(futh wears no mash, bows at no buman shrime, seeks neither place not applanse: she only asks a bearing.

SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA









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 hood of Moravia, where according to report,
the returning spirits of the departed were daily making themselves visible by puting on tangl-
ble forms, and walkigng and talking taking by
the hand their old friends in the flesh, looking lovingly into their eyes, and assuring them
that they never were more alive I could not possibly regard the afrair, whether true or false,
as unworthy of investigation. To feel or af
fect to feel, no interest in phenomena so strange,
 Was lost to my view amid the moving clouds
overhead.
Atter about thirty-five minutes of darkness,
a voice in the air said: "Please strike a light."







 to me, looked and talked naturally; referred
repeatedly to his materiailistic notions, and how
unhappy they made him
his present his present condition, and its advantages over
the former; tried to give me an idea of spirit-
life, the spirits, as well as their institutions for doong
good, educating the ignorant, and lifting higher
the good, educating the ignorant, and lifting higher
the low and debased.
I must give one more instance of recogni-
tion, and close my story, already, perhaps too long.
A ew days before I left the place a gentle-
man came there, bringing with him two little eight years old, the younger about six. Berfore
going into the seance room he said to me:
owhen about leavin home my wife observed 'I would go too if $I$ thought mother would
show herself there; but ans she was always op-
posed to Spiritualism I'm sure she'
 obitter against everything of the kind." Bu
lo! after the light seance began, who should ap.
pear first at the aperture but this same old
grandmother. She bent here grandmother. She bent her $\epsilon$ es aftectionately
upon the children. The littie girls gazed a
moment in mute astonishent.
once clan both at
olapping their hands in ecstacy, exonce clapping their hands in ecstacy, ex-
laimed: "Grandma! Grandma", "Keep still," said the father in a low tone of voice; and evidently much moved; then to "No," replied the spirit, "but thank God
is true", These words were uttered very dis
tinctly and with a peculiar stress of voice, iniicating earnestness and deep feeling. The
old lady had been dead but three weeks.
I could give many H could give many more remarkable testa
through recognition, but must close here.
IsAAC KELso, Alton, Ill.

## Isaac

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\text { few days has contained accounts of some } \\
\text { strange apparitions at a deserted dwelling in }
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\text { strange apparitions at a deserted dwelling in } \\
\text { or near our city, which have been read with } \\
\text { much interest by myself and neighbors. }
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\text { much interest by myself and neighbors. } \\
\text { The matter especially attracted the attention } \\
\text { of residents in this vicinity from the fact thot }
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\text { of residents in this vicinity, from the fact that } \\
\text { for three months or more we have been favor- } \\
\text { ed by some extraordinary nocturnal visitors, }
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\text { have been imported straight from pandemo } \\
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\text { have been imported straight from pandemo- } \\
\text { nium. Up to this time no one has cared to } \\
\text { speak of it very freely beyond the neighbor- } \\
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\text { hood, for fear of being laughed at as a credu } \\
\text { lous fool, or regarded suspiciousl as the orig. } \\
\text { inator of a foundationless humbug, but since }
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\text { ghosts, or spirits, or whatever they are, have } \\
\text { invaded the orderly city of Lafayette, a seques } \\
\text { tred rural district like this may perhaps be per }
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& \text { You wlll undoubtedly reate its experience. } \\
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\text { time since one of those raile ayber accidents thame that } \\
\text { horrify the nation, occurred in our immediat }
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& \text { vicinity. The event must be so fresh in the the } \\
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\text { minds of your the purpose of this communica } \\
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\text { tion, to state that a freight and passenger. train } \\
\text { under full headway, came together in a curve } \\
\text { of the road, and resulted in the death of about }
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\text { of the road, and resulted in the death of about } \\
\text { thirty people. I reached the wreck shortly } \\
\text { after the disaster, and hope never to look upon }
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\text { another such sight. } \mathrm{Ma} \text { anch, last, I was re } \\
\text { About the middle of } \mathrm{M} \text {, } \\
\text { turning from a neighbor's at a late hour. The }
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\text { turning from a neighbor's at a late hour. The } \\
\text { night was clear, starlight and col, and i } \\
\text { chanced to be more convenient for me to fol }
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\text { low the railroad track kfor something more than } \\
\text { a mile. As I neared the scene of the acciden }
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\text { a mile. As I neared the scene of the acciden } \\
\text { I was suddenly startled by the sound of a rail } \\
\text { way train approaching just behind me, and } \\
\text { another from the }
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& \begin{array}{l}
\text { another from the other direction, both appar- } \\
\text { ently at full speed. I instinctively, stepped } \\
\text { from }
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\text { from the track, and as I did so the train rushed } \\
\text { by. I say rushed by, or I distinctly heard it } \\
\text { thunder paste and felt the current of air }
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& \begin{array}{l}
\text { thunder past, and felt the current of air, } \\
\text { which, indeed, nearly lifted my hat from my } \\
\text { head, but, Mr. Editor, the trann was inoisable! }
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& \begin{array}{l}
\text { I believe I am not wanting in physical courage } \\
\text { but } I \text { am frank to confess that for a moment } I \\
\text { was as badly frightened as I ever care or ex }
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& \begin{array}{l}
\text { was as badly frightened as I ever care or ex } \\
\text { pect ob be. I could scarcely draw my breath, } \\
\text { and the next instant every hair stood on end, }
\end{array} \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { when I heard a crash, followed by such groans } \\
\text { and cries for help, as I had listened to at almost } \\
\text { that identical spot in solemn reality once be }
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& \begin{array}{l}
\text { that identical spot in solem } \\
\text { fore, and then all was quiet } \\
\text { I made the best of }
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\text { I made the best of my way home, and the } \\
\text { next morning related my adventure with affect } \\
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\text { ed nonchalence to a gentleman from Boston } \\
\text { a relative of my wie, who happened to } \mathrm{b} \\
\text { spending a few months with me for his health. }
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 rth and rush of air, the crash and groans
at had startled me, and then as before all
It object he touched my arm and pointed to to
ofde of the low embankment
seventy years of age. His clothes were torn ered head, and across his forehead was a deep
wound from which the blood trickled fast.
Near Year by at his right lay a young girl neatly
dressed; still and dead, holding in one hand a hittle traveling bag, and in the other a nosegay
of withered flowers, while almost at her feet
were prone a mother and infant, both sleeping the last tseep together, and bearing few exter
nal marks of a violent death upon them. Be-
hind thiel hind this ghostly scene, like the prospective
in a well executed painting, was ashaty
picture, that appareantly represented the after circle just overwhelmed by the telegraph dis
path giving information of the death o some loved one: the newly made widow bowed
down with grief; the group of horror-stricken
orphan children; the lonely husband with the ittle ones who would never again know
nother's care, clinging about his knee; the
roken-hearted lover bending over the broken-hearted lover bending over the coffin
of his beloved; the slowly-moving funeral pro-
cession, and finally the graveyard and its mon eession, and finally the graveyard and its mon-
uments to mortality. For ten minutes. per-
haps longer, this phantasmagoria continued haps longer, this phantasmagoria continued,
and then another strange concourse made its
appearance. There were young and old, men
and women, beauty and deformity, buddin appearance. There were young and old, men
and women, beauty and deformity budding
youth and hopeless infany. There wer
about thirty altogether, who bore every de
scription of wound that would naturally be nflicted at a great railway slaughter. Crushed
bruised and bleeding, they stood for a little
time groupd the hame grouped together, and then raised thei
hand and eyes towards heaven as though im
ploring mercy in some hour of suppreme peril he ghostly conclave vanished into thin air.
Since then, the same apparitions have been
itneser vitnessed by seven or eight perfectly reliable
persons. The invisible trains crashing togethe
is an affair an affair of almost nightly occurrence, and
about the full of the moon, any curious person
an witness the spectral party haunting the scene of the great disaster.
If your Profesor can explain this, we
hould like to hear from him, or, if he is still
in LaFayette, and would take the trouble, we Iould be pleased to see him,
I have not forgotton by any means, that you
declined to pubbish a brief and rather vague communication from me on this subject some
time since, but since the supernatural agencies have located in LaFayette, and you reported
their doings, I venture to hope that I may be It is, perhaps, not improper to add, that ar with wheat and corn growing than with any
of the modern mysteries of Spiritualism and clairroyance, whieh I have never for a mo
ment Selieved, nor have I ever read-save an
accasional Nights" and "Clarke's Life of Wesley," which
later work, however, as you are doubtless
aware, claims pretty broadly that the house ware, claims pretty broadly that the house in
which the great Methodist divine lived for
years, was actually haunted, and that this cir Mrstance threw, a shade of melancholy ove
this intelley's life, although out of deference to
tentiment of the country, he eldom, if ever, admitted
natural manifestations.
Respectfully yours,

## [From the Springteld (Ohio) Advertser.] e were afforded the opportunity last

 We were afforded the opportunity last nighof attending a Spiritual seance in this city conducted by the celebrated physical and tes
medium, Mr. M. Sherman, of Gahana
Ohio. Most of the persons present were of practical turn, and very little time was of a
in prent
Treliminaries The medium with his coat on, and his hands
tightly tide behind him with linen handker-
hiefs, the ends of which wer after, the knots were tied, was saeted in
chair, and asked to lean back, and the round under his armpits. The light was then re
un and thrown across the roopry The melodeo sounded and sent thying through the air; hands present, and one gentleman's spectacles were
removed and carefully laid away at some dis Voices being heard, an egg was placed in
the medium's mouth, and the writer took eat immediately in'sis front, placed his fee
upon the medium's, took hold of his knee with his hands, and expressed a wish to know
what was up. A voice at his side expressed
pleasure at seeing him, asked him to observe closely, that there might be no room to aver
deception, and asked that the medium receive ough examination.
An extended conversation was carried on, spirit of Anna Leece (spelling the name),
Quakeress, and occasional preacher, formerly
I Madison, Wisconsin, originally of Hartford, of Madison, Wisconsin, originally of Hartford,
Connecticut, and last public appearance at Ra Asingulan occurrence took place while Miss
Anna was entertaining the company. A gen-
leman who had just taken a "nip," enterec teman who had just taken a " nip," entered
the room, and at once a guitar flew througb
the air so violently as to to cause considerable con air so violently as to cause considerabie satety of visitor's head, and at
the same time, in raised tones, the voice ex
the pressed great dissatisfaction at the habits and The medium explained addicted to the ardent
such demonstra After various tests of a similar kind, the me-
ium was unbound, the room lighted, and the
presence of "Old Kenesaw invoke," Very oon "Old Kenesaw," as he calls himserf dance, and talk in broken English, and give
descriptions of persons and placess with such
accuracy as to astonish and bewilder those
"Kenesaw" represents himself as an Indian,
who left the body many years ago, at the age
of eighty. He claims to be the guardian and ntrolling spirit of this particilar medium,
nd certainly reads character with wonderful
bility for an Indian. Mr. Sherman is here on a short visit to Mr
W . Dalle and other friends, who wished to ave occular proof of the power reported as be-
nging to him and displayed in other places.
He leaves next Monday to visitit Indianapolis, but promises to return, and be present with
Kenesaw "Miss Leece, and many other com municating spirits, at the basket n eeting of
the iiberal Religionists, next month, at the
Fair Grounds.

## Almond Items.

Many of the readers of the Express have seen
the pretty valley at the head of the Canisteo river, called North Almond Vo valley. Tis a a
lovely place. Those that see it a thousand
years from now will see some improvements, without doubt; yet, still it is a pretty place,
The people have a Union church, where the of their conscience." We believe they never
had but one fight in the pulpit, and that was
by an (now) ex. Judge and the (now) Sheriff,-but there was nobody hurt.
It was given out that a Mr. Beals (from
omewher rance state, and likewise play on the orgal
nd sing. The trustees of the Union are
 (although the order by chance had the keys
always unlocked), and was led in the institution. At langenth Mr. Beals mile) by the spirit, and we
doubt if Jesus with his whit changers out of the house that Herod buil but other people differ with him) least, seemed to linger with an argument
when the Monitor with one of his ponderous shots (truths), sent him reeling to post. The
result was a crowded house, both evening and Sunday, when the audience were treated with
sweet music, and two as high-toned discourses
as can well be imagined, on the teachings of
Jesus of Nazaret. hr heals is a host in himelf, and was fol
Mr.
lowed owed Mr. Ghe enhorw, who put in some sille tremen
une,
dous peace-makers between wind and water and the sea, there was a calm."
This man, Beals, we don tnow from
whence he came nor whither he goeth, but
his we know, it is a rare treat to hear on of his beautiful discoourses, which would astonish
any extempore orator in the world His mu.
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gits and Strincts． BY．．． Comparative Theological Exegesis．
soientific－serial nomber thirty－nine． The translator of the Bible in India，remarks
（p．186，187）：＂The period of action and re－ the the Vedas，one entire day of Brahmar－and
that that day corresponds to four million three hun
dred and twenty thousand human years．
The Pralaya or one entire night of Brach of dissolution，lasts that night is
equal to the same number of human years the divine day．These doctrines of the holy
books on the construction and reconstruction philosophic systersis，of which we only have
time to make passing mention of two theories the first of which maintains，that the germ
of matter once fecundated by Brahma，the phenomena of transformation operates spont
neously，and without direct participation
God，in accordance with the eternal and in
mutable Matter in precipitating itself from its cente
from its generating force，subdivides and
itates in itates in space，all particles are compressed，
light is generated，the smallest fragments dry，
the vapors which exhale air vapors which exhale produce atmospheric The fragments become habita
ble worlds．Gradually all the other particle according to their magnitude，becomes extin－
guished in their turn，but in proportion as
they become habitable，heat and light diminish until having wholly disappeared，matter，de
prived of its most active agents，of life an
reproduction contradicted by the Vedas，is neverertheles at at
tacked by the orthodox，who accord to divine They recognize perfectly，that it is thus na
ture develops herself，the elements form them－ selves，all the phenomena of existence accom
plish themselves，that the worlds and matter
thus likewise end，and lose themselves in the night of Brahma．
But according law of all these phenomena，and exists in the the
law．He presides constantly at all these trans－
formations which would prom pursue their course，should promptly he happense for an hris support．＂priests can not receive ordination
withoum first declaring themselves partisans of this latter system，which is considered to be
much more than the first in religious spirit． much more than the first in religious spirit．
＂The book of Moses，occupied solely with
coarse fact，pays no attention to（either these thought．forms，measures or theories，which
form the basis of oriental theoology
religions have placed them among their mys－ teries＇＂ $\begin{aligned} & \text { The prevailing chemism of the spiritual } \\ & \text { plane seems to have left its mysterious impress }\end{aligned}$ on the eariest grades of earth－mind，which modern knowledge，analysis，and understand－
ing of the more material，may triumphantly
explain explain．
day Brahma proceeded in the first twilight of
doy，create and populate the world with all

 The angels sprung forth from his thought，
and hastened to arrange themselves around his
throne From this quotation，it would sem the in－
termediate conditions，or angels，were formed and aggregated in hierarchic order，according
to their individual nearness and elevation of
thought． Should we now turn to the elementary con－
ditions and successive combinations，as we
have treated of them in the material，namely， have treated of them in the material，namely，
the archangel Nitrogen，or Conscience Sensa－
tion；Hydrogen or Wisd tion；Hydrogen，or Wisdom；Oxyen，or
Lover，Air，or knowledge；Water，or under－
standing，and Interelecto Chemical Action，
or Reason，we shall havethe legitimate，triune standing，and nter electro Chemical Accrion，
or Reason，we shall have the legitimate，triune
parityoof centralized unity oo condition，sur－
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lation．to trace the analogy still further，we
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find confused imperfection and restive antago－ find confused imperfection and restive antago－
nisms farther out in the circumference less
imperiously inspired，harmonized and ruled by the chemism of the all emanazative and ruled con－
trolling center，in the physical as well as the spiritual；hence，the contentions and and the
carried on by Indra，of the more central，and
Vasanke，of the more circumferent，ranges of mitted by Brahma，to work good out of
evil． We may indeed follow their interesting tra－
dition to the subjecting of Vasanki，who，be－
ing overthrown by Indra， ing overthrown by Indra，all his companions，
terrified，abandoned hum deccaring themseves
ready to submit to the will of Brahma；but he． ready to submit to the will of Brahma；but he．
irritated by their disobedience，chastised them
from Heaven，and from Heaven，and having cut oft all other
ssurrees，left them a homestead in Hell，and
called thakchass（the accursed），con－
demned to such a process of inherent as might ultimate in their final good．
In other words，it would seem when inter－
relation has passed beyond the confines of cen－ tral inspirational control，it becomes as an at－
mosphere of contentious pride and ambition， that can only give off their inner life essence
by combustion of proximate forms．
the outward round of incessant revolution． From these primitive sources sprung the free
ideal of the Titans，or evil spirits，contending
against Jupiter，and allother of a like charac－
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A general want of comproheneasion of the le－ gitimate links of inherent relationship between
good and evil，and in many instances the pre－
dominance of evil necessitated the individual－ ization of a Devil，who，of necessity，being un－
centered by good，and opposedto the center of
an all－poweful good，has made him，so to speak，a most veritable paradox of overreach－
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Pisarches Assours，of the Hindoos，and most as the measures of evil condition than positive
evil eliminating centers，and affora but litle，
if any，foundation to most of modernism＇s pos． it any，evile leimininating centers．
Just in proportion as any candid mind takes up and learns of the true self－teachings laws of
Nature，will it be emancipated from the errors of self－complacent indolence and irresolution．
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There seems to be a natural tendency of
matter to geometrize, and so stating, we mean that in all its action there is a definite, well-den
fined result, that follo ws as correct as the answer to the solution of any mathematitacal problom.

1. Drops of water always assume a globular, spherical form.
2. The intensity of light invariably de
as the square of its distance increases. 3. The snowflake bears a close resemblance 10 several geometrical figures.
3. A ray of light reflected,
dence is equal to the angle of reflection.
dence is equal to the angle of reflection.
4. The hailstone, particese of mist, drops of

water, melted lead dropped from a tower, the pendant dewdrop, always resemble the perfect | sphere. |
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| 6. Each | stamens, and its corol a certain number of

parts. parts. .
r. the the planetary orbits are perfectly de-
fined ellipses, in the lower focus of which the sun is placed.
8. The tall mountain represents the cone. 9. The earth is a perfect sphere, moving in
an elliptio orbit, and perfors its journey in
the lipent Ine heavens with mathematical precision.
In the material world we see certain forces
 others the beautiful flo
the animal kingdom.
There never was a time when these same forces were not at work. Eternal,--it is a
meaning word! Now puase a moment. This
natural tendency of matter is the controlling influence of it. Though it can not apparently
see, hear or feel, yet it is constantly moving. Wee, hear or feel, yet it is constanty moving.
Within this ocean of Life that moves matter
to form the flower, the tree, the mountain, the to form the flower, the tree, the mountain, the
toranao, the raindrop and hailstone, is the germ of every living being. There is no more
matter to-dyat than untold ages ago, nor are
there more germs of human beings in existence matter to-day than untold ages ago, nor are
there more germs of human beings in existence now than there were mililions of years
The germ of each animal is acted on by The germ of each animal is acted on by
certain forces which it attracts, and which
operas in operates in a peculiar, definite, way! There is
thegerm of the lower order of animals, which, When so acted upon, gives to the crocodile, for
example, its well defned proportios.
another snake is the result. Here is the embryotic human germ. Certain conditions invitio or
draw to that germ the elements that should cluster only arounn that of thents sanke, snd the the
result is, a child is born with a head and body result is, a child is born with a head and body
that bears close resemblance to that of a smake.
Again, there is another Again, there is another human embryotic
germ, certain conditions act upon the mind
of the mother, and there is atrsacted to that germ those elements that should only mould
the embryotic germ of the Negro and the re. the embryotie ecents of the Negero, and the re-
sult is, her child is born resembling in every partitular a native of Africa. Again, the mother loves music, and by so doing, she in-
vites to that germ, from the ocean of animated Vites to that germ, from the ocean of animated
life around us, those elements that stamp the
child as a musician. Theese forces are obedichind as a musician. These forces are obedi-
ent to the children of earth, furnishing them ent to the children of earth, furnishing them
just what they desire. This germ, this little
empryotic germ in the womb of the mother, embryotic germ in the womb of the mother,
has centered upon it just what she wishes. has centered upon it just what she wishes.
The reesroin of supply is isfinite in extent.
She can make her child, what she desires. She can make her child, what ahe desires,
The mother of Blin Tom was a nervous, Sench being the case, she centered on that.
germ an infuence that attracted those ele. ments of beautr, harmony and melody, that
exist only in this Ocean of Life. From that source we get a supply.
Again, the mother
mathematics, and this ocean of Life responds my centering anon it those elements that build
up the mathematician. These forces in the raindrop, dewdrop, and
hailstone, form the perfect sphere; in the


## hand, five toes on nerrous system, et

 was first matter, never was a first world, neverwas was a first man, never was
Deity commenced his labors.
Matter and its
unfoldments its laws are eternal. Are not its unfoldments equally as eternal? Eternal du-
ration of existence implies an eternal action A ERLF-EVIDENT PROPOBITION.
An eternal action could not have a first re sult of its la
impossible. impossible.
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$000,000,000,000,000,000,000$ years.
We are searching
We are searching for a God whose action is
it be possible to connect a first result with a beang his existenc
An Evening With the Bangs

Ministers of the Gospel denounce Spiritual ism, send forth the venom of their souls to
beat back the pulsating tide that it is grandly raising, and sweat profusely these hot sum-
mer Sundays, in expatiating on the divine mer Sundays, in expatiating on the divine
beauty of the Lamb, the efficacy of Hell-tor"atoning blood," which is more potent, they
claim, in curing sin, and relieving villainy of claim, in curing sin, and relieving villainy of
its effects, than Dr. Foster's vermifuge is in re-
lieving a child of worms, -but if either are efficacious, they certainly have a mission. But we think the vermifuge has more saving quali-
ties than all the blood of bullocks, rams, or the ties than all the blood God, and in case of a
distinguished Son of Ger
sick child, we should administer it instead of indulging in prayer, reading the Bible, or the THE Bancs family.
Now, while ministers are praying, old men
and women shouting glory to God, clapping and women shouting glory to God, clapping
their hands and stamping their feet, we, a free their hands and stamping their feet, we, a free
thinker and Spiritualist, switched off and at tended a seance at 227 south Morgan street, at
the house of Mr. Bangs, where old men and groes long since passed to the spirit life, return and show their hands, write messages, cause a
chair to dance to the tune of Old John Brown, chair to dance to the tune of Old John Brown,
or any other tune, and who evidently commenced existence in the other world just where
they left off here. they left off here.
freaks of the spirits.
Spirits enjoy fun, they laugh there as they did here! No doubt that one who has been accus-
tomed to dancing the "Highland Fling," or any "fancy jig" here, will equally as much
delight to do the same there, until he steps on a higher plane, and the philosopher here will
philosophize there; the mechanic here will
then there; in fact, dying don't change the nature of any one,--dont convert a sinner to a saint,
or a silly, unsophistocated nincompoop into a wise man. But spirits return,-they did
residence of Mr. Bangs, and took the
which was badly out of order, all apart, anc
when that arduous task was accomplished, spirit with long flowing beard and stately
tread, remarked with a clear, distinct voice: "I must gon et the instruments necessary to tune it." And off he went,-where he did
not say,-whether to a piano manufacturer in not say,-whether to a piano manufacturer in
the Summer-land, or to his own private piano, which was so badly out of tune, in the
most perfect order. He then left without saying whether he wanted to establish a work-
shop or manufacturing establishment in the parlor, or not. But he did his work well. sitting on the piano, burst,
sitting on the piano, burst, and a fragment
of glass flying therefrom, sought place somewhere, -nobody knew where,-and nobody could find it, until that venerable
spirit returned again, and took it from the piano, where it was beyond the reach of mor
At times the denizens of the spirit-world, delighting to manifest their strength, or to ex-
periment, - who cares which, - will canse the
to exchange places. They are situated in different parts of a large room, and athe cabinet
is too heavy for one man to lift; but these is too heavy for one man to lift; but these
spirits will cause the piano to walk one way and the cabinet the other, until they gracefully occupy each others accustomed place. This
they do just for the "fun of the they do ust for the "fun of the thing," or to
convince "ye skeptics" that the soul liveth. Just think of it,-a large piano, taking an evening promenade, passing along with a sort
of "Grecian Bend," that would honor a Broadway belle. But you may say "impossible! A thousand fools said that when Morse declared that he could convey news with the speed of yet, we expect the same obsolete, defunct
word will come forth with twang from many lips, and will die off in
echoes as solemn as the hoot of an owl, or the braying of an ass. But we pass along. We have other things to mention; other incidents
to narrate, therefore can't moralize much to narrate, therefore can't moralize much on
the skeptical nature of man; but parenthetic-
ally would remark, that man is of the universe, and that as all things are concentrated in him, so shall all things be subject
to him.
When we took our seat at the table, with two
young girls, and one little boy we we young girls, and one little boy, we were much
amused at the readiness with which the spirits
used the pencil. It is true the
only contain a single sentence or a single
word, but they were expressive, and thats
enough. The little girl placed the slate under
the then the table, -the pencil is heard to move-then tick, tick, tick, anounces tee and on
sage. The slate is removed, and
plain, bold hand, we find the name

The handwriting and name were recognized as that of the deceased wife of Thomas W.
Miles, contractor and builder, of Laporte, IndMiles, contractor and builder, of Laporte, Ind-
iana. He and his little child were present iana. He and his little child were present, a
bright-eyed, sweet little girl, six years of age,
and and strange to say, she could distinguish the
handwriting of her mother from that of others which appeared on the slate at the same time. This was really a convincing test, a
burst of sunlight into the heart of Mr. Miles, and his soul went forth lovingly toward his spirit wife. We felt him interiorly,- knew
he loved her; and as he talked of her, the lit-
tle child's le child's eyes glistened with tears, showing
that she felt the loving presence of her angel mother. Such communion is sweet, holy, no-
ble! A single name, "Martha," written by a loved companion, sends forth into the soul a glorious halo of light, that makes one purer,--
better. But that single name was all he could get. Ninetcen others were present in spirit,
anxious to send a message of love to some dear one in earth-life; a disturbance of the requisite conditions, however, soon prevente
ers from communicating. Then that
MYsTERIOUs chank
commenced to dance. Having one game foot, ve considered ourself something of a dancer,
but that chair could dance faster, keep better time, take more difficult stens, and appear time, take more difficult steps, and appear
more gracefully, than we ever thought of do-
ing. It danced well-whether it was a relig.
. bous dance or otherwise we did not ask, nor did we inquire whether it was taking steps in
accordance with the tenets of a church-we were too intent on watching its motions, as it scilated to and fro, with no earthly being
A hundred yeas ago, had that piece of furniture commenced dancing on Sunday, contrary to the Blue Laws of Connecticut, it would
have been tried, condemned, and executed. That chair may congratulate itself that it lives
in this enlightened ninteenth century, when issing your wife on Sunday is regarded as no
offense against high Heaven, and when the tep known as the "Highland Fling" can be
aken by any one-unless he flings himself in he way of somebody else-and still be respect-
ed. Yes, that chair is highly favored. It lives in Chicago-and could Father Moody
see it dancing on Sunday, he would have it arrested for violating the Sabbath law.
was especially interesting. One little boy and
one bright-eyed girl were securely tied with ropes, rendering it impossible for them to ex-
ricate themselves without assistance. Large hands were exhibited at the aperture of the
cabinet, and one was extended far enough to hrum the guitar strings. This was startling
-especially so. And then a partially-develped face appeared at the aperture, and we
heard the name, "Bennie," distinctly lisped. It must be remembered that these mediums are ception in their nature. Their hearts are free from guile, and in all their actions they ex-
hibit the innocence of their nature. No one vould accuse them of deception. But the
Mysterious
art of the seance remains to
conclusion of the manifestations around the
table, the following was written on the slate: hey did so, tho go into the cabinet again." you did the other time, or nothing can "Do as complished." After some little delay, the directions, as previously given, were complied was proposed by the spirits to exhibit at the
aperture, the hand of a aperture, the hand of a
nd in order to accomplish this feat two tum lers of water would be required in the cab-
net, containing some gold. We hesitated in inet, containing some gold. We hesitated in
furnishing our quantum of gold. This was a nervous, and could not conjecture the result. What could be the object? We knew that the
spirit negro who proposed to show his brawny spirit negro who proposed to show his brawny
hand, if like other sons of Africa, loved gold, and, if like other sons of Africa, his covetous ye on a six-feet gold chain that was dangling had some process whereby he could translate it to the spirit-world, and use it himself. Fi-
nally we reluctantly put it into the tumbler, never expecting to see it again on this mundane sphere, but in that we were happily dispoointed. When all was ready, the cabinet oors were closed for twenty minutes, at the
expiration of which time the mediums step in, and at once a large black hand was presented, mained for several seconds at a time, and taken ogether, the three presented a really strange What part
What part the gold acted in this important
xperiment, we are unable to say. Undoubt xperiment, we are unable, to say. Undoubt
edly the skillful chemist who had charge of edly the skillful chemist who had charge of
the seance could tell, if the proper conditions or his doing so were made.
One of the little bright-eyed mediums, the youngest girl, then brought us the
We took it in our lap, we stroked its back, we caressed it (we have no babies), we felt of its back, its limbs; examined it carefully.
It was composed of flesh and bones. The litIt was composed of flesh and bones. The lit-
tle girl told us in explanation that it was to the earth-sphere, and in her innocent, childlike style, rehearsed to us, how the spirits
would take it to a tub of water, wash it, and
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how she liked it, and finally told
had kittens she would give us one.
This was a pleasant evening to
This was a pleasant evening to us. Who can
visit this chords of affection, all of which are attuned in the most perfect harmony, without feeling that their time has been well employed? Mr.
Bangs is one of nature's noblemen, and aided Bangs is one of nature's noblemen, and aided
by his devoted wife, through the mediumship by his devoted wife, through the mediumship the skeptic of the reality of a future life, and sow broadcast the seeds of Spiritualism. But tant manifestation occurred. The following, however, from Bro. Barter, explains, that "at a late hour, as the party was about to retire, sev eral hats were found to be missing. A search was instituted, and on going into a small
bed-room off the front parlor, Mr. Miles was addressed in an audible voice by his deceased wife, who desired that he and his little daugh
ter should remain all night, in order that she might communicate important intelligence, and also materialize sufficiently to show him her face and be recognized. While in this
dark room, his hat was taken forcibly from his a bright light. It was carried directly through down, and disappeared. He was then in formed that unless he complied with the re-
quest of lis wife to remain, his hat would not
be returned for a long time. Saturday morning, on returning to the house, Mr. Miles' hat,
together with that of his daughter and others, were discovered in the center of a straw bed in ne of the adjoining rooms. Every person in
the dark bed-room heard spirit voices distinctly, and saw spirit lights, one a white light
in the shape of a heart, moving upon the window curtain.
sings loudly and prays longly, 1872 strongly. A sob is heard in a corner; a vulresponds, another tremulous sioh Soon another other weak place has fallen! Then another
sheds tears feel that you are-if an hond another, until you moral crowd, so bad do they all feel over the contemptible, mean acts they have committed and that you
Poor revivalist Hammond, your sermons cumference, and your mind a recenter to cir rors that are enough to curse any human being But go your way. The "raptures" you gener ate are only as enduring as your presence in a
community. When you leave your converts hey subside-backslide, in fact, make abou Would it not be well for Mr. Hammond, in
stead of putting forth such incessant exertion $t$ convert sinners to God, convert God to humanity, and learn him to respect the
rights. The following speaks for itself: A few days ago, -no nights; for it was
done in the dark,
ent-of streak of lightne-struck the Methodist Chy was sent-of course-struck the Methodist Church
in this place and riddede the cupoli in a minc-
ing manner. One of another sect thought of another sect stitll wanted a new houshe. One
hing rod tumbled within six ore the lightMethodist 'God did it to learn them sense, while a saucy Spiritualist standing
by, thought that he (God) was tired having his
church run little end up, and that if they re-
versed it , by running the steeple in the ground
and pointing the butt ead toward heaven, it and pointing the butt end toward heaven, it
would not only be an improvement of their
theology, but ornamental.
Winterset, Iowa, July 10th, 1872.
It might be well for this distinguished revi-
alist, instead of constantly trying to extinguish sin to institute a searching inquiry if there
is not something radically wrong with God, who is not something radically wrong with God, who
would send forth an instrument of destruction ould send forth an instrument of destruction
to destroy one of his own churches, and would to destroy one of his own churches, and would
it not be well for him to denounce him for this act of treachery to those sethodist God has control of the lightning
the Met and shatters therewith a church edifice, and leaves a house of prostitution near by un-
touched, as he has done in several cases, it is sufficient evidence that he frowns on the forme and smiles graciously
that, Elder Hammond?
Again, why did not God, instead of shatter
ing one of his own houses, direct his lightning gainst that heathen temple in New York $i$ ity An exchange, speaking of idolatry in New
York City, says: Your readers know that the "Heathen Chi-
nee," " Ah Sin,", who played that little game
vith " Bill Nye," possesses in this country the with "Bill Nye," possesses in this country the
privileges and benefitso h his religious worship,
and has his native temple and Joss house to go
to and his idols to bow down before, but pero and his idols to bow down bofore, but por-
happ stis not known to any of them in New
York City there is a Heathen temple of stran Se idolatry than even those of Chinese. This
cemple is dedicated to the EEyptian worship of
rocodiles, cats, dogs and other deities of the
nd of the pyramids and cemple is aedicated to the egyptian worship of
crocodiles, cats, ogs and other deities of the the
land of the pyramids and sphynx. The gods
worshiped punder these animal and reptile
forms are: Osirs, , Tisis, Horus, Typhon, Serappis, forms are: Osirs, , Iis, Horus, Typhon, Serappis,
Anubus, and Harpocrates, and on account of
the entire exclusion of unbelievers from a presence at these Heathen ceremonies, your
readers must draw upon their imaginations and
knowledge of Egyptian antiquities for their knowledge of Egyptian antiquities for their
ideas of how the worship is conducted.
Perhaps they have a secret font filled with
crocodile tears, for baptismal purposes, as crocodile tears, for baptismal purposes, as
those tears are supposed to be quite common
now-addays, and many persons in the hollow, nowhionabbe world receive the baptism of the
fashiole heart in theme. At any rate, the cere
marbe
monies would present a strange contrast to the
divine worship of our churches, and not only
strange rut sad, and in the words of Tom
Hood
that the darkness of Heathenism should estab-
ish its way in our midst. And yet while ou lish its way it our midst. And yet, while our
own civilization has its heathenish rfee-loveism
and kindred fanaticism, we'd better not judge
the poor worshieis of o syis We would call the attention of Brother Ham-
ond's God to this edifice! If he has any "bottled lightning," he may shatter that.

## Trouble in Church.

There is a speck of war in Connecticut Con cally the State Church,-has paid the usual penalty of great growth in many schisms. The several churches have split and re-split, and
each division has been the signal for "excommunicating" refractory persons. Two mem becently expelled, because they refused to love their pastor. They appealed to the Fairfiel County Association. Their second trial also
resulted in a verdict of "guilty," and out they went. This time, however, they were re-
ceived into the sheltering arms of an illegal ouncil, presided over by Dr. Woolsey. This Church protests vigorously, and threatens to bring every member of the Council before an Ecclesiastical Court for trial, on a charge violating Congregational laws and usages. Io
is certainly refreshing to know that the Congregationalists consider love to be under the exclusive control on an unolesome pastor, with the same potency as on one that the huma gilistic nature that animates the prize-fighters of to-day, is quietly slumbering in the bosom
of many a Christian, and though it manifests its inherent tendencies quite differently, nevertheless it is the same in quality-in fact, it
is the knock-down-drag-out argument, and although it don't strike out straight from the shoulder, it insidiously tries to reduce others Congregationalists, who couldn't love their

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thoughts that have been given mediumistically
through her brain. Thousands will perus them with pleasure and profit; and we com-
mend "The Vestal" to the attention of all our
readers-
D. W. Hull has been lecturing at Wyan-
dotte, Kansas. He is to hold a discussion with Elder C. C. Marston, at Rochelle, Ill. commencing Tuesday
17th, and continuing
following proposition
"1. The spirit of man is conscious after the
of making revelations from the spirit-land
to per ons now living on the earth.-D. W
Hull, affirmative; C. C. Marston, negative, "2 Modern Spiritualism is a Satanic delv-
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 the Spiritual philosophy, and aid in the devel gust next. Address him until that time Green Garden, Will county, IllinoisRev. J. H. Harter, formerly a Universalis we have often heard, is now at A or eloquenc and will lecture on all reformatory subjects.
Frank Thayer, the excellent medium physical manifestations, will soon appear fore the public again. He is now st
with Dr. J. W. Field, at Galesburg, Ill.
Mrs. M. J. Wucoxson is stopping tempora rily with her relatives, at Milford, Connecticut,
Now is the time for the friends in the Now is the time for the friends in the East to
engage the services of this earnest worker engage the services of this earnest worker.
Dr. Fellows writing from Hammonton,
New Jersey, says that he is meeting with great success as a healer.
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 The soul, thus freed, has a realizing conscious-
ness,-first, of its own existence; ; seond, of the
existence of God; and third, of the immortality of conscious identity.
Being itself a portion of God,--in the image
thereof, there is for it such a realizing sense that it knows there is a God, as it knows its own
existence and also its immortal destiny. It is through this knowledge, more or less perfectly
realized, that mankind in all ages and countries have had some kind of a belief of a future state Some one has well said-"There may be tribes
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neighborhood whose atmosphere is becoming very much spirituasized.
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Fraternally Yours, 1872.

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threatened him with exposure unless he should make such an affidavit, and agreed that the
matter should be hushed up would do so
At all events, the legal evidence of the damoing crime is on record against Dr. Thompson,
and there can be no lophole of escape. A
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