, where is the real Jacob Smith himself?" With an indifferent toss of the head,

he answered: "O, he's gone off." "Do you think it is right to disposses Jacob Smith and take possession of his

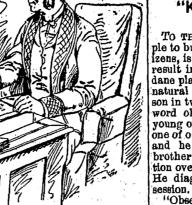
body?" "O, it's an even exchange; he is satis-fied."

"Who, and where were you before you took possession of this body?" "We were nothing. We were nobody. We were a chicken and they cut our

On further questioning I could obtain from him no idea of the whereabouts of

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forcible. The able divine was no This, be it observed, when the Jewsse wonderful sermons. As the dollars st see where they come from.

Trinity Church has property in New 5,000,000 to \$150,000,000. Much of this welcomed by the Lord of hosts. the spite of the judgment of the Cain, appled by the vilest and the most dis-and to the Attic worshipers, instead of iutable class of that great city. The to those who sprinkled their altars with intals pass into the common fund from the blood of the slaughtered; and this mich Dr. Dix draws his princely salary heathen. Sunday labor. Who blames him for ionting "The Bridegroom Comes," on dipping his arrows in "The Days of ath," hurls them at the infidel, the ptic, the unbeliever?

erily, the veil of hypocrisy and deit is sure to be lifted.

Not Found in Books.

To discover truth we must turn our ick on the multitude," says somebody. will concede the correctness of this nism. For long years man has been foping in darkness in pursuit of the seen. The phantom has receded arn of his character, we must go out Universe." unfathomable depths. We must see tion; we have no inclination to do so. Is glory reflected in stars and sun, in stand bird, in tree and flower, in rerything the eye beholds. If a God is at discovered, we shall become accus-

ge of vision. If less than God, it was production of his mighty arm, and over pouring blessings on his creainfusing light and warmth and iness, while clothing the earth with dure and floral beauty.

the kind of sea-bladder has no mouth, the necessary money to reconstruct his mentary in all respects than our own, and both in form and mentality dis-trees of its body.

ural child of the North temperate zone bubt inspired-by his \$15,000 a year accepting their own story as genuine- and could have been born nowhere else. hary. Of course he has an assistant, were sacrificing doves, and rams and From the day the sun seems to even mathematics, to stay at one place, until the usual two months' vacation, with fairest daughters to Jehovah. Our dom- on the third day it shows change of time robably his expenses paid while he inant religion claims to inherit its faith once more, was most poetically regarded average of the second s in he receives some \$327 for each of his great anger; and they call those who observation was fixed as the birthday merely offered the fruits of the earth in of the new year. And it still lives and sacrifice Pagans. Poor Cain, who ap- will always live to our portion of the the sources of his inspiration, we proached the altar with the first fruits, planet as the most impressive sugges-

was repulsed by God, and turned away Trinity Church has property in New in disgrace; while Abel, with his bleat vades the universe of life. Brk variously estimated in value from ing lambs and bellowing bullocks; was But to the denized of the In spite of the judgment of the cen-

though the church condemn us as

The Bible a Delusion. Talmage, late of the Brooklyn Taber-

nacle, some years ago, in one of his pulpit performances, showed his faith in

the supernatural, in this way: "The moment you begin to explain

away the miraculous and supernatural you surrender the Bible. Take the su-pernatural out of the Bible, and you make it a collection of lies and imposition in preference to which I prefer Æsop's Fables. They are what they pretend to be-fables. But if, after all hat the Bible declares, Jesus is not God, and Lazarus was not raised from the dead, and the water 'was not turned into der thesearch. There is but one way wine, and the Red Sea was not divided. erse the pursuit. Instead of finding did not get well, then the Bible is the od's word written in books, and there worst delucion of the Bible is the

The reader will make his own deduc-

A Suggestion.

The Sunday newspaper is a very

The Sunday newspaper is a very and will evident to his handiwork, and know wicked institution, not because of the mainty, unit is changed to his almighty purses than was ever conceived of by a breather stan priesthood. The old Persians built no temples to because of the educational matter which usually graces its columns, but the preachers say, it keeps its readers because, away from the church. Brigham Young under his influence, introduced popular airs into his church choirs, and priesthest, grandest object in the brightest, grandest object in the brightest, grandest object in the witty Talmage, would revise and modyoung under his influence, introduced ments of the tropics declare its stagnant popular airs into his church choirs, and or balanced conditions, and tell us as Chicago, Ill. gave as a reason, he could not afford to plainly as though written over it that let the devil have all the good music. there is not change enough there to If some sprightly pulpiteer, like the witty Talmage, would revise and mod-of the human organism, a sort of magernize his stereotyped prayers, make netic reservoir, where is stored the forces his sermons instructive instead of sensation to be drawn upon to feed the vitality of tional, and add some plantation melody the more active portion of the world to the tune of the lamented Jim Crow,

or Old Dan Tucker, we think we could aboriginal fauna and flora of the South-promise him full houses, and perhaps ern Hemisphere, we find it more rudi-

ances was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dorman, and was, so to speak, a corker. Nearly every one of the fifteen sitters had some relative or ac-quaintance from the spirit side of life greet them. One of the materializations was a young lady of thirty years, a cousin of mine who passed out in Western New

tion of the eternal providence that perby me. But to the denizen of the South temperate zone, all these are transferred to the 25th of June, and some day the modifying influence of reversed seasons and phenomena will tell its story in the lit-

erature and religion of that part of the planet. The story of the shepherds in the field at night with their sheep would be more in harmony with the December conditions of New South Wales than of Georgia, but there the parallel would

end No wonder the early crusades in the

name of religion were made against science, for our religious traditions have never beep in harmony with the true concept of the creative power-or rather the room distinct and perfect. with the concept of a creator of all worlds. This zonal religious ideal has been the cause of the dwarled concepcame at the last sitting. Many mestion of God in all ages and even now. we all join in saying that material-ization no longer is a belief, but as dem-It is also the legitimate inspiration of mythology and the pantheistic idea as to the gods that ruled the seasons and

directed their phenomena. We are not criticising these things, all feel very grateful that we had the even, for our zone constitutes within lirected their phenomena.

tself the highest planetary conditions for the development of humanity, and of necessity always must-at least while Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond's Life

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Farmer Riley spent nearly a week in our city recently, and gave four of his from them by violence, and they, the rightful possessors of the soil, had been materializing seances. One of the senect his present situation with that an- dled.

cient conflict. I inquired, "Where did you get posession of the name Beebe?

"When we got possession of thus body, not a word was spoken, not a word York, and was known by no other sitter days; and the passed thus lips for sixty first word that was spoken at the end of that time was Beebe, and as we were than myself, but was fully recognized

Mr. and Mrs. Dorman had a like ex- a man child when we were born, and the porience. An old neighbor of theirs name of thus body was Jacob, we were when they lived in Washington, D.C., called Jacob Beebe."

The expression being "born," seemed a machinist by trade, called Mr. Dor-man to the cabinet, shook hands with to answer to his advent into that perhim, and held his face close to his, to be sonal tenement of Smith's.

I am informed that the testimony of fully recognized and identified. He was pronounced by Mr. Dorman to be as the neighbors who were acquainted with natural as when last seen by him in the the history of this singular case, cor-material, some eight years ago. As Mr. roborated this statement, that after the material, some eight years ago. As Mr. Dorman stood by the cabinet the form de murder, Jacob Smith was speechless for materialized, holding the curtains spart. several weeks.

Mr. Riley was plainly seen sitting in his chair as this form sank to the floor. "Has Jacob Smith, whose body you

G. A. CARR.

his chair as this form sank to the floor, Allow me to say here that we had light enough so we could see everything in est son, John, and two daughters are married. They sometimes come to see During the whole seance we had us. One time they said to us: 'Pap,

twenty-nine forms; nineteen of them what makes you behave so?" Here the old man laughed at the ap parent absurdity of Jacob Smith's children calling him-King Jacob Beebe-"Pap."

onstrated through the mediumship of This was unquestionably a current of Bilay, it is a knowledge. We of obsession—a typical example. This was unquestionably a clear case

There was another case of obsession of which I had some knowledge. It was over on the opposite side of the bay from San Francisco.

A Jesuit priest got hold of a young lady, Miss W., on the street. All of a sudden a strong and distinct

voice spoke in her ear these alarming words: "I am God Almighty; you must pray

to me.' The young woman ran home terribly frightened. From that time for two or three years she was most fearfully tormented before she got relief. Her his-

tory of jesuitical experiences would be a long and vile one if written up. Dr. Freeman J. Bumstead, who departed this life from New York, returns

to admonish us and says: "For God's sake awaken to the awful reality of spirit obsession. There is a sphere right above you that is full of diseased spirits, and all you have to do is to open the mental conditions, and the cure of colds, coughs, and all throat, like Jacob's ladder, they will descend lung and bronchial troubles, is undoubt-upon you in a perfect stream." He says from his point of observation, monomaniacs are largely victims of obsession. Stockton, Cal. A. S. HUDSON, M. D.

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TEST CONDITIONS.

Wise Words from an Old Worker.

MRS. M. E. WILLIAMS-HER POSITION CRITICISED-POOR RULE THAT WILL NOT WORK BOTH WAYS-SOME DIS-COURSES.

TO THE EDITOR:-Mrs. M. E. Williams winds up her statement of her late experience in Paris with these words artist. I could not believe such a thing published in THE PROGRESSIVE as that, but said, jokingly, that I would THINKER, Dec. 8, 1894): "Let your European cities find mediums at home to outrage and insult, since that is your idea of investigation."

Under the circumstances, these are certainly narrow and unfortunate words for a broad-minded woman and medium to utter. Will she condemn all Europe. with its millions of inhabitants, because a few young men mistreated her at one seance? Are there none honest in all Europe? As soon as I read her statement would have been for her to say something like this:

'I am very sorry that some of you have so badly mistreated me.

"I presumed that you were all honest investigators; but the results of this meeting prove to me that some of you are not what you should be.

"My reputation as an honest medium is at stake here, and now for the sake of truth and Spiritualism, and for the sake of my many friends here and in my own dear country, I ask you-yes, I demand that I shall be allowed to prove in this city that I am what I claim to be, an honest medium. I demand to be allowed to hold one or more seances under strict test conditions, such as shall be just and fair for the sitters and myself. A committee composed of a part or all of the sitters and satisfactory to all parties, may be appointed to see that no gowns. wigs, masks, etc., are in the seancefastened and sealed.

"This we did not do at this seance, for

parts of the world would have rejoiced If she had done this, or anything to prove that she was foully dealt with. She further says: "I shall never

again trust to specious promises of hospitality and protection, whether from Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg, Rome or Vienna."

And now, it seems to me that if she is not going to, any more, trust the honesty of strangers, in those cities, she should not expect to be fully trusted, she being a stranger to them. It is said to be a poor rule that won't work both ways. So I would say that the moral of all this is, that all mediums should demand at all sittings fair test conditions for themselves and the sitters.

And further, that those mediums who Bre too sensitive to go under proper test conditions, would better hoe corn or do some other useful work and forever let

public mediumship strictly alone. Most all my life (forty-two years) I have been making experiments, and by hard and careful work made some discoveries (which, by the way, I expect to give to the world ere long), and when explaining these to some of my friends, by means of experiment, I have always been careful to make said experiments under strict test conditions, not asking bne to take my word.

There was a time I believed the Bible to be the inspired word of God. This belief resulted from taking what parents and preachers told me as facts. Finally the time came when I studied and slate writing medium of the Went to a and preachers told me as facts. Finally the time came when I studied and thought for myself. This was followed by a disbelief in the Bible being the in-by spired word of God. Thus, as so many do, I was fast drifting, from lack of knowledge, into materialism, when, lortunately, I had a chance to investigate Spiritualism, through the medium-thip of that grand old man, Dr. James Cooper, of Bellefontaine, O., and known to many of your older readers. Then followed not only belief but a knowledge of immortality. Since then I have sometimes been fooled for a time by other mediums; therefore, my rule now is to demand fair test conditions at every sitting, as I believe that no medium has a right to ask us to take his or her word as positive proof in matters of such grave import. Knowledge is so much preferable to faith pr belief, that I, for one, must have proof. Judging from the tone of the spiritualistic press, I am glad to say that I believe that test conditions will in the near future be the rule, and not the exception as it now is. Given a medium-ship which will place itself always under facts worth considering:

It Was Painted by a Spirit Artist, Througn the Mediumship of Mr. A. Campbell. TO THE EDITOR:-Being a skeptic, and investigating about spiritual truth,

A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE.

I came, at a medium's residence, across some oil paintings, which the possessor claimed to have been painted by a spirit like to have a picture of my sister Anna, if such was true. My sister An-

na died in 1881, when about five years old, and was the youngest in our family, and, I may say, the most sweet and beautiful child I ever knew. Our mother missed her darling very much, but is now with her in the summer-land On Sunday, December 2, I attended a seance at Mr. A. Campbell's residence, and received besides some beautiful pe? As soon as I read her state-flowers, a typewritten message from of the case, I thought how nice it Anna, which read as follows: "Dear

> you, and this is the only opportunity you for 50 cents. The subscriber can also will have of getting it done. The beau-tiful Guide Mary is here, and all send sizes the book can easily get a new sub-their damnation almost certain? That love. I am going to etherealize for you scriber. Try it.

Anna.' Monday, Dec. 3, I made arrangements o'clock in the evening, the guides agreed to many sublime truths in connection read them would differ in their inter-to give us the picture we asked for. with the 'hidden self.' " When everything was ready, I investi-gated and searched the entire room, locked the doors and put the keys into my pocket. There was nothing in the room, but four common wooden chairs, a plain table on which was a music box, Mrs. Nellie Metcalf writes: "After a plain table on which was a music box, one month with us, Mrs. Ada Foye a little stand with a wooden hand, which leaves Bricklayers' hall with a host of wigs, masks, etc., are in the seance. room or concealed on any person therein. All doors, windows and other places of egress or ingress shall be securely fastened and sealed. fair, I put the two pieces of canvas into tofore. Sunday evening, at the close of "This we did not do at this seance, for the reason that I did not expect such un-fair treatment as I have here received. "I want to prove to Europe, as I have to many in my own country, that I am not a fraudulent medium." How thousands of Spiritualists in many parts of the world would have rejoiced the three chairs, about eight feet from and in her tests she is undoubtedly the the cabinet, and joined hands, singing a best. We, as a society, desire publicly a sword.' song. Very soon forms materialized to thank Mrs. Foye for her earnest efand etherealized, among whom was my forts to bring our cause to its proper sister Anna. Some forms materialized sphere among the religions of the and dematerialized right in front of us, world, and for her aid to us financially, not two feet from our chairs. At once and would recommend her to any society stroy. He whose almighty power could the spirit artist appeared and showed us wishing a hard worker and a grand me- raise the dead, and still the winds and the spirit artist appeared and showed us wishing a hard worker and a grand me-

minutes later it was announced by Azur, W. T. R. writes from Agnew, Mich .: | Mr. A. Campbell's ancient guide, that 'There has just closed a week of as sucthe portraying was completed. Azur made a short speech then, explaining the reason and purpose I got the painting for, and bade us farewell. The gas was now turned up, and I had

before me the most beautiful picture I ever saw in my life. Anna is simply a beauty, and I am very proud to have such a sister and guide over in the summerland; and I am the very happiest mortal to possess such a wonderful work of art, painted in such a grand way. I thank God and his angels for it forever. Very remarkable is this: that when making the joking remark that I would like to have my sister's picture, she must have been near me then and heard

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GENERAL SURVEY

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BEYOND THE STARS. CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

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love while they practice hatred and ostracism and denounce their neighbors with falsehood and malice. These are they who could not enjoy the heaven of their faith, if it were not in sight of the hell of their belief. These are they who believe that they are the elected resometimes wish that the orthodox

eaven was in reality so far beyond the stars that the spirits of its saintly, bloodthirsty throng might never again reach our earth, to poison the hopes of men with teachings of divine hatred and the horrors of a never-ending hell.

Conclusion.

turies past these cruel creeds should the government of mankind as to render

he gave immortality to man only in his hatred, to torture him forever? Is it A. W. Moore, a noted journalist, says: not passing strange that a loving Cre-"I was delighted beyond measure to ator should inspire men to write a book Thursday, Dec. 6; but the guides put Death, and Life in the Spirit-world. It not do to insure their final salvation, the day off to Dec. 13, and to Dec. 15. appears to be a remarkable volume, and and yet that those instructions Saturday, Dec. 15, between five and six one that will open the eyes of the world should be so ambiguous that those who pretation, and that because of this, in

their religious zeal. nations would make war upon each other until the earth was red with the blood of contending

armies? Is it not strange that the logic of the creeds of earth should so long have depended on arguments of bloody steel and instruments of torture, to es tablish the written truths of a loving God, while Science waged no war with her conflicting votaries, but appealed to reason alone to establish theories and demonstrations?

The Inquisition, with its racks and pincers, its wheels, fagots and stakes, its molten metal and burning irons is purely a theological institution, and belongs to the creedal warfare of the followers of the Nazarene, who said:

"Think not that I come to send peace on earth; I come not to send peace, but

And most truthfully has that terrible enunciation been fulfilled. Think of the logic of the atonement! A Savior of mankind came not to save, but to de-

the spirit artist appeared and showed us wisning a naru worker and solution waves on the Sea or Gamer, blank canvas, holding the same dium." close to our eyes, so that we could see Many have asked about the relation-that there was nothing on it yet. Then putting the canvas back on the chair again, the artist commenced his work at their information that W. H. Bach is the artist commenced his work at their information that W. H. Bach is the artist commenced his work at their information that W. H. Bach is the artist commenced his work at their information that W. H. Bach is the artist commenced his work at the artist commenced his w of his divine law.

RELIGION OF SPIRITUALISM.

cessful meetings as, in my opinion, were of the consistency of the art indeed a ever held in this state. We had be jewel." From all these creedal horrors come stale in our work, and needed help. of the past, with what pleasure do we We sent to Grand Rapids, Mich., and turn to the beautiful religion of Spirituengaged Mrs. J. Lindsey. The life she brought with her, and the soul-inspiring truths she gave forth would have to be witnessed to be appreciated. Those heavenly soul-strains of inspired music, learn all the secrets of Spirit-life and its heave more the store with the secret of the store with the store wi and song made every heart leap with home among the stars, yet if immortaljoy. Mrs. Lindsay should be kept at ity be given us we may safely trust our missionary work all the time." landscapes of earth, painted the forests Mrs. Mary A. Jeffery, the well-known

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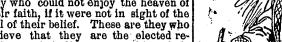
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Is it not strange that for long cen-

purchase The Encyclopædia of Death, and Life in the Spirit-World, and make brother, I am so glad to come to you to-night and send this message. I am so anxious to have my picture painted for of Death, and Life in the Spirit-World, Creator should so formulate his laws for book and a year's subscription to the paper only costs \$1.50. The book is only sold in connection with a yearly sub-

soription. Joseph Beals, so prominently known in connection with the Lake Pleasant Camp-meeting, says: "I have read The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life in the Spirit-world, with great interest, and feel that it is a book well calculated to

do missionary work. It ought to have a large circulation."

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And mingle their glories bright. We hear them call, and the soul replies, From the depths of the life below, And we strive on the wings of faith to

rise To the height of that radiant bow. Like the crystal ladder that Jacob saw, Is that heautiful vision given,

The weary pllgrims of earth to draw To the life of their native beaven. For 'tis better that souls should upward

And strive for the victor's crown Than to ask the angels their help to

lend, And come to man's weakness down. That rainbow bridge in the crystal

dome, O'er a swiftly flowing tide, Is the shining way to the spirit home

That lies on the other side To man is the tempest-cloud below, And the storm-wind's fatal breath.

But for those who cross o'er that shining bow There is no more pain nor death.

O, fair and bright does that archway stand,

Through the silent lapse of years, Fashioned and reared by no human hand,

From the sunshine of love and tears. weet spirits, our footsteps are nearing fast

The light of the shining shore; We shall cross that rainbow bridge at last.

And greet you in joy once more.

Passed to Spirit-Life.

Mrs. J. Wood Porter, a life-long Spiritualist, of Los Angeles, Cal., passed to Spirit-life December 25, 1894, at 12:15 p. m. The funeral was conducted by Dr. Ravlin, who read the poetical lines penned for the occasion by her surviving partner, under impression.

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body at Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 13, 1894, aged 73 years and 10 months. She was

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proper test conditions, and "spirit grab-bera" will be out of a job. J. G. SUTTON, M. D.

A Good Move.

A Nut for Dr. Peebles to Crack.

LET HIM USE HIS EPISCOPAL HAMMER ON IT.

F. T. Taylor, member of the Legislature and State Secretary of the American Protective Association, Washington, has prepared an anti-Catholic resolution which he will introduce at

the coming session of the Legislature, and which he says he believes will be passed and adopted by other legisla-tures. The resolution is as follows: "WHEREAS, There being a great agi-

tation throughout the United States on United States of America; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that Mgr. Satolli, the said ablegate or delegate of language and the religion of the country the Pope of Rome, is a menace to our it represents. Said the pope to his free institutions; therefore, be it Resolved, By the Washington Legisla-

ture, that our Senators be instructed and our Representatives in Congress be requested to have said representative of said ecclesiastical power removed be-yond the shores of the United States of America.

Will our literary friend; Peebles, try his hand at this nut?

DIVINE WRIGHT.

Mattie E. and Ben F. Hayden go to Crawfordsville, Ind., this week to labor in the cause of truth and reform.

A man from Salt Lake City sends \$1.50. but does not sign any nany. He says we knew him at one time.

Right away she replied on a slate, this: "Yes, Brother Mathias, I did come out and the picture is really of myself as I am in spirit." Anna.

I do not think I am a skeptic after this. Anybody who likes to see the picture may call on me.

MATH. DEMMER.

250 Belmont ave., Chicago.

Probably True.

The following quotation is from a The following quotation is from a evenings, are growing very interesting, fragment of newspaper, picked up in the My Egyptian guide, Flossie, joins me in streets, written by whom, when, or sending New Year's greeting to you and where published we have no means of all co-workers in our beautiful phil-

knowing; neither was there sufficient to osophy. indicate the general subject matter dis-

"The priest meets a demand of our present humanity, just as the salon-keeper does. They are both effects of the degeneracy of man, and not causes. If all the priests in existence were, with one accord, to proclaim that they had all along been deceiving their flocks for purposes of aggrandizement, their conregations would trample them under loot and replace them with others. And if all the saloons were closed and their keepers imprisoned and hanged, that proceeding would not have the slightest tendency to prevent people from drinking intoxicating beverages."

The Foreign Element in the Majority.

New York, with a population of 1,800, 000, numbers only 335,000 of American born. The Philadelphia "Ledger" says account of the establishing of an able- the Germans and Irish alone outnumber gate or delegate of an ecclesiastical the native born. There are 80,000 power within the boundaries of the Russians and 54,000 Italians. Most of this foreign element retains its foreign

> pontificial household on December 23; "The faith is reviving among nations who have come to recognize that civic virtues and laws are not sufficient to

> restrain the masses. It is, therefore, of great importance that all should work ogether for the purpose of making region a force in public as well as private life. It is the duty of rulers to lend their support to religious creeds." Once in power, "religious creeds" will be sure to perpetuate its rule.

Hell Gate was called by the Indians Monahtonuk, "Place of Bad Water,"

Green River, Ky., was named after prominence and expose the frauds to the Gen. Nathaniel Greene, of the Revolu- world, is the earnest wish of

my sister Anna mentally this: Dear Anna, tell me the truth, did you mater-ialize at Campbell's, and is it truly your picture, and did you give it to me the wav it is claimed? street, every Friday evening, at 8 P. M.

Sarah E. Bromwell writes: "The guides of the Spirit Endeavor Society have conducted meetings at my residence, No. 1 South Hoyne avenue, every Sunday evening for the past six months. The parlors have been crowded with intelligent people, who were anxious for tests and messages from their dear ones. I have given short lectures (at times

selected by the audience), closing with messages and psychometric readings. The dark circles, on Tuesday and Friday

HE WANTS HONESTY,

And Genuine Manifestations.

TO THE EDITOR:-In your issue of December 29th appears an article signed "A. Hatch," criticising Dr. Foreman for demanding test conditions of material-izing mediums. Mr. Hatch seems surprised that the doctor should make such a demand, at the same time stating that he has acted as manager for good and bad mediums. If Mr. Hatch was true to the cause he would expose the frauds, or, as he terms them, "bad," so that those who seek the truth may not meet tricksters, and thus convince them that

Spiritualism is a delusion. He further states that our observations should satisfy us, and not to endanger the mediums' life by grabbing them. I have never heard of a medium passing out under such conditions-they are never seriously hurt; but I have been

where they wanted to whip the man that grabbed them, and the medium who made the remark was Owen Stevens. It is my opinion that all who object to test conditions are frauds, and my advice is to treat them as such.

When Mr. Hatch takes a demand for test conditions as an insult, he uses very poor judgment, for the people have been deceived so much that they demand test conditions far and near, and no genuine, honest medium will object to this right I am a Spiritualist, and to me Spirit-ualism is a religion; its principles are

for the advancement of all who investigate its teachings. I agree with Dr. Foreman and all workers for the spreading of truth. Let us all be united in ridding our causes of frauds. To me it is the most unprincipled crime that can be committed to deceive any one regard-

ing their departed friends, and dear ones, and how often we have heard of and seen it practiced. Let us all do our might to bring the true advocates into

W. L. DUDLEY.

not those who have crossed the a brighter home beyond. Many people mystic river be permitted to return assembled to hear what a Spiritualist to comfort those they loved in minister had to say of life and death. life? The art of the world records the "The shadows we make here reach betruth of this fact in bronze and marble, while the pages of literature glow with

interestingly portrayed by eloquent insong and story in its verification. Nothing more beautiful has ever been visible preachers, through the medium-ship of Mrs. W. S. Cowell, of East Oakwritten than the tradition of the ancient Norsemen, by the celebrated medium,

THE RAIN BOW BRIDGE. Twas a faith that was held by the

Northmen bold, In ages long, long ago, That the river of death, so dark and

cold. Was spanned by a radiant bow; A rainbow bridge to the blest abode Of the strong Gods-free from ill, When the beautiful Urda fountain

flowed, Near the ash tree Igdrasil.

They held that when, in life's weary march,

They should come to that river wide, They would set their feet on the shining arch.

And would pass to the other side. and they said that the gods and the heroes crossed That bridge from the world of light,

Fo strengthen the soul when its hope seemed lost, In the conflict for the right.

O beautiful faith of the grand old past So simple, yet so sublime, A light from that rainbow bridge is

cast Far down o'er the tide of time.

We raise our eyes and we see above The souls in their homeward march They wave their hands and they smile in love

From the height of the rainbow arch. We know they will drink from the fountain pure

That springs from the tree of life, We know that their spirits will rest se cure

From the tempests of human strife; So we fold our hands, and we close our

And we strive to forget our pain, Lest the weak and the selfish wish should rise,

To ask for them back again.

The swelling tide of our grief we stay, While our warm hearts fondly yearn And we ask if over that shining way They shall never more return.

O, we oft forget that our lonely hours Are known to the souls we love, And they strew the path of our life with

flowers From that rainbow arch above.

We hear them call, and their voices

sweet Float down from that bridge of light,

yond the grave," was the subject most

land. Cal. On the 17th day of December, 1894, from St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Hester Algea Pears passed on to that better land, from consumption, leaving a husband

two sons and a daughter, one brothe and four sisters, and many warm friends to mourn her absence. Shall I say mourn, when it should be: Rejoice that her freed spirit has no longer to contend with that dread disease, consump-tion, but, released from physical suffering, she will now be able to wear the garments of the spirit most royally. She was so patient and hopeful to the

last, wishing she might live with her family longer, but ready to go, and when the angel of release came, her wide open eyes smiled a welcome, and quietly they parted the curtains and bade her enter into the home she her-

self had helped prepare by her good works and loving, gentle deeds. Her unselfish life made her a great favorite. M. A. REED.

Dr. George S. Bronson, of St. Albans. Vermont, was suddenly taken from earth-life at his home, Dec. 20. He was BY MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE. 59 years old. He leaves a wife and five children. Dr. Bronson was a Spiritualist, and a worker. His wonderful gift THE AMOUNT OF VALUABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF VALUABLE IN-formation succinctly and clearly stated in this volume of 551 pages is amazing. The title, as above given, fails to convey an idea of the funces and com-pletoness with which the subjects are treated. The Matriarchate, or Mother-rule, is the theme of the frast chapter, in which much lore, quant, queer and curi-ous, is brought to view in elucidation of the subject. This is followed by chapters on Cellbery. Canon Law, Marquette, Witcheraft, Wives, Polygamy, Woman and Work, The Church of Today. Past, Present, Futner; and there is not a chapter in the book that is not hardued in a masterly manner, and that for quantity and quality of information, is not worth the full price of the volume. It is packed with knowledge well-stranged, and intensely interesting from beginning to end. No one can possibly regret buying it; it is a val-uable addition to the library of any free and truth-lor-ing mind. of magnetic healing had brought him into a large field of labor. His thousands of friends deeply regret that he was taken from his work in the fullness of

his power when he was so much needed. Many grateful hearts pour out a blessing to this grand man as he passes to he joys of the higher life. O. H.

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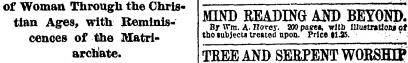
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GENERAL SURVEY. The Spiritualistic Field-Its Workers, Doings, Etc.

Bear in mind, please, that we cannot us a brief item, please. A great deal tradition to this asserted evolution can be expressed in a dozen lines; but of the soul, the speaker claimed that the

Matthew Palmer, living on a farm

wonderful manifestations produced by some of these mediums that I positively some of these mediums that I positively know are the rankest kind of frauds. Our papers should not publish such stuff.' Now the fact is, such persons do not stop to think that the fault is not

Towns adjoining St. Louis, wishing to start Spiritualistic services, and who cannot at present pay for lecturer, can ave services of inspirational speaker and psychometric reader, free, by ad-dressing sealed letters to Mrs. F. Cluett, No. 224 Walnut st., St. Louis, Mo. A subscriber writes: "I want to pro-

test against some of the high-sounding phrases applied to some speakers and mediums. I have heard some who have been praised 'to' the skies,' and they were commouplace indeed, and a great disappointment to me. Contributors should be more 'temperate' in their remarks."

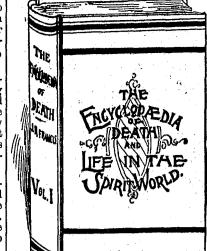
R. K. Robertson writes of the unification of humanity, through natural methods, through the practice of the golden rule or natural law and order. Order is the law, and the golden rule the plank on which the builders stand to accomplish the work.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat, of December 24, gives a half-column notice of one of Frank T. Ripley's public meet-

ings in that city. His subject was: "Reincarnation; Its Facts and Its Falla-The speaker elucidated the cies." principles of the Spiritualistic faith as ualist will want the various volumes of agnosis was correct. Her next perform- your new departure, and wish you the in comparison with the contradictory this Encyclopædia. Your library will ance was to turn her voice to the audi- success you so much deserve. I hope

in comparison with the contradictory arguments set forth by the writings and teachings of reincarnationists, or theosophists. He maintained that, according to the belief of the latter sect, the soul,

with the papers; the papers cannot be sent in by over-credulous Spiritualists house, and last Sunday night four Spir-local organization of fifty members, and measures. The trouble is, there are too many in our ranks who take everything for granted as genuine that comes through these pretended mediums, and do not take the trouble to investigate their moral character and mediumship. What every Spiritualist should do, ac- such names. He was very unreasonable On Sunday, December 30, Brother Col- family, is untrue to the world and is an nomena are genuine, and, if not, to drop some who were present will send you a tests. Brother Colburn was at his best, them immediately, and report the same. detailed account of it. Mr. Seaman and gave a discourse that was very im-The greatest drawback the cause has is says he would not have missed the treat pressive, and full of congratulative Cal.: return to strangers instead of their own masterly manner by Mr. Howell: 'The of the great truth of immortality. return to strangers instead of their own relatives or friends; also 'To what ex-tent can spirit power be used for heal-ing?! The subjects were given by the audience. She also gave some very ex-cellent tests. Belvidere has but few Spiritualists, but those few are holding private seances and endeavoring to do what they can to develop workers for the cause. With a few lectures like that ton of our new speaker. The construc-tion of our new speaker. The construc-spiritualist, and saw some good manifestations. The seances are held under strict test congiven by Mrs. Jeffrey, and some develop-ing circles started, as we intend doing there is no reason why Belvidere should differ with we in contribution of the province of the second and ments of our movement, which recogplaced on the table beside the type-



Anyone who sends us four trial sub sent to him for 50 cents. Every Spirit-

not be complete without it. That veteran worker, Moses Hull, says "I am interested in the future volumes in passing from the physical body, would of The Encyclopedia of Death, and Life at once begin a course of retrogression, in the Spirit-world. To-day I picked up returning by regular process into some your book again; positively I do not lesser and more despised earthly physical know how to lay it down. There is so existence, only to repeat this form of re- much in it I have wanted for years, I

Bear in mind, please, that we cannot publish weekly reports of meetings. Whenever a change is made in speak-ers, or anything of special interest, send Us a brief item please. A graat deal brown in the base was about 35 years old, very vigorous, and strong, and not afraid of anything.' 'Madam, that is correct,' said the little man loftily, with a most ind. Mr. Barnes' seances seem to be long reports will not be used. Meetings are of local interest only. We extend a cordial invitation to all speakers to send the body in death—which is termed

Matthew Palmer, living on a farm about two miles from Millington, Mich., cut his wife's throat and then his own sometime between 7 and 9 o'clock Dec. 28. Palmer was fifty-five years of age, inc. Disconting the source of the so

Dr. S. N. Gould writes: "Much interest in Splritualism has been created

Dr. A. W. S. Rothermel, the medium for physical manifestations and materl-alizations, is still at 101 Bolivar street, mas festivities at the residence of Mrs. alizations, is still at 101 Bolivar street, mas festivities at the residence of Mrs. Cleveland, Ohio, holding successful L. Page, 6220, Greenwood avenue, Chi-seances, where he can be addressed. cago, the afternoon and evening of De-We understand he contemplates a trip comper 25th. Mrs. Page had thrown to New York soon, for a short visit, and open her residence to the children, their would like to stop at various points on parents and friends. The children were the line of the Lake Shore R. R., and met at Thirty-first street and Cottage

scribers can have the Encyclopædia of tailed her characteristics without, as for all Death, and Life in the Spirit-World, she announced, touching her with her Dr. J she announced, 'touching her with her Dr. J. C. Phillips writes from Freder-hands.' The lady admitted that her di-icksburg, Iowa: "Am pleased to note

his feet and sang out: 'Have you heard resting, but I am now ready for work this voice before?' The audience tit-tered, but Mrs. Glading stuck to her success, and doing good work in this text and proceeded to describe the man. State this winter. We expect him here

gallant bow. Mrs. Glading then looked giving excellent satisfaction. The fifth meeting of the Saginaw intently at a man wearing glasses and In their appointments to lecture, and "simply a boon to overburdened human-ity and a sweet transition or birth into by at least 40.000 We go to proceed on the life beyond" only the life beyond" only the life beyond. We can be used the life beyond to be the life b general movements, which will be read by at least 40,000. We go to press early Monday morning, and items must reach us as early as Friday or Saturday in order to have immediate insertion. Matthew Palmer, living on a farm tion of Spiritual Truth," led by Giles B. the lady had nursed a person who had

Lad seven children, owned two small farms and was generally prosperous. In commenting on the above a subscriber writes: "Mr. Palmer was a member of that in his character which deepens and the M. E. church. There seemed to strengthens our respect as acquaintance the M. E. church. There seemed to the ministrations of the ministrations of the M. E. church. There seemed to the ministrations of the ministrations of the M. E. church. There seemed to the ministrations of the ministrations of the ministration our respect as acquaintance the ministrations of the ministration our respect as acquaintance tests; music, closing exercises. Sunday, an Association we are not one year old the ministration our respect as acquaintance tests; music, closing exercises. Sunday, an Association we are not one year old the ministration our respect as acquaintance tests; music, closing exercises. Sunday, an Association we are not one year old the ministration our respect as acquaintance tests; music, closing exercises. Sunday, an Association we are not one year old are account the ministration our respect as acquaintance tests; music, closing exercises. Sunday, an Association we are not one year old are account the ministration our completer which deepens and the time of the ministration our completer when the ministration our completer whence the ministration oure our co exist a secret between them, which he was afraid she would revcal, as she is able lectures 10:30 A. M., music; annual address of the to day. We have one hundred and more effective. He passes readily, in president, D. P. Dewey, Grand Blanc; thirty active members, and a small threatened to do at times when discuss- each address, psychometric readings address by Mrs. Martha E. Root, Bay amount of money to our credit, and we W. I threatened to do at times when discuss-ing little differences. The deed was done with a pocket-knife she had pur-chased for one of her boys, costing 25 cents. He thought it too good for the boy and bought another for 15 cents and exchanged with the boy." When discusses by Mrs. Martha E. Koot, Bay amount of money to our credit, and we re certainly enjoying most hopeful an-ticipations for the success of the control. His are excel-boy and bought another for 15 cents and exchanged with the boy." When discusses, psychometric readings address by Mrs. Martha E. Koot, Bay are certainly enjoying most hopeful an-ticipations for the success of the control. His are excel-boy and bought another for 15 cents and exchanged with the boy." When discusses by the control of the control of the success of the control of the control of the control of the spirit return that are very the control of the spirit return that are very convicing. Few men have so graceful the discusses of the control of the spirit communications, that many de-control of the spirit return that are very convicing. Few men have so graceful the discusses of the control of the spirit return that are very convicing. Few men have so graceful the discusses of the control of the spirit return that are very convicing. Few men have so graceful the discusses of the control of the spirit return that the top the character requires the the top the character return that the top the character return that the top the character return that the top the character return the top the character return that the top the character the top the cha exchanged with the boy." R. M. Williams writes as follows of "Unjust Criticism:" "The remark is often heard in regard to our spiritual-istic papers: 'I throw down the paper in disgust on reading the accounts of the some of these mediums that I positively some of these mediums that I positively account of the Baptist pred Schermerhorn, and probably oth-ers; recitations by Mrs. Ferris, Bay City; amanner before an audience, and in ers; recitations by Mrs. Ferris, Bay City; oth matter and diction Mr. Beals' lec-truth of spiritualism, and we hope to awaken an increased interest in the cause of the best speakers on the spiritual phil-of the Michigan State Association, will sneak here during January except the sneak here during house was the order for December truth." 30th. Mr. Wiggin's efforts here, we M. C.

speaks for us again next Thursday evening, and we have, engaged him for the interest in the cause." month of January, 1896. The next two Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sundays, J. Frank Baxter is to be our speaker.

sent in by over-credulous Spiritualists who get carried away by these fake itualists had a very satisfactory inter-mediums. The trouble is, there are too many in our ranks who take everything in get a to be a genuine naunted itualists had a very satisfactory inter-ing sub a commution for the spirit who has been mak-ing sub a commution for the latter ing sub a c concluded her engagement with the Society for Psychical Research, Alleg-hany, Pa., last evening, with an audience which for intelligence and number has no parallel in this section of the country. cording to my idea, would be to first accertain the moral standing of all me-by simple test conditions, that the phe-by simple test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by simple test conditions, that the phe-by simple test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by simple test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by simple test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by simple test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by simple test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by simple test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by simple test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by simple test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test conditions are avery appropriate poem, and gave by the test point are avery appropriate poem. A compared test are avery appropriate poem. To say that the lady has done an imwith a handsome adjustable reclining A Compendium of Spiritual Laws. Otto Pfister writes from Cleveland, O.: "The People's Spiritual Alliance, of this city, Mrs. H. Lake pastor, has removed Carnegie hall, in which she lectured, Otto Pfister writes from Cleveland, O.: this class of fakes, who travel over the for \$100. I hope that every Spiritualist kindness and encouragement to do good from Army and Navy Hall, to Memorial was crowded to overflow every Sunday was crowded to overflow every Sunday had several cases in Nashville. Purify efforts for the elevation of the race." vill do his best to aid you in your noble work in their new temple for our glorious for the elevation of the race." B. T. Small writes from San Francisco, diligently to build the temple. Mr. Cal.: "About the 25th of October, Colburn has been with this people never has before. All societies should Call: About the 25th of October, Colburn has been with this people tor in the radical reform work to which the most hopeful anticipations have been the most been shown up in the instance of the most hopeful anticipations have been shown up in the failted. Mr. Howell has the faculty of made many converts, and strengthened the most hopeful anticipation is the faculty of the faculty of the most hopeful anticipation is the faculty of the faculty of the most hopeful anticipation is the faculty of the facult their true light, as every honest Spiritu-alist knows full well the detriment it works to the cause. Morality first, true mediumship next, now and fortrue mediumship next, now and for-ever " "Mr. Harmount writes from Belvidere, "Ill.: "We have had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. M. A. Jeffrey, of Chicago, who entertained her hearers with a lec-ture entitled, 'Why do our spirit friends by Mr Howelly. The action of the new temple in convincing all of in Spiritualism is necessary to feed many argue the point with the good man, to do under the circumstances was not to who are hungering for the higher life. trusting that the seed implanted will Mrs. Lake has done noble service in eventually bring fruit, if not interfered this city for nearly two years, each dis- with by antagonistic conditions. On course drawing us nearer to her. That the evening of her departure, the lady of December 23d, upon "The Life and takes with her our best wishes, and may our sympathies reach her in the new fields where her influence can be felt Purposes of the Man, Jesus," was a most thrilling and remarkable address." Miss Abby Judson will be in Lynn, for the good among the masses as it did in our city." Mass., during January. Edmund Pickup writes from Lowell. Jennie B. Hagan finished the year's ing circles started, as we intend doing the work and reverent spirit in which ditions, in the light. The type-writer the circles started, as we intend doing the criticises the beliefs of those who is a regularly manufactured machine. It is placed in the cabinet; the medium and the work with a very successful engagement differ with us in opinion tend rather to win respect than to create enmity, and two others, taken from the circle, sit in the control of meeting at the spiritualistic of the spiritualis ter. We have in our circle at present two 'seers,' five test mediums, four 'prophets,' many speakers and writers, 'many speakers and writers, 'built with us in opinion tend rather to the spirit of reconciliation which he manifests is doing much to unite all ele-it. The paper used is in pad form, and there. On the evening of December 29, grand in the way of lectures from his writer. The spirit operator, when a message is completed, hands it out of the cabinet, and takes another sheet of paper from the pad and puts it in the machine and cons on with another mess Rapids. She is ready to make camp- wonderful phenomena of mediumship, machine and goes on with another messmeeting engagements. April and May he being a quiet, unassuming gentleman, open for engagements. Address her at giving no evidence while in the normal Exposure 399 S. Lafayette street, Grand Rapids, Mich. Mrs. M. Theress Allen writes: "Thave by Mich. Mrs. M. Theress Allen writes: "I have mous in their feelings that his not in the same state, are in-just closed a pleasant and successful ended revelations direct from the world Spiritualists here re-engaged Dr. Willis Just closed a provide spiritual society of spirits. The gagement with the Spiritual society and the public in general are at Sioux City, Iowa, and am on my way society and the public in general are at Sioux City, Iowa, and am on my way be been been at society and the services. 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E. W. Sprague is at present lecturing 11, to his usual test scance. Usual fee,

W.S. Hanson writes. "The children

N.Y. C. R. R. A Pittsburg (Pa.) paper contains the following in regard to Mrs. Glading, a most estimable lady and excellent me-to which ample justice was done; fully dium: "After the choir sang again she asked the audience to endeavor to put itself in sympathy with her, and to send tor dinner, a curtain that had hid the her a wave of love. She could then back parlor from view, was drawn; exher a wave of love. She could then back parlor from view, was drawn, ex-iread' what she wanted to. She se-cured two gloves, one each from a lady and gentleman. These gloves were to put her in 'touch' with their owners. The gifts were distributed by Miss Ger-She described their characteristics in detail, saying nothing, however, that was not rather pleasant, and her sub-icats argued the she wall be rail or a jects agreed that she had hit the nail on accorded Mrs. Page and the ladies of the the head. A stout, dark woman went on Progressive Society for their unselfish the platform, and Mrs. Glading de-devotion in making everything pleasant tailed her characteristics without for all

ence and ask some one in the gallery to say something in a clear, distinct tone, your subscription list, and if the Spirit-and she would tell him or her what kind ualists had one-half the zeal our dead of a person he or she was. A little man, orthodox friends have we could march with black hair and beard, jumped to on to victory very easily. I have been

Listener writes from Ludington, Mich.: 'I am a listener at the Science Temple,

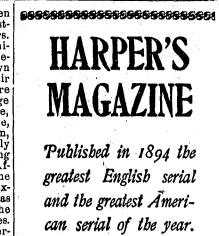
ship of Madam Parcells-Dunn. Although she is a new speaker she is a host. The society has a state charter and thirty charter members. It is just what the city wants. It is churched to death. I hope our medium will stay with us for she is doing a good work. Mr. Dunn is a good test medium."

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W. Mackenzie writes: "Mrs. Hamil-

feel, have, and will result in good, He at Huntington, W. Va., four nights this week, and we are in hopes to arouse an

> Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Perkins, lecturers and platform test mediums, are now in Washington, D. C. They can be



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"Truth Seeker:" Q. According to geology, how long has man been on the earth

A. Aside from the volume of facts recording man's existence ages before historic time, as furnished by the cavedeposits, gravel-beds, and investiga-tions in the valley of the Nile, which, by calculation based on the annual increment from the mud deposited by the river, places the remains of man; found at the depth of seventy-two feet, by Linaur Bay, at nearly fifty thousand years, there are facts which immeasurably remove his advent past tens and hun-dreds of thousands of years.

When the fossil remains of man were found mingled with the bones of the mastodon and other extinct animals, it opened the eyes of the scientist to a vastly remote past, yet only reaching the closing centuries of the Drift or Ice Age. The opening of a cave in the Alps twenty-five hundred feet above the level of the sea, filled with deposit of the Drift, and the finding beneath that de-posit the remains of man, necessitated the removal of his advent, at least to the age before that period, or the later Tertiary. He must even then have who could stutter in the dialects of Ho-Tertiary. He must even then have been on the earth long enough to be-come far removed from his most savage estate. When all the northern hemisphere was covered, down to the 38 degrees of latitude, and beyond in places, man could not have existed, except at the Equator. He must have, therefore been introduced before that age, and extended into Europe when a tropical climate prevailed.

The entire drift, or Pleistocene Period is placed between the present and the advent of man. The duration of that period cannot be measured by years; an idea, however, can be/ obtained by comparing with other periods. After care-ful inspection of the Weald of England, Darwin estimates the time required to effect its observed degradation at 300, and every word you can say of the Chris-662,400 years. The degradation effected tian scheme of salvation you must say in the face of salvation you must say by the drift was equally great. There was time enough to cover the Northern hemisphere with an icy sea, covered with icebergs, and wrap the land with glacters thousands of feet in thickness, and this by the slow sinking of temperature, perhaps so slow that it would not and the melting away of the ice by a process equally slow. Since the Drift, Niggara has out its channel and the biggara has out its channel and the nonest, manly thinker will care to take the place, Niggara has control to a degree in a thousand years, faith, and forms of worship, his office is an anachronism, and no strong and biggara has out its channel and the the place, Niggara has control to a degree in a thousand years, nonest, manly thinker will care to take the place, So man from such low, humble place, Delta of the Mississippi been found. Jyell, the noted and conservative Eng-Ash geologist, estimated the age of the Della of the Mississippi at 1,000,000 years; but he makes little allowance for fine sediment which is more than one-

carried out to sea. As he bases his cal-culations on this, the estimate of time best possible for the clearest and most And equal rights to her concedes, and out to sea. As he bases his cal-best possible for the clearest and most And equal rights to her concedes, should be nearly doubled. To this must be added the age of the requires cultivation to realize its prom-

buffs, also of fluvatile deposits, in many ise. Its phase is determined, by the or-places 250 feet in height, and probably ganization of the individual, and can twice the thickness of the present delta. only be known by trial. The earnest We can thus go on making estimates, all desire for the truth will lead no one reaching into incomprehensible past time, but we can only approximate by the millions of years, and as yet must the support of content ourselves with the su

whoever may claim to impart it. If by invisibility, ur rather, intangibility, we cannot try the spirits with such definite results as would please us, we can try their communications, and if we do this with impartial judgment, all detrimental influences are overcome.

It is to be feared that we too often "try the spirits" with our own conduct and the state of mind with which we approach them. Before we accuse them of deception, and frivolous communications, let us make sure we have no selfish desires to use the knowledge they may give us for personal aggrandize-

If we want epirituality, we must com-mand it in ourselves; if we want pure and wise spirits to commune with us, we must be pure and wise as we would have them.

"C.:" Q. I am attending a "Divinity School," and have just reached the point in the course where we take up the study of the Greek Language. The ob-ject is, I suppose, to read the original manuscript aright. To me this seems superfluous, inasmuch as the revised translation is as near true as I should be able to make in my three years, course here. Would it not be better to devote the time to practical knowledge of the world of science and art, and dompara-

tive religion?"

A. The "concensus of the competent" have decided against the waste of time in the study of the dead languages, and in favor of the practical knowledge of title. It is indeed a grand and unique collection of much that is known of the the sciences. The college course was instituted when the languages and math-ematics were about all there was to there await us) and the relations of this present existence to that which is to study, and with characteristic conservacome.' tism, when the study of nature enlarged, and furnished fields for investigation, the old rubbish was retained, and the hon-THE COMING MAN-THE COMING

mer and Virgil. If the questioner is taking a theolog-ical course, it will be obligatory to learn Let's try to read the coming man, Unveil his future, if we can, the languages in which the Bible was And for a moment try to scan written. Three years in the theolog-ical course means that the student A picture of the perfect plan; usually emerges without the least For in the Bible we are told. knowledge of practical life, or present issues; with mind loaded with the rub-bish of the dead past. With Spiritual-ists for parents and from inquiring minds But ares since that time have passe But ages since that time have passed. that already begin to question the wisdom of your studies, it is not possible you are intending to take the theolog-ical course. If, however, you have such

Making such changes, great and vast, That, judging from the mass of men, We scarce believe what was told then, And think it easier to receive intention, you will find Greek the least What many people now believe: obstacle in your way. You will find your honest convictions opposing you, and every word you can say of the Chris-That our grandfathers were monkeymen, And have progressed somewhat, since

then. in the face of science. Jehovah, of the Bible, is as dead ag And this to me's the hopeful thought;

Jupiter or Thor. Man never fell, beins | For I since ohildhood have been taught a creature of progress, and hence is not "lost from God," and needs no redeemer except knowledge. The gospel minister may become a With progress and hence is not a creature of progress, until A wondrous place in life he'd fill. As sculptor's hand, from marble blo With putient labor doth unlock As sculptor's hand, from marble block

With patient labor doth unlock teacher, but as a soul-saver by creeds, Has nobly started on the race, the place. Which shall at last his nature land

M. Y. T., Arkadelphia, Ark.: Q. On lofty montal heights, and grand. Does an earnest, growing desire for the true. the good, and the beautiful in all On rock of truth he stands secure; things, united with a desire to impart Justice he wields with steady hands, half of that brought down by the river, such truths to others, presuppose latent And thus meets all that right demands and not precipitated on the delta, but mediumship, and of what phase? With tender heart and conscience clear With tender heart and conscience clear A. Such a condition of mind is the He clasps hands with the wife so dear,

desirable form of mediumship, and only And yields them both in words and

And children few are born to him, Of stature grand and sturdy limb, With health endowed, and mental worth-A coming blessing to the earth.

deeds.

No thought of scorn with him finds place

On lofty mental heights, and grand.

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GOOD WORKS.

Letter from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

TO THE EDITOR .-- We, as carnest

TRICKERY OUT OF QUESTION.

Yet the Ignorant Woman Lifted the Table-A Puzzle to Scientists.

workers, are desirous of letting it be known through the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER that we no Prof. Oliver J. Lodge is unquestionably one of the very foremost men in the ranks of physical science. His original longer sail under cover of darkness, but researches have been of inestimable value in the additions which they have made to the sum of human knowledge. the banner of spiritual illumination. The society of Spiritualists of our city under the caption of The Occult Science Therefore, when such a man-trained to Society is in a state of rapid progression. weigh every item in a subject of study with the utmost care, to scrutinize every Our efforts to spread the truth are appreciated by the large number in attenddetail, to verify every result, and to take nothing for granted-becomes responsiance at our society hall each Sunday evening. Mr. Rockwell. a test medium, ble for a report like that which he has is in our city for a few weeks, and is just made, as the result of his investiga-tion of some remarkable physical phegiving satisfactory tests after each meet-ing. We, at present, depend upon local ing. We, at present, depend upon local talent for inspired truth, but having an nomena connected with an ignorant Italian peasant woman, it becomes a matter of profound significance, says the Boston Journal. "The investigation took place on an island in the Mediterabundance of it equal to the occasion in the society we never fail to make it in-teresting and instructive for those present. We have a most interesting accessory to the society, called "The Ladies" Club," with weekly Wednesday afterranean, in the presence of Prof. Richet, the French psychologist, and other sci-entists, under conditions which Prof. Lodge states absolutely precluded all possibility of collusion or fraud of any is in part as follows: A question profkind; tests were made with scientific apfered by some member is announced by the president, and each member is exparatus, including a dynamometer, and a table was lifted by some unaccountable pected to express her views either in writing or verbally, at the following of an extraordinary character. force, which was thereby proved to be novelist, says of The Encyclopedia of meeting. Our subjects pertain to spir-Death, and Life in the Spirit-world; itual things, such as, "In What way can "Here is a book that responds to its we best Advance Spiritualism." "What

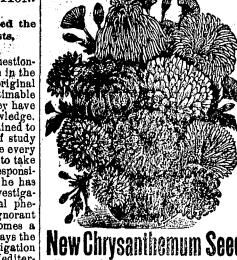
"While hundreds of witnesses have testified to the phenomena of this sort, scientists, as a body, have always avoided such subjects. The fallibility of human title. It is indeed a grand and unique is Mediumship." "What has Spiritual-collection of much that is known of the ism Done for me?" "What Proof have invisible world (the realities of which of a Future life?" "How can we best Detestimony is so great that no weight has been attached to evidence of this kind. velop Mediumship?" etc. We, at times, Not only have scientists, as a class, ab-solutely refused until now to investigate hold experience meetings, each one giving some interesting account of tests the phenomena called spiritistic, or to received or communications given. While these things may seem small in consider the remotest possibility of its occurrence, but the very few who have and of themselves, we have done a world ventured to make themselves exceptions of good among those thirsting for the waters of spiritual life, and hungering after the "manner of the gods." We have just organized a "Mission, or Band to the rule, like Wallace, Crookes and Zollner, have thereby materially impaired their standing among their fellows.

of Harmony" in connection with the Club meetings, at which time those in-terested in the development of their "Prof. Lodge's report now places the subject upon a different basis. It would be difficult to impeach the evidence of a own mediumship can be instructed how man like him, re-enforced as it is by the to cultivate their mediumistic powers to the best advantage. We hold that testimony of other scientists of high reall persons are mediums, and feel that great good can be accomplished by this regarded in the light of a concession great good can be accomplished by this to the claims of modern Spiritualism.

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as members who take it upon themselves to instruct those less fortunate than as mysterious two centuries ago as this they. We all anxiously await the com-ing Wednesday meeting with joyful an-ticipations, where so much good is acstrange force is to-day, and savages regard the operations of steam engines as caused by supernatural powers. In the changed attitude which science now apcomplished by the overflowing of the soul. Many are brought to tears, and others to joyful greeting with long ab-sent friends, through the clairvoyant pears to be taking, the existence of a force hitherto unknown is acknowledged as demonstrated. It has thus become and clairaudient powers of the ministerthe proper function of science to ascering angels in physical form. Excellent advice is given by the guides, and we feel that our mission is a good one, tain, if possible, its source, its laws, and the conditions under which it operates, just as the facts concerning electricity many minds being awakened that have have been made clear." long lain dormant. Contentment of mind, peace of soul, and earnest desires To a scientist, or other person, afflicted

with a "holy horror" of Spiritualism, hardly any form or degree of evidence can be regarded as "a concession to the for the good of others, is the continued As a club, we desire to be one with all claims of modern Spiritualism." It is quite true that the fact that the source ELLA F. HARRIS. of a force is unknown, constitutes no reason for ascribing it to the work of spirits; but when the manifestations of the "force" demonstrates that the "force" possesses intelligence, and that Hotel Downey, Lansing, Mich., Dec. 28.
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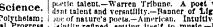
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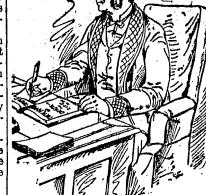
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more definite. Admitting that the cold A. Truly, we think our correspondent for by the oscillation of the earth's axis, which has a period of about three mill- diluvians, but as he appears deeply inions of years, the effect of this is to terested in the death of the oldest of On which is built the coming man. lengthen the winter for a part of this mankind, who was cut off in the flower period, and the summer for the other. of his youth, in his nine hundred and Now, it is argued that, although the an-sixty-ninth year, perhaps others may nual change was very slight, yet con-also be attracted to the subject. All stantly accumulating, the ice formed in that the Bible says of him is contained the North, every year being less melted, | in five verses, and we are told that after would encroach, until it reached far the birth of his son Lamech, the father into the south, and on the swinging of Noah, he lived seven hundred and But man from this did take his cue back of the poles, the lengthening sum-mer would melt as slowly the ice-moun-hundred and eighty-two years old at the With heel on her he could not rise, tains. If this theory be accepted, it birth of Noah, and hence Methuselah And crushed by him her hope be places the whole period of the winter's lived just six hundred years after the And old St. Paul, the bachetor, reign, calculated at 200,000 years, be- birth of Noah, and as Noah was six tween the present and the maximum of hundred years old at the time of the But bade her silence always keep, flood, Methuselah must have perished And from the man her wiskom rea the cold period.

To these dates, that of Adam is of yesin the great deluge! No wonder the terday. The Biblical cosmology is the Bible is silent as to his death, as such fancy of children. To claim it as God- an instance of filial ingratitude is not in inspired is to claim that he is ignorant accord with justice and humanity. Poor Methuselah may be pictured as standing at the door of the Ark, the rain beginof his own works.

F. E. H., Mobile: Q. We often hear it said: "Try the spirits;" but no rule is given whereby to try them, and as many spirits are lying spirits. others may be spirits are lying spirits, others may be heartless cruelty is glossed over in the good, yet their replies come from knowl-Sacred Book by silence, as though it edge and prejudice acquired in earth- was the most common affair! One would life. and from accidents thrown around be almost persuaded that Noah had inthem in Spirit-life, so we may be led astray by both good and bad spirits. By what rule shall we try the spirits? veigled his grandfather to take a big block of stock in the Ark, and then watered his own till he drowned the A. The same methods and rules ap-

confiding youth out of his speculation. However that may be, it is apparent ply to spirit communications that do to are constantly obliged to exercise our made the life of Methuselah reach just reason and best judgment, and even down to the deluge. Had the flood been then often are deceived. We have to put off a thousand years or so ha would those from the sphere around us. We that the Bible writer, for some reason, then often are deceived. We have to put off a thousand years or so, he would Will crown with peace the true man' contend with the same obstacles in our have been made to live that much days; daily intercourse with those around us longer. The people of the world had that we do in receiving messages from the departed. There is one important factor met in our intercourse with the probably thoroughly deserved the fact latter, however, their invisibility, which that cut short the crop of wild oats he is really the great difficulty to overcome. had been some centuries sowing. They stand behind the veil and are re-

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clear; For, ah! I see this beauteous plan

THE COMING WOMAN.

The coming woman's always next-For so it was in Bible text; The man's turn first—and from his rib A woman made. Oh, what a fib! And crushed by him her hope but dies. He never knew the worth of her.

And from the man her wisdom reap. And I believe that, in this case, When Darwin's story took the place Of that old tale, a good was wrought, And woman's wrongs came into thought.

Though trod upon she still would

And strength through struggling she gain,

And thoughts all bright came from her brain,

As oft, above her haughty lord, She rose in thought and rose in word. In fewer words the story's told, Of coming woman; for, I hold, The coming woman-coming man Are both built on the same high plan. And woman's sweet and helpful ways

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On account of poor health and absence the camp-meeting as usual. Mr. I. D. Richmond was instructed to call a meeting of the new board as soon as possible; the first week in January, perhaps. May success attend their efforts. May harmony prevail, and may the wishes of James H. Haslett succeed, with help every other imaginable hypothesis is from the Angel-world.

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Will Stick to the Lodges.

A prominent Knight of Pythias of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who is also a Catholic in good standing, when asked about the papal edict as to Odd-Fellows, Knights of Pythias and other secret societies, said that he had seen a number of his Catholic friends who belong to the Knights of Pythias and Odd-Fellows, and they had decided, with all due deference to the church, to stay with the church in America should be run. and 7:45 P. M. He avers that he and his friends are The Progress edict will not be passed. Referring to Services at 3:00 and 7:30 P.M. about time that human beings stop apologizing for the Romish church, when Datholics themselves are beginning to first street. 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. kick against the edicts of the Pope? How is it, Brother Peebles? Give us another "apology"-will you?

ANTI-ORTHODOX. A REVERIE.

gaze on the dark blue sky So thickly sown with stars,

And wonder where shall my freed soul roam When it bursts it's prison bars. When it leaves its empty shell, And on wings of the ambient air

t soars aloft to its native sphere, To greet its soul-mate there.

Away from the cares of life, The weary battle for bread, Where the fair ideals of my soul Lie unfulfilled and dead.

Where Mammon's grasping strife Works miseries untold, And the love that would brighten life Is bartered for sordid gold

But borne on the wings of the air, A voice floats softly down: "To those who shall bravely overcome Is given to wear life's crown.' MRS. A. SAYLOR.

intelligence; electricity, of itself, never

of some one, known or unknown, why should we not acknowledge that a spirit. abroad, Mrs. Haslett declined to serve embodied, has used this means to comon the board, but said she would attend municate with us? And when the message comes in such a way that it proves it must have emanated from some intelligent source not in the mortal form, and claiming to be a spirit, why not accept it as such? Is it scientific to believe or hold that it is something else, until

> demonstrated to be false, and moreuntil some unknown, undefined and impossible-to-be-ignored demonstration that spirits—and spirits only—are the source controlling the force? Scientific science is very good; but there may be instances in which the science of plain common sense is wiser and truer to truth. JAS. C. UNDERHILL.

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The Progressive Society, 3120 Forest

the number of Catholics who belong to First Society of Spiritual Unity, Cus-secret societies, he said that at the State ter Post Hall, 85 South Sangamon meeting of Hibernians at Keokuk, fully street. Services at 10:30 A. M., 2:30 and half who were present belonged to the Knights of Pythias. Now, is it not P. M.

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Spiritual Union, Nathan Hall, 1565 Milwaukee avenue. 7:30 P. M.

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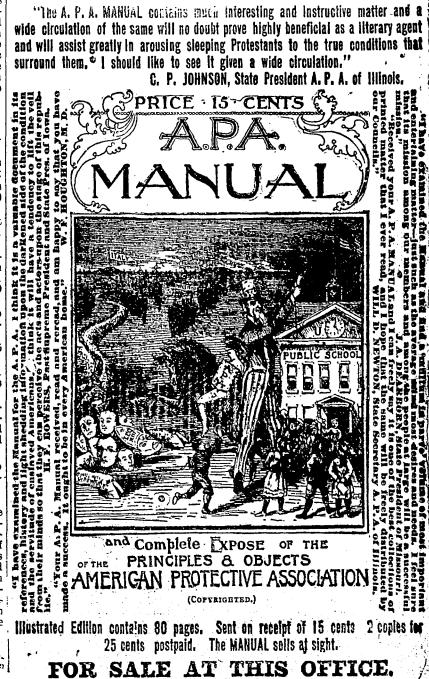
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MATTER PASSED THROUGH MATTER. TO THE EDITOR:-Some time since an felt that he would rather wait till the article under the heading of "Another Haunted House," appeared in THE PRO- Brown wouldn't come then with the keys; GRESSIVE THINKER, recording an experience of the developing class of Prof. W. Steward, and the facts recorded the controls, stated that if we would under the above heading in THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER at that time were that they were all right, and then lay attested to by the signatures of several well-known and reputable residents of this city.

is city. That same developing class is still in a child's common hollow rubber ball, existence and progressing finely, and have a few more facts to record through the medium of your esteemed paper.

attest to the facts by signing our names to see what would be on the slates, and to the record of them as here written. if the ball would be in the box. As this to the record of them as here written. We shall not enter into any discussion as to the how, why or wherefore, or of the improbability of the things wit nessed, for we feel that we know these things can be done, for we are Spiritual-ists, or, in other words, people who think, reason and discuss for ourselves the environments of life and nature, re-the environments of life and nature, rethe environments of life and nature, re-fusing to accept, parrot-like, the teach-ings of creeds and dogmas which have able to do it, we should take the hinges no proven foundation of facts, and so to off." He then asked Mr. Steward to take medium does not exist independently on the people who prefer to accept ready- the box and hold it while the rest were the earth-plane, but is actually, for the inade ideas of others, and who have never spent time or thought, or (what to them is probably considered more valuable ard to let one of the class take hold of lost in most cases, but in some the methan knowledge) a few dollars to investi-gate and study for themselves the phil-to sing again. This was done, and in less lift the controlling force so as to carry Spiritualism.

never attended a genuine seance, or lady across the room from where the given the subject a moment of thought box was. In performing this seemingly in their lives, but who, nevertheless, impossible feat, the spirits exerted so from some paid theorizer or speculator- when the lid flew open it forced him to them we will leave the task of conwere produced; only stopping to remind in quick and labored gasps. He com-them that Byron truly said that "he who pared his feelings to those produced by denies a thing simply because he doesn't a strong electric shock. understand it, and yet cannot disprove it, is a fool."

But happily the majority of those who the lock alone till the light was turned read this will be Spiritualists, who well on, and we would find that it had not know that if the proper conditions are provided, spirit controls can and do do many wonderful things.

I would here state that Prof. Steward is one of the best all-round mediums in the country to-day, and is willing to submit to test conditions at any time; his mediumship embraces all the general phenomena of trumpet-speaking, slatewriting, trance, clairvoyance, clairudence. etc.

About two weeks previous to the time of the occurrence of the box incident they could do almost anything through spoken of here, there was considerable call from his developing class for slate-writing; and although Mr. Steward's his statement, for we have witnessed slate-writing was of the most satisfactory many remarkable things done through kind, it was always necessary for him to this medium when conditions were right. have the best of conditions, and even After some of the controls suggested circle there are generally those to be them together with rubber bands. then it severely affected his head when that we send THE PROGRESSIVE THINK- found who bring thoughts that are a so bound, he would gently pass them, sitting for it: in fact, it affected him so ER a report of the meeting, the light dishonor to themselves and to purity with both hands, beneath the table, with both hands, beneath the table, seriously as to make him reluctant to sit was turned on and we found:

the first one, and by some considered

better and stronger. They have not only given us the philosophy of Spiritualism in a sound and practical way, but have also proved the immortality of life, by bulnging us face to face with the socalled dead. While they do not antagonize the churches nor their attendants, they give them positive truth and make them their friends instead of their enemies; and at their last meeting, Thursday evening, they were presented with a rising vote of thanks, which was nearly unantmous. They have left us for their Northern home, and the

best wishes of all the friends and citizens go with them. Olin. Ia. D. R. CARPENTER. Steward was willing; but Mr. Stoward MATERIALIZATION.

And Some Reflections Thereon.

PERSONATION-DUTY OF CABINET CON-TROL - ETHEREALIZATION - STRICT TEST CONDITIONS.

The remarkable phenomena classed the ball on top of the box, they would under this head are clearly the most convince us they could get into the box tangible and reliable proofs of spirit return and the life beyond the grave. Un fortunately, however, it is the phase in which had been around the room for which there are more pretenders and falsifiers, and, moreover, it is the phase

We carried out the instructions, and It is our intention to merely write of waited till Wednesday night, December most susceptible of misrepresentation the phenomena as it occurred, and to 18th, when about twenty of us in all met by well-meaning friends and sinister enemies of the cause of Spiritualism. Among the many causes for doubt of

sophy and phenomena of nature or than two minutes they called for us to peculiarities of speech, etc., so that an To these people, who have, perhaps, ever attended a genuine scance. or had a sense of had a sens tion. Many times a form has been grabbed, and discovered to be the medium. would presume to explain away anything strong an influence over, or drew so Fraud is cried at once, by those unacand everything that did not conform to the ideas which they may have imbibed held the box with Mr. Steward, that production of the phenomena. But to those who "know" of its truth, it is merely the fault of the spirit performback on Mr. Koenecke, who was sitting sidering the how and why these results near, and for some time his breath came ing the impersonation, for overlooking the fact that it would be wiser to say, "the medium is entranced for impersonpared his feelings to those produced by

ation;" or, sometimes, the spirit is some artists. He is an ex-slave of threescore personal friend who is not sufficiently After we had quieted down, Gray au fait with "making up" and who did not know the necessity of notification. In such cases it is the duty of the cab-Eagle came and requested that we leave inet control of the medium to see that been unlocked at all, but that they had simply performed the feat of passing notification is given; but I know by long oriental costume. He is something of a experience that the head control has his matter through matter, which in this hands so full that it is hard to attend to are fair. He is a smooth talker, look-all details. case was brass through iron; then he proceeded to read some of the questions all details.

The chief cabinet control has a host of which had been written on the cards duties on his hands, keeping harmony in has pulled the wool over the eyes of when placed in the box. Then Uncle the circle, keeping up the medium's Daniel Steward, the medium's father, physical condition, looking after a nucame and remarked that with the help and influence of the developing classmerous band of controls and influences, which was as strong as any he had ever teaching inexperienced and earth-bound spirits to make up: looking after lower seen-and the conditions they made, forces, to prevent any undeveloped or bad spirit from riding out on a wave of bad his son's mediumship. The class will testify to the truth of magnetism, and hosts of other duties. Of course, with some circles, music and harmony make the path of a cabinet control easier; but, in a promiscuous

lant.

lars for a seat; but no one would sell a only joy in life seems to be the wreck seat. The results were fully as good as ing of beautiful instruments and conse crated lives.

Notwithstanding all these drawbacks, there is one consolation: truth will always shine through the clouds of skepticism, fraud, vice and conspiracy, "Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,

Feelings lie buried that grace can restore: Touched by a loving hand, wakened by · kindness, Chords that were broken will vibrate

once more. So, friends, keep up heart, and work zealously, for the good cause; bright days are coming, and let each individual

do what little he or she can to make life pleasant and happy for others; comfort and help the weak-hearted, and raise up them that fall; and we will see that grand millenium of Spiritualism, when there will be more temples of rest and spiritual comfort than there are hurches to-day. Thinking this little

communication was needed, I have impressed my medium to write it, hoping it will fall on good soil. I am yours truly, cabinet control DR. BROWNE.

Per Prof. Arthur, Phœnix, A. T.

HIS ARREST.

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Behind a darkened curtain stood a small square center-table, with a cover falling from it half-way to the floor. Upon this table he always had a pile of bran-new double slates, and rubber bands, all of which were exactly alike in size and appearance. Then, seated at the table, opposite the sitter, he would place within one of these double slates a blank porcelain tablet, binding

many, and this is how he did it:

pretending to push them under there into the hands of the sitter. And here and truth; hence, we must be ever vigi-Now. Mrs. Williams was subjected to is where the trick came in, for instead such a strain of deception and evil mag-netic current, and yet her band pre-picture, he would deftly change them served the integrity of her mediumship; for a pair of other slates, which lay concealed, containing a picture, and adroitly push them into the sitter's and the determined opponents of Spiritthe keyhole of the lock were in perfect condition, having never been disturbed in the least. Attested to by H. W. Crass, R. B. not been for her grand record in the Koeneke, C. P. Perry, M. D.; Mrs. L. M. past and her beautiful and experienced Perry, H. W. Crass, Jr.; J. C. Holland, M. D.; Miss A. Erall, John Hamilton, M. D. J. Johnson, Mrs. Benham, W. F. made a prayer, the sitter would be instructed to take them to the outer room and examine them in the light, when a freshly-painted picture on the porcelain would appear in sight, done in oil colors, and with, perhaps, a communica-Another fruitful source of distrust tion added, of general application, and among investigators is the fact that the signed by some one of the distinguished Another fruitful source of distrust forms are generally solid; that is, ma-terial. If they were not, it would not dead, such as George Washington, ctc. These pictures generally consisted of be materialization, but etherealization, flowers or foliage, with a sprinkling of which they would witness. How often, when I have shaken bands with some bols thrown in. Of course, according sitter, I have heard them remark: "Why, this is flesh and blood!" Why, of course it is. Some writers—Tuttle, for instance it is.



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for any writings. At about the time mentioned Mr. John C. Cummins (Mr. Steward's main control) announced at a trumpet seance that he had learned a way by which he could produce slate-writings through his medium without any disagreeable effects to him (Mr. Steward), and that he could produce the same in daylight or dark-ness; that the slate could be cleaned and hung on the chandelier, laid on the floor, or locked up in a box.

It was the good fortune of the writer of this narrative to witness the first trial of this kind. I having called at Mr. Bogart, M. D. Steward's residence, 2638 California This is only one of many similar tests street, one day, it was suggested to try this class has had in the last few weeks. If Mr. Cummins was ready with his and how much better, and far sweeter, new discovery. Accordingly a slate was the satisfaction of making conditions for cleaned and wrapped up in an apron and and having our friends who have parted hung on the chandelier, Mr. Steward the veil, return and converse with us aitting under the same at a small table. At once we could hear the noise of some one writing on the slate, and upon taking and intelligence, than any and all the it down found it filled with three messages in three different handwritings.

At the next seance of the developing class Mr. Cummins (the control) told Mn Steward to get a box and let any one who desired put their slates into it, and then to lock it with a padlock and seal up the keyhole and the hinges, and let someone of the class take and keep the

key until the next meeting, when all could examine the box and seals to see that they had not been tampered with. and when the box was opened they would find messages on all the slates.

These instructions were complied with. Mr. Steward being a photographer, we need his camera-box for the purpose; this and phenomena of Spirituation, and in extending a call, and few of us united in extending a call, and nicely dovetailed together, with the lid fitted on with hinges, staple, and clasp. We next procured a brass Bohannan padlock to lock it with, and after some slates and cards with questions on them were put into the box, it was closed up, the padlock put on and locked, the

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2. Every card and slate was written on in different handwritings. 3. Gray Eagle had correctly read the netic current, and yet her band prequestions from the cards.

1. The ball was in the box.

4. The seals on the hinges and over

and give us these proofs of their continued activity, their progressive power speculative ideas and theories of the

weak and vain hirelings of a profession. Denver, Col. J. G. P. THE ASPINWALLS IN IOWA.

ments to be so rudely disturbed. TO THE EDITOR :- We have had our little town of 600 inhabitants stirred up

from center to circumference in the last that Dr. and Mrs. Aspinwall, of Minneapolis, Minn., were in Fort Dodge, Iowa, giving unto the friends there something

of their knowledge of the philosophy all necessary for expe and phenomena of Spiritualism, and a lists, for "they know."

takable results in every case.

The lecture Sunday evening was diums being alike in forces and environ-given in the Rink, the largest audience- ment. After a few sittings, things im-

so able and convincing.

ceived by the entire congregation. sion: Sometimes a person asks, "Is shell in spiritual frades muss go." This exposure has fallen like a bomb-many remarked that they had never Aunt Mary treative in Spirit-life. He excitement, especially among those imthus opens a channel for bad magnet- posed upon.

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The test scances were a pronounced ism, which is hard to control, and some MORAL: When you next visit a slate-success, every one being recognized; degraded spirit claims it as her right to writing medium or spirit artist, be sure but the crowning events of all were the materializing seances. The first one had twenty sitters, and nineteen of them received and fully recognized their spirlt friends. Fathers and moth- find what you are looking for; this is a sight or grasp.

ers, husbands and wives, old men and good maxim for all. children, all came and greeted their Sometimes really good mediums, re- of the bogus spirit artist will soon be loved ones of earth. It was a happy re-union of spirits and mortals, and will sive draft made upon their vitality by never be forgotten by these present. physical manifestations, take a little The second seance had twenty-two spirituous liquor, and after a while insitters and could have had a hundred crease the dose; they may still preserve

-think that a spirit cannot be grabbed, the picture was prettily executed and but a materialized form can be held for quite a space of time, but it means con-his own slates (no other slates would be vulsions or swoon, and sometimes insan-ity and death, to a medium, for the ele-secret of his trick was discovered, he

was arrested on complaint of Mrs. Carrie Some spirits merely have the power Le Favre and other prominent Spirituof setting the atmosphere in motion to alists, charged with obtaining money form words and music, without the use under false pretenses. His actions in from center to circumference in the last form words and music, whiled the use of a time inder failed products to confirm the week. We saw, in looking over the col- of any vocal cords; these are sometimes court had a tendency to confirm the umns of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, intensified by the use of a tin trumpet. straightforward evidence given in the The only true way of testing the phe-nomena is by putting the medium under strict test conditions; but this is not at all necessary for experienced Spiritual-however, when the justice remarked that the crime was a grave one, and a

Another cause of doubt is the fact that penitentiary offense. He pleaded guilty, inducing them to visit us and give us a give us a been here and given us one lecture, two tests and friends in abundance. The cause of this is that a person must be cause of this is that a person must be cause of this is that a person must be cause of this is that a person must be cause of this is magnetism. The years, tearfully begged for mercy, promising he would leave town and abandon his imposture forever. The their peculiar magnetism-no two me- case was referred to the grand jury now

Those who think that the exposure of room we have, and it was filled to over prove in this line, and while some seem trick mediums, without criminal prose-flowing, fifty or more standing through- to become en rapport at the first, others cution, means their extinction, should out the entire service. It seats three may take a large number of sittings to remember that full half a score of such out the entire service. It seats three may take a large number of sittings to remember that full half a goore of such be even noticed at all. Once the ice is cases are well-known in Chicago within broken, a person's friends learn to make dup or come through the strange magnetime abounds everywhere, all over the city. But public sentiment here is paid to them, and they were well re-

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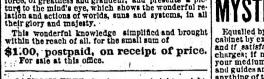
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