Truth wears no mask, bows at no human shrine, seeks neither place nor applause : she only asks a hearing.

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pertence. HE TALKS THROUGH THE" ATLANTIC MONTHLY."

It was a quarter of a century after the time when I had shooked the orthodoxy of New York by preaching Secularism, and had dreamed dreams, and published them, of national industrial schools that were to dissipate poverty and to regenerate a superstitious world. I had been representative in the State legislature, member of congress, delegate to the constitutional convention of Indians; and had finally been appointed to represent my

adopted country at a foreign court.

During all that period, though my thoughts had been chiefly engrossed by public affairs, they had turned, from time to sime, to religand the theoretical opinions of earlier years had insensibly undergone some change. I had gradually reached the conclusion that our consciousness enables us to conceive of a great originating mind; that such a supreme intelligence must be benevolent, and that it would be well for man if be could obtain certain proof of a life to come. Then I began to hope that there might be such proof, though, so far, I had failed to find it in historical documents,

I had been two years and a half resident in picturer; is and stand still Naples, where, ex-cept to the privileged foreigner, all spiritual studies were forbidden. I had heard of the "Rochester knockings," wondering what suprome folly would come up next; and though, n passing through London on the way to Italy, my good father, recently convinced that Spiritual manifestations were a reality, had taken me to two or three sittings, I saw nothing there to change my opinion that it was all

imposture or self-delusion Then it was in my fifty fifth year, at about the same age when bwedenborg turned from science to Spiritualism, that there came to me, by what men are wont to call chance, one of those experiences, trivial at first sight, which sometimes suffice to change the whole tenor of a life.

I was spending a quiet evening at the house of the Russian minister, M. Kakoschkine. Some one spoke of automatic writing whereby one could obtain answers to questions to which the reply was unknown to the writer. It was posed to test this; and, as the wife of the Tuscan minister, a bright and cultivated English lady, who happened to be present, had ex pressed incredulity, she was asked to put some question the answer to which she was certain that no one present knew. Having consulted in the antercom with her husband, she asked, referring to the large gold-headed pins that fastened her dress in front, "Who gave me these gold pins?"

After a time the hand of one of the ladies preeent, one who had barely heard of Spiritualism and was much prejudiced against it, wrote, in a strange, cramped hand, the words: "The one that gives you a maid and tock"-the last two words being written backwards.

Every one thought the answer quite irrelevant, till the lady whose question had called forth this strange reply, after carefully exam-ining the papar, turned pale and confessed that it was not only relevant but strictly true. The pins had been given to her by her cousin Elizabeth, then living in Fiorence; and that lady, at her request, had recently sent to her, from that city, two servants: namely, a la-dy's maid who had been in her service ten days, and a cook who had arrived two days

It is a strange, soul-stirring emotion—and one which, till of late years, few persons have ever known, the feelings which, like a lightning flash comes over an earnest and hopeful mind when it has the first glimpse of the possibility that there may be experimental evi-dence of another world. I sat for hours that evening in silent reflection; and ere I slept I had registered in my breast a vow, since religiously kept, that I would not rest or falter till I had proved this possibility to be a probabili-ty, or a certainty, or a delusion. At last—at last (that was my exultant thought) I may be approaching a phenomenal solution of the

world's momentous, most mysterious problem! Feeling thus, it amszed me to observe with what light indifference the other assistants at this astounding expérience looked upon the matter. They went away wondering, per-plexed, indeed; but wonder and perplexity appeared to fade out without practical result, in a week or two. I doubt whether, after the lapse of a month, any of them adverted to the incident at all, except, perhaps, in the way of relating, to incredulous listeners of a winter evening, that very odd coincidence about three-headed pins and a maid and cook. A numerous class of men, illogical or indifferent, seem incapable of realizing the relative importance of new and unexpected things, as

hey come to light.. Was it a chance coincidence? As soon as I had satisfied myself, past all doubt, that every thing had occurred in good faith, that query suggested itself. If the written answer had en "Elizabeth," such a solution might have been accepted; since, among a dozen of the most common female names, that of Edizabeth would probably be included; and if so, the chances against a correct answer were only twelve to one. But who or what was it that went out of its way to give such a round-about answer to a simple question? How incredible, how difficult even to imagine, that any agency other than a thinking entity could have select ed so unexpected a form of reply! And if there was an external intelligence involved, how intensely interesting the field of ir quiry thus disclosed!

Excited but unconvicted, I went to work in good earnest, devoting my entire leisure to the study that had opened before me. We had, of course, no professional mediums; nor, though I found among our acquaintances three ladies and two gentlemen who had more or less of the mediumistic gift,-the lady who had written at the Russian's having the most, -were any of them of much force; not approsching, in power, others whom I have met since. And, all pexperienced, we had to grope our way.

However, in sisteen months, I had held two hundred sittings, of which I kep a minute and screening record extending over more than a trained fooiscap pages. These I had bound up in three volumes, labeled Personal Observations; and, at the close of each. I entered a careful digest of the evidence obtained, and a summary of apparent results.

The first volume was devoted chiefly to experiments in automatic writing in reply to mental questions. The result, satisfac-tory in some respects, was a puzzie to me in others.

I verified the reality of the phenomenon so far as this, that out of seventy-three mental questions, one-half of the answers (37) were strictly relevant; while of the remainder, one third (12) were doubtful, and two-thirds (2) were irrelevant; irrelevant answers being most frequent in dult, wet weather.

The questions put usually referred to the phenomena themselves and their character. The replies, many of them ingenious and some philosophical, were adverse to the Spiritual

hypothesis, as witness these extracts.

The phenomens of table morney, rapping, and the like, are not supernatural, not spiritual; they are electrical and magnetic. Involutary writing is a phenomenon growing out of magnetic affinity, and similar in charac ter to somnambulism; it exhibits the electrical action of mind on mind. There is, in certain individuals, such a wonderful electric and magnetic force, and so peculiar a combipation of elements, that, in their presence, inexplicable results occur. But we must not therefore suppose that we can hold communion with the spirits of the departed; For such

power does not belong to man."
Soon after getting this reply, I learned through Mr. Kinney, formerly our minister to Turia, and through Powers, the sculptor, that they had verified the phenomena of unmistakable spirit-hands, musical instruments when suspended in the air played on without visible agency, communications from deceased relatives, and the like. Reciting these allegations in one of my (mental) questions, and asking an explanation, I got nothing more satisfactory

"It is not possible to know, whence come these phenomens. But we can not communicate with the Spirit world. To push ir quiries in that direction is unavailing, and productive of confusion without utility. The question called up by this phenomenon

was: "What intelligence gave these replies?" All the more important answers were obtained through a lady of an ordinary, practical turn of mind, to whose cast of thought philosophical inquiry was absolutely foreign. through her there came to me such allegations

Question (mental). Is it of any consequence in what language I write out my questions, even if it be in a lauguage which the person who answers does not understand?

Answer. Coming to a knowledge of the distinction between the positive state and that which is partial only, in the one it is probable that the language is not ma'erial, in the other, unless the magnetizer's thought be in a language known, there may be only confused

Q. (menta'). What is the difference between the positive state and that which is partial

only? It is not the same influence. The concentration of magnetic force which is used for the one is not requisite for the other. The or-dinary individuality is lost in one while in the other both powers act at once.

When I conversed with the writer on such subjects as these, in her normal condition, I found that they were not only without interest, but quite unintelligible to her. But I knew it was claimed by writers on vital magnetism that, under magnetic influence, the patient often obtains clearer, perceptions and higher knowledge. I had read what one of the most and cautious of these writers had said, namely: "The sompambule acquires new perceptions, furnished by interior organs; and the succession of these perceptions consti-tutes a new life, differing from that which we habitually epjoy; in that new life come to light phases of knowledge other than those which our ordinary sensations convey to

I concluded that this might be the true ex planation; and that the answers I received might be due to the actions of the writer's mind in what Andrew Jackson Davis calls its "superior condition." Whether the writer's own ideas were occasionally mixed in I sought to ascertain, asking:

Question (mental). Are the opinions which you have expressed in writing in part the opinion of your ordinary individuality?

Answer. It is so to a certain extent. As the lady who wrote was an utter skep-tic in the spiritual theory, I set down the opinion expressed that communion with the spirits of the departed was impossible, as due to that state of unbelief.

Thus after sixty sittings, running through three months and a half, I had made but little progress toward the solution of the great problem. I was rather disposed to set down what I had witnessed so far as merely a measured phenomenan, because an intimate and valued

friend and colleague, the Vircount de St. Amaro, then Brazilian minister at the Neapolitan court, had brought to my notice many of the wonders of what has been called animal magnetism, together with cognate subjects of

As these opened on me I found it was expedient to enlarge my sphere of research and to consult the best professional works on physiology, especially in its connection with mental phenomena; on psychology in general, on sleep, on hallucination, on insanity, on mental epidemics of Europe and America; to-gether with treatises on the imponderables, including Raichenbach's curious observations, and the records of interesting researches then recently made in Prussis, in Italy, in England, and elsewhere, in connection with the influence of human electricity on the neryous system and the muscular tissues.

I collected, too, from London and Paris, the most-noted works containing narratives of apparitions, hauntings, second sight, presenti-ments, and the like, and toiled through for midable piles of chaft to reach a few gleanings of sound grain.

Gradually Areached the conclusion that what had been regarded by many as new and unexampled phenomens are but modern pha-ses of what always existed. And I became convinced that for a proper understanding of much that had perplexed the public mind under the name of spiritual manifestations, historical research should precede every otherwin quiry; that we ought look throughout the past for classes of phenomens, and seek to arrange these, each in its proper niche-

Nor meanwhite did I neglect my Personal Observations. In the second volume of these I find recorded the result of fifty sittings, running through five months. These were chiefly devoted to the obtaining of communications through table tipping, and occasionally by means of raps. And here I came upon certain manifestations, often (as at the Russian minister's) incidental and at the first blush unimportant; yet, when more closely scrutinized, of startling and suggestive character,

Take this one, as example. Aug. 23, 1856. we had a sitting at the house of an English physician in Naples; all present being Eng-lish or American, yet familiar with the Italian language. The table was boisterous and unmanageable, tilting violectly from side to side. At the word of command it waitzed, beat time to the polks, went into the next room, returned, and would hardly remain still. able to get any communication, we asked: "Is there any one in the circle that ought to g; out ?"

Answer. Sophia Iggulden. She left the table accordingly, and as soon as she did so the manifestations were quiet. Question. Why did you object to Miss

A. She is antipatic his simat— Here I remarked that it was spelling nonsense. Soon after we suspended our sitting. Later in the evening a lady who was present for the first time at a spiritual scance, looking over my minutes said. "I understand that sentence: it means: 'She is antipatichissima !-and the t is probably the beginning of another

When the table was then asked to complete the sentence, it did so thus: "she is antipati-chissims to night."

It was quite accidentally that we discovered the meaning there; but, once discovered, it was unmistakable. The Italian word antiputio, of which the above is the superlative, feminine gender, is much in use, correspon-ding to "not sympathetics" so that the meaning was: "Sne is very unsympathetic to-

It was evident that such an answer thus obtained, could not be explained on the theory of the reflection of ideas, or that of expectant attention; to us all utterly unexpected. Again, Oct. 19, 1856, at a sitting in my parlor, present the medium, Mrs. Owen, and myself. The evening before an alleged spirit, purporting to be a deceased sister of the me-dium, named Maria, had announced herself, and had promised to return this evening. Her sister (the medium), beginning to have faith in the spiritual theory, a ked, when the table he gan to move: "What spirit is here to night?"

Myself—(-keptical)—(); don't put in that

Ask what force moves the table. Medium-(persisting)-Piease tell us your

Of course we all expected the name Maria: instead of which we got Do fo; and when we saked if that was right, it answered "Yes." The medium was much disappointed, and I

said: "That can't be right. There's no name beginning Dofo; but let us see what it will It went on to spell rees and then the word

It had spelt as far as a p e before any of us had the least idea what was coming. Then suddenly it fisshed on me; I had said, "Ask what force moves the table." And the table replies by another question: "Do forces

I stood self-convicted; forces do not speak; I I stood self-convicted; forces do not speak; I had been properly rebuked for asking an absurd question. But who, thus tersely, thus logically, was showing up its absurdity? What intelligence had undertaken thus to reason the matter with me? Reminding me that if a mere force moved the table, it was ridiculous to ask it a question or to expect an answer. I gave it up, for there was not a word to say in

reply.
Yet again, Nov. 1st, 1856; place and assistants the same as before; spelling steady and

The name Maria announced. The medium, taking it for granted that it was her sister, asked several questions, but got no reply. Then Mrs. Owen spoke, and obtained several

answers. The medium was surprised and hurt at this apparent preference. Conjecturing that she might be misled, I asked "Is it Maria " (the sister's name

Answer-No. Myself-What name, then? Answer-W

Myself - Was that your married name?

Answer-No; it was F-A lady intimately known to us, more than thirty years ago, at New Harmony, but since deceased. As a test I asked her (mentally) what was her favorite song, thinking of Fairy like Music, which I had often heard her sing But the reply was Long, Long Ago, and then Mrs. Owen and I both recalled the fact that that was her chief favorite. Then I put this mental question

"But was there not another song that you used often to sing at our house" No reply for a time. In the interval occur

red the following convertation Mrs. Owen-Poor Maria! How much she

suffered in life! Medium - Was she unhappily married?

Mrs. O - Very unimposity. She was of a warm, frank, impulsive disposition, while he was cold and bitter. He treated her with great and persistent cruelty.

M -How did she happen to marry such s man Y Mrs. () - They had only known each other about a month, but Maria was to blame in that

Then came five raps (the conventional call for the alphabet) and there was spelled out:

Feeling drives prule away Mrs. Owen asked whether that was a terly to my mental question or to her remark, and

got for answer: "Remark The reply itself (very unexpected, since I was looking for the name of a song) puzzled me, till Mrs. Owen recalled, what I had partially

forgotten, the circumstances of Maria's mar riage, as follows When Mr. F - first came to New Har-mony, he lodged at the house of Maria's father.

seemed much pleased with the daughter, asked her in marriage, and was accepted. A day-or two, however, before that set for the nuptials, he wished to break off the match, alleging that he did not love Maria so much as he ought, to make her his wife. But she, doubtless much attached to him (as she proved afterwards by a life's devotion), held him to his engagement, saying she was sure John would love her when she came to be his wife. Bo the marriage took place on the day appointed.

It was with reference to all this that Mrs. Owen had remarked; "Maria was to blame in that affair." Then how touching, at once, and appropriate the apology: "Feeling drives pride away."

It would be difficult, in the same number of words, to reply more pertinently, or probably

more truly, to the imputation in question. I think that brief sentence converted Mrs. Owen-a woman of strong logical mind-to the spiritual theory. It staggered my life long skepticism. I could not but think of poor Maria as actually making to us, from her home in another world, this excuse for a natural weakness; and I recalled those tender words, spoken of a far greater sinner than she: her shall much be forgiven, because she loved

much. I think I should have surrendered my unbelief, as my wife did, seeing that I was wholly unable, on the pneumatic theory, to explain the sudden and startling presentation of these four words, but for the fact that, shortly be fore, we had received, through the table and purporting to come from three several spirits, detailed information touching the death of two friends of the medium, every word of which proved false. And in that case we had tried the (alleged) communicating spirits by asking sundry test questions, which were correctly answered; the true answers, however, all being known to us. It had not then occur red to me that spirits from the other world might deceive as so many men and women do here; and that while some communications, truly spiritual, might be a mere giving back to us of what had been read in our own minds, others might be strictly truthful and wholly independent of our thoughts or knowledge.

But there was something more to come, appealing to the heart as well as to the reason. I have already, at the close of my last paper, spoken of Violet, and of my grief at her early death. When I first began to receive, through the table, communications purporting to come from the spirits of the deceased, the thought did cross my mind that if those who once tool an interest in us were able still to commune with us from another world, Violet's spirit, of all others, might announce itself to me; but when month after month passed without sign, I had quite ceased to expect it, or even to dwell on such a possibility: Great was a surprise and my emotion when, at last, the si lence was broken.

The place and persons were the same as in the last two examples. The name of Violet was suddenly spelt out. When my astonishment had somewhat subsided, I asked mentally with what intent a name so well remembered had been announced.

A .- Gave pro-There the spelling stopped. Invitations to proceed were unavailing. At last it occurred to me to sek: "Are the letters procorrect?"

Q.—Is the word "gave" correct?
A.—Yes.
"Then," said I, "please begin the word 'gave' over again"; whereupon it spelled out "Gave a written promise to remember you even after death."

Few will be able to real as the feeling which came over me as these words slowly connected themselves. If there was one memento of my

youth valued above all others, it was a letter written by Violet, in the prospect of death, and containing the very words, the promise which now, after half a life-time, came back to me from beyond the bourne. I have the letter still, but it has never been seen'by any one

Though many results similar to this have been obtained by others, few reach the public. It needs, as prompting motive to overcome s natural reluctance, the earnest wish by such disclosure to serve truth and benefit mankind.

The circumstances were peculiar. What came was utterly unforeseen. When longslumbering associations were called up by the sudden appearance of a name, it was in re-sponse to no thought or will or hope of mine. And if not traceable to me, it was still less so to either of the others. They knew nothing of my question, for it was mentally propounded;

nor of the letter, not even that it existed Let us take note of this also. When, at the first attempt to reply to my question, the unlooked for sentence had been partly spelled cut, "Gave pro,"-it deb occur to me that the unfluished word might be "promise;" and it did suggest itself that the reference might. be to the pleage made to me, long years be-fore, by Violet. Observe what happened. The letters pro were declared to be incorrect; and I remember well my surprise and disappointment as I crased them. But how was that sorprise increased when I found that the correction had been insisted on only to make way for a fuller and more definite wording. It is certain that my mind could have had nothing to do in working out this result. If a spirit-hand had visibly appeared, had crased the three letters, had inserted the word "written," and had then completed the sentence, it would have been more wonderful, certainly; but would the evidence have been more perfect that some occult will was at work to bring shout all this?

The above incident impressed me deeply, yet it needed strong additional evidence, cumulative throughout after years and elsewhere recorded, thoroughly to assure me that it was Violet who had given me this proof of her identity. At the close of the minutes of the sitting, parts of which I have here given, I

find recorded this scruple: "There is, however, in such results as the above, no proof of an occult intelligence which can distinguish and repeat to us things not in our mind; but further experiments may disclose a greater power than has yet shown at-self." It was some years, however, before this occurred.

Leaving out a few sittings, as to which I had doubts whether the results were fairly obtained, the character of the sittings for communications through the table recorded in this volume was, as nearly as they could be classified, as follows:

Serious | Frivolous | False | Boistorous | Trital 1 38 b) 1 1 1 5

Ose example of profanity-the only one throughout my experience of eighteen yearsoccurred Oct, 11, 1856, and for that I was prepared. For, two months before, the Baroness Suckow, of Bavaria, then on Prisit to Naples and having brought a letter of introduction to me, related to me some of her spiritual experience; this among the rest: On one occasion, while sitting in a circle with several young ladies of rank, cultivated and refined, the table gave some answer so evidently absurd that one of them said, "That's not true!" Whereupon the table, by the alphabet, spelled out such shocking oaths that the ladies, ashamed and terrifled, broke up the sitting. The character and demeanor of the baroness, stamped with German earnestness and with a touch of enthusiasm, was to me sufficient voucher for this narrative.

Our experience was similar. At our private circle a (alleged) spirit, assuming to be Mrs. Owen's mother, made several replies so irrelevant and inconsequent that Mrs. O wen said:
"You have been deceiving us all the time. You are not my mother.

Whereupon there came this: "Mary lies, dam you" (thus spelled).

I may add, as to the sittings classified as "frivolous" and "boisterous," that these occurred, as a rule, when the assistants were numerous and were chiefly young people, or others, who had come together for an evening's amusement In summing up, at the close of this volume,

I find my conclusions, so far, thus recorded: "As to the great questions touching the alleged agency of spirits in framing communications through involuntary writing, or through the table, I regard it, after eight months' experiments, as still undecided, either in the affirmative or negative. If the proofs for are numerous and striking, the difficulties against are serious and unexplained." Of these difficulties the calef were: lese in-

telligence given; occasional failure, by tests, to detect a spirit afterward discovered to have assumed a false name; occasional giving back of our own ideas, even when these proved afterward incorrect; but chiefly the failure to communicate anything not known to us at the time, and of which we afterward verified the

But if, on the one hand, I withheld assent from the spiritual theory until further investigation; on the other, my reason rejected the gaton; on the other, my reason rejected the speculations which were put forward, in those days, to disparage the phenomens, or to sustain the pneumatic hypothesis. Of these the most accredited were by two-French authors of repute; the Marquis de Mirville and the Count de Gasparin. They attracted much attention, and obtained a wide circulation.

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#### Extracts from our Exchanges.

In order to give our readers a more comprehension view of Spiritualism and Religious subjects, we shall publish in this Department, the ablest articles of our mekanges, which we are receiving from various parts of the world.

MRS. TAPPAN.

Her Address at Manchester, Eng.

[From the MEDIUM AND DAYBREAK ] INVOCATION.

Our Father! Thou infinite Spirit! Thou source of all light and love! Thou divine and perfect Spirit, we turn to Thee in praise and thankfulness. Upon the altar of thine infinite love we lay the offerings of our devotionhearts filled with praise, souls responsive to thy light and love, thoughts and aspirations for truth and goodness-these are the offerings that we would bring to Thee. We know that Thou, as a kind and indulgent parent, wilt receive every offering that thy children may bring. Some there may be, laden with sorrow, upon whom the hand of he falls heaven. ily, who are bowed down with silliction, and if these bring their offerings of tears, Thou, O loving soul, wilt receive them, and show them a, way through the dark clouds, that they may behold the morning of joy. Some there may be who bring mourning and tears, from whom death has taken dearly loved ones, who do not see the light beyond the grave, nor hear the voice that calleth them from the Spirit-land. Be thy ministering angels their comforters; let them see where above the tomb the glorious light of immortality bursts; let their souls be comforted, for there is no death, only life eternal. We would all bring Thee praise-praise for life, fraught with its manifold blessings; praise for death as the gateway to that higher and better life; praise for the day and night, for the changes of the seasons, the winter time and the harvest, and all material blessings; praise for the thought of man, endowed with thine image, uplifting itself beyond time and sense, and seeking in the avenues of thought and inspiration the golden beauties of the higher world. Oh, greater than the suns and stars, greater than the worlds that Thou hast set in spaces, are the thoughts of those immortal beings, crowned with thy life, glorified by thy image, set above all time and space within the world of souls, praising Thee. Let us join our voices with those angelic beings that sing for evermore thy praise in deeds and words of loving kind-Let us praise Thee, God, Father, Spirit, Soul of Life, evermore!

Mrs., Tappan, immediately the subject was announced, again rose and spoke as follows:-It is frequently supposed that death is the final change, and that, being the final change, everything that pertains to the soul, to its future life, to its preparation therefor, must be accomplished in this, or the material world. The authorities upon this subject we shall of

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course refer to-the sacred record called the Scriptures, upon which Christians predicate their belief in a future state, and their knowledge of what that state shall be—the testimony of seers who were not in existence in the time of the writing of the Scriptures, but who have witnessed at various times spiritual beings and held converse with them-the testimony of logic and reason, which illustrate what would be probable concerning a future state, if the mind exist at all—and finally, the testimony of Spiritualism with reference to spirits themselves and those who have seen and conversed with them concerning the future state. We take the record of the ancient Scriptures first, leaving outside those Scriptures or records that are not considered authentic, and that do not form a part of the authority of Christendom, although multitudes of beings in the far East give their adherence and faith to other books than the Christian Bible; and although the testimony of these books might be valuable, it still does not pass for authority in the Christian world theologically. We shall therefore leave the Koran. Shastra, Zend Avesta-the sacred books of the Indians of the far East-to those nations, and give what we consider to be the testimony relied upon in Christendom. The Hebrew Bible contains very little con-

cerning the future state, and it is a matter of great speculation among the impartial theoogians as to whether the Hebrew religion really teaches a future for the souls of men. It is true that there is a picture of a future heaven, or New Jerusalem; it is true that that New Jerusalem is supposed to be the immortal place of abode of the just and good and chosen ones; but it is believed by the Hebrews to-day, and was believed, we think, in the ancient days, that only the select and chosen of God should inhabit the New Jerusalem, and that the New Jerusalem, or city of heaven, would be a place on earth, a restoration of the Jews to their original kingdom, with a temporal king who should rule over them, and that the immortality and elernal happiness pictured for these is the immortality of residence upon the earth, free from death and sin, while all the wicked are to be consumed—destroyed utterly. This, we, believe, is a fair statement of the condition which the Hebrew religion depicts for the future of those who are to be the chosen of God, who are to inherit the right to abide here for ever, while the wicked are to be utterly destroyed.

It was reserved, however, for Christianity to reveal a more spiritual interpretation of this religion; and without entering in the least degree into the merits of various theological points discussion, we may state what we con-sider to be the foundation in the New Testament for belief in a future state and its conditions. First, Christ himself represented the future state as a spiritual state, and the kingdom of Heaven as a spiritual kingdom; and all that he taught relating to that kingdom appertained to the spiritual nature of man. He distinctly affirms, according to the record, that "the kingdom of heaven is within you;" showing that it must be a state of mind, not a distinctive locality necessarily. The next reference that he makes specifically to the future state is when he is parting from his disciples and followers. Commending them to the various affectionate proofs that he has given, he says: "In my Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you."

This would refer to a condition of a future life wherein there might be grades or conditions of existence, seeing that all even in the Father's house would not occupy precisely the same position. Another indication of what the future state may be is in reference to little children, where he blesses them and distinctively ways. "Forbid them not to come the candren, where he blesses them and dis-tinctively says, "Forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven;" warning those who surrounded him not to in-jure one of those little ones, for their angels always behold the face of the Father in heaven. "Their angels" is a term we shall revert to again. The next specific and distinctive reference is made, of course, in his resurrection, and in the illustration it affords to all Christendom of the continued existence beyond earthly life. But we shall not here dwell up-

on the fact whether it be a temporal or spiritual ressurrection, but only upon the fact that it afforded proof of existence beyond death. At the Mount of Transfiguration there appeared Moses and Elias, seemingly in spiritual or body-ly spiritual form. We have the only connecting links in these various references sflorded by Christianity concerning the future life. These afford the proofs offered by Christ himself; first that there is a kingdom of heaven, that there is that state of man, that there are children in heaven, that there are many mansions in heaven in the Father's house, and that he has prepared a place to meet his -disciples were dear and near to him.

It was left, however, for Paul/to distinct ively enumerate and enunciate the conditions of spiritual life, more expressly where he refers to the resurrection of the spiritual body, to its being raised in power, and where he refers to one star differing from another in glory, typifying conditions of spiritual resurrection. We do not know that there is any distinctive passage or teaching that rol stes to ture growth of the spirit, or whether the continue to improve, excepting the ones we have referred to. Christian denominations have varied in their interpretation of, and in their opinions concerning, the future state. While in the early church and among the first founders of the Roman Catholic faith there were undoubtedly considered to be degrees of of spiritual existence; and while it was thought that the spirit could change its conditions after death, that faith seems to have died out in later years, and with the introduction of the Reformation and its severer teachings there came to be an idea prevalent in Christendom that in the future state there could be no change, and hence that the soul must either be at once absorbed into a condition of happiness or condemned to a condition of misery, whenever the judgment should be pro-nounced upon the soul. But the complicated systems of different theologies do not point out what becomes of the spirit in the intermediate state. Some of them considered that the soul is sleeping before the judgment-day. Some consider that it exists in an intermediate state of semi-happiness, corresponding to the purgatory of the Roman Catholic Church. Others consider that there is no existence whatever until the spirit shall be awakened with the body from the tomb. But we believe there have been sufficient evidences in the visions of perons to show that the soul does not sleep in the tomb until the resurrection takes place: for when John upon the Isle of Patmos the angel and would have fallen down and worshiped him he enjoined upon him to do it not, for he was one of his fellowservants and of his brethern the prophets, showing that he must have been a spirit. Whence also came Moses and Elias if the dead were to sleep until the judgment-day? and the ministering spirits who attended upon Christ and his disciples? and the hosts and clouds of witnesses that encompassed them round about, as described by Paul? These are proofs that the spiritual intelligences were not condemned to remain within the grave during the entire slumbering of the body, be tween the interval of death and the supposed resurrection of the body. But we do not think there can be any doubt in the candid and inquiring mind concerning the interpretation to be put upon the resurrection itself, and upon the spiritual nature of that resurrection, and upon the different degrees of spiritual life. The points most intimately connected with the question that we have to determine are, whether the spirit continues to advance, whether children have growth in spirit-life and change in their appearance, and whether, in the successive stages of spiritual growth, there will be such change as to destroy the identity or recognition of friends? These are important questions for consideration, and the answers to them have been revealed in later experiences, especially in the revelations of Swedenborg, who distinctly portrays the conditions of spiritual life, portrays the growth of spirits in that life, and shows that

the methods of recagnition are not physical merely, but belong to the spiritual nature. All persons who have witnessed departed pirits, held converse with them, and made record of those conversations, testify that when children enter the spiritual state at an early age, they increase in spiritual knowledge and unfoldment as they would have done on earth, the spiritual form growing proportionately as the physical form would have grown here. It is customary for the mother to think of her departed child as a babe; but if you reflect on the strong impulses of nature you will see that had the child been separated from you by any external means, such as a removal to a distant land, so that it could not be with you in outward form, you could have deplored nothing more than that the child should forever remain an infant. Now, when you consider that the spiritual life must be, if it exist at all, a natural life, a continuation of the existence of the mind here, nothing would be more to be deplored than that an infant, endowed with the faculties that you see an infant possesses, should always remain an. infant through the unending ages of eternity. And when Christ says, "Except ye become as little children, ye can not enter the kingdom," it undoubtedly refers to the innocence and purity of the child-like mind, and not to the state of infancy in which you recognize childhood; and their angels always beholding the feature the Fether was consider to ing the face of the Father we consider to refer to the more profound subject in connection with the soul itself, which probably means this -that the soul or the angelic nature of the child, although the child exist in outward form, is not changed, and is not utterly and absolutely perverted even by any external form of temptation in outward life. So that when children pass to spiritual existence in early years, it was considered by the Church a most fortunate circumstance, releasing them from the temptations of external existence. We do not consider it so; we consider that earthly life is intended for the benefit, and advancement, and growth of the human spirit; but we being and growth of the number spirit out we also consider that nature and the laws of the Deity have provided compensations, and that if a child be removed in early life, there are spiritual methods of growth in knowledge, so that that child is not deprived utterly of whatever advantages might accrue from external knowledge, of observation, and culture. We know that nothing is more continously developed by Swedenborg, by the various spiritual writers, by those who have seen and conversed with spirits, by modern Spiritualism itself, than the fact that a child in spirit is transferred to spiritual teachers or guardians, who take control of its education and culture in spiritual life; and it is a solemn fact which it would be well for you to remember here, that there are no orphans in spirit-life; that is, if souls pass out from earth, leaving behind them their earthly parents, there are those provided in spiritual existence who take charge of them in Spirit-life. There are no paupers—little waifs that go wandering about upon the surface of spiritual existence without habitation or home; but there are always kind and beneficent angels and ministering spirits. whose appointed work is to take charge of those souls that pass out by violence, by illness, sometimes by starvation and fraud, from earthly life. Therefore, we state that this growth of spiritual intelligences must inevitably be continued in spiritual life, or the nourishment from the body of the splendid.

funcetions, and properties, and purposes of in-dividual identity can not be perfected; and when they are not permitted to be perfected in external life, nature, ever kind, and God, ever loving, in his wise beneficence, has provided the methods of spiritual instruction.

If then the spirit shall-change, and the babe shall grow, and spirits continue to improve, you naturally ask, "How shall we recgnize one another in spiritual lifer" The mother, whose son leaves her at the age of 12 or 14 does not expect when his apprenticeship is expired, or when his voyage is terminated, that he will return to her as a lad; but her loving thought follows him through the awakening stages of early manhood, her prayers follow him to protect him through the temptations of those early years, and she expects when he returns that he will not be a child but a man. Yet she scarcely ever fails to recognize him. Even if the form be changed, and seem at first strange to her, there is something in the eye, something in the intuition, that does not permit her to be mistaken. We believe that in spiritual life these methods of recognition are still stronger. It is not a matter of physical vision; it is not a matter of physical conformation; but itis a matter of thought that shapes itself to the unfolding spirit, and whoever is bound by ties of affection on earth can not fail to recognize in heaven; for that recognition that comes from the spirit is not mistaken, is infallible, is not goverened by outward signs and tokens, but by loving chains of thought that become palpable to each in the world of souls and develop the chain of family recognition. There is scarcely a loving mind or spirit losing a friend that does not picture in what is called imagination or dream the changes that will transpire to that spirit in spiritual life; and there are often fears and forebodings lest the new-found existence shall be so full of happiness or joy as to take the dear one utterly away from all consciousness of earth, and separate you from them entirely. But if you had faith in love, faith in the constancy of friendship, faith in the enduring ties of the spirit, you would know that that which is real on earth can not be divided by death; you would know that no change, or growth, circumstance, or time, can separate the spirit and againd from those to whom it is really bound by ties of spiritual affection; and you would know that the methods of recognition must be far different from those you are accustomed to rely upon here, namely, outward appearances, external circumstances, change in the conditions of material life, that the real recognition is a recognition of spirit, a similarity of thought, a comprehension of the intellect, the methods and manners of those who think like you, feel like you, are like you spiritually.

That the laws concerning the spiritual life

are capable of being distinctly portrayed in the science of spiritual unfoldment, we shall clearly show to you; that while the recognition in heaven has been a part of the distinctive hy-pothesis of the Christian religion, still the sometime lingering doubt as to whether you would meet the loved ones in heaven, or whether the state and condition of mind might not be changed so as to prevent you from meeting them, is now absolutely solved by the still more subtle science of the soul itself; for whatever belongs to the spirit is in its nature eternal; for whatever is absolutely a part of its growth can not perish, and any pos-session which belongs to it spiritually can not be severed or wrested from it by any outside circumstances or change at death. That the method of spiritual existence is distinctively and absolutely governed by laws-laws as inviolable and as decisive in their pature as those that govern the revolution of the heavenly bodies-and that if there be a spirit bound to you by the ties of affection upon earth, the very inevitable law of spiritual existence makes them bound to you in spiritlife. It is not external compulsion; it is not outward circumstances, as it is oftentimes on earth; it is not the mere tie of consanguinity; it is something more than this, that the child that is yours, the possessor of your spirit, the outgrewth of your mind, is inevita-bly linked to you by a spiritual tie; and that that tie, far from being weakened by death, is made stronger as the body that divides you is lessened and weakened by death. This which you call life, or the circumstances which govern you here, often does separate you from your loved ones, but death brings them nearer to your spirits, makes it possible for them to hold near communion with you, awakens your spiritual sympathies and energy and prepares by constant aspiration the habitation of your spirit with theirs. Death is the awakener, and not the destroyer, of love and affection. 'Death is that subtle spiritual agent that brings souls nearer together that were divided by space and time and sense and matter. It has been revealed, as we stated, by the subtle process of clairvoyance, psychometry-Spiritualism-that these chains of intelligence, that the laws of mind continue their

operation, advancement and perfection in spiritual existence. The charge commonly called death has been so far misunderstood that it has perverted the entire meaning of existence. Instead of being a destroyer it is a life-awakener; instead of being death it is put a process of life; and it is known that, chemically, the body even does not perish but only changes its atomic form; it is known that, chemically, no atom of which the physical form is made can ever perish, but passes again into the substance of earth. Mentally, the chemistry of thought proves that no thought can perish, but that at death each thought is taken up and forms a part of the spiritual existence and spiritual life; and that whatever is the thought and mind on earth, whatever has been the daily prayer, and aspiration, and deed, that becomes a reality in the world of souls, and meets you face to face on entering the spiritual and that if the thoughts be of love, of kindness, of sympathy, of purity of aspira-tion, the spiritual body is bright and radiant in proportion; and if the thoughts have been unworthy and full of doubt and cruelty, and hatred and revenge, the spiritual body is shadowy and darkened, clothed around with mist-like vapors, shaped; according to the fashion of the soul itself; and that in proportion as the spirit aspires even after death, so shall its cloudy and mist-like shape disappear, and it shall become an angel of light with cor-

responding aspirations. There has been a strong tendency on the part of theologians to deny this possibility of change after death. They quote frequently the proverb that "as a tree fall, so it shall lie," failing to recognize that the tree does not lie that way for ever, that it decomposes, that its atoms change into other forms of life, and that it is really a fallacy to say that the tree lies as it falls, for it does not. Then again, they state that there can be no change in the grave. But even that is a mistake, for the body of a man, good or bad, decomposes and goes back to the earth, the atoms entering again into the formation of new phases of life. A wonderful and distinguished man was placed in the grave, and there grew up a sublime tree. When excavations were being man who had been laid there. The friend who found this tree hailed his departed friend in the leaves and branches of the waving forest tree above his head. Had he possessed spiritual vision he might have bailed the spirit of his friend in another and higher sense in the branches of thought waving far above him and even with his mind, doubtless prompting him to his wonder and expression of reverence. So even this illustration falls short of being literally true; whilst as far as the spiritual change is concerned—if you must have au-thority—what does it mean? During the three days that Christ was in the sepulchre he is said to have gone and visited the spirits in prison, those who were disobedient in the days of Noah. If they could not profit by his teachings, did he go to tantalize them? And if he went to preach to them for their improvement, does it not show improvement after

What is possible for those spirits in prison is possible for all spirits in prison, bound, tethered, and fettered as they may have been by the external senses. No soul goes out from earth so entirely free as not to bear some impress of physical suffering and temptation. No soul goes out from earth so ufterly bad as not to be capable of receiving some im pression, even in the prison of their souls; so that there comes a time in the history of every spirit when some angel of light, or some spirit of truth from the Comforter, enters the prison-house of their soul's habitation, and releases them from the bondage of the recollection of the material senses and external sins. If it were not for this, mankind might be hopeless about the future state; for who goes into the world of sorts fully prepared spiritual existence? Who goes with a full consciousness of spiritual light and heavenly What enlarged mind, what existence? thinking mind can grasp the whole meaning of eternity? And are you not to unfold in eternity? Are you to remain blind and deaf and voiceless and silent to the great and wonderful truths that are to be revealed to you there merely because you have not acquired the knowledge or capacity here? Exernity were a mockery if the spirit were to remain for ever voiceless and deaf and blind to the great meaning of its spiritual existence. On the contrary, it has been taught by many recent theological denominations that there may be a change in spiritual life, that the soul may go on from glory to glory, from new knowledge to new knowledge, and that there never will be a time in all the history of eternity when there will not be some new thought, some truth more radiant and brighter for the soul to grasp. This it is that uplifts the spirit, that points it onward with hope and aspiration to eternity, without which heaven itself would be void and lifeless; for the perpetual and un-ceasing monotony of an absolute state of com-plete happiness would wear away even the souls of the angels if they could not see a greater knowledge before them. To the finite spirit there can be no finality. Even that which you consider to be the uttermost state of knowledge will pale before the loftier spiendors of spiritual vision. Why should John upon the Isle of Patmos worship the an-Had he known what the angel really was, he would have known that it was not God. But even his awakened spiritual vision did not see the completeness of the splendor, and he would have worthiped a lesser light, thinking it the glorious orb of day. So you, could you gaze upon some spiritual beings in their heavenly abodes, might fall down and worship, thinking them God; but as you advance, and your souls become aware of the angels in their spheres, you will find Deity be-yond and beyond; for even through spirits, angels, cherubim and seraphim and all the orders of spiritual intelligences, you still can not comprehend the fulness and completeness of the glory and power that awaits you.

The recognition of friends, then, is only a
matter of thought and of love. If the tie that

binds you together is more than mere external circumstance; if they are really the chosen spritual friends of your soul; if the child is yours in love and kindness, then the tie that binds you is but a prophecy of that tie that shall unite you more and more completely in spiritual form. There be those on earth, perhaps, who, through cruelty and ignorance, can not be termed parents; there are those who abide in the same household that may not be called brothers and sisters; theremare those linked together by the ties of consanguinity that perhaps may burst asunder the chains as soon as circumstances release them; but the genuine thought that links brother and sister together, the tie that unites parent with child looses not, but is strengthened in eternity; and even though lost to your sight, the Spiritual philosophy and religion teach that every aspi-ration and prayer concerning them reaches them in their abode; that they are ever on the wings of thought, of mercy, and of love, to invite your prayers and thoughts heavenward; and that the two worlds are only severed by the thin film, and mist of outward life, that, like the blindness of Paul, drops as the scale from the eyes when touched by the spirit of awakened truth. The blind poet, Milton, saw with vision of the mind these millions of beings walking the earth. Heslod, the Greek poet, from whom he quotes, saw countless myriads of beings walking the earth. Socrates ever had his good demon by his side prompting him to aspirations of virtue, and warning him of dangers or of the joys that awaited him. The great and the good of every tongue and clime have taught the presence of the gods and of the angels; and the prompting voice of humanity to-day, coupled with the proofs that belong to actual vision and unimpeschable testimony, asseverate that spiritual beings in their abode continually and for ever gain new knowledge, which it is their delight and convention to impart to other souls; that and occupation to impart to other souls; that their employment consists in receiving knowledge and in imparting knowledge; and that no joy in heaven is so complete that it could be a joy if it were not shared by some other soul; and that no angel is so high in the celestial abodes that they do not seek to impart their knowledge and wisdom to those who are beneath them, and that, handed down through the various states of spiritual existence, these waves of thought, in shining globules, descend to the earth and make fruitful the barren wastes and wildernesses of time, awakening here flowers of immortal hope, creating the impulses of aspiration, and pointing to the fa-ture life as the fulfillment of that which is but

sown here, but gathered there. . We will now invite the audience-the committee first-to propose any questions which the discourse may have suggested to their minds, and if there are any points which we have failed to touch upon in so fruitful a theme of discussion, we shall be most happy to answer further questions concerning th to answer further questions concerning them.

Mr. Bond, the gentleman who propounded
the subject of the discourse, said he had not
thought effit before, nor had he any acquaintand with Mrs. Tappan, whose able and lucid
treatment of the subject elicited his admira-

The first was: As it has been proved that recognition will exist in heaven, will not the knowledge of loved offes being in hell prove a source of miserable feeling to those of their relations who are in heaven?

Ans. We certainly hope so for the sake of humanity. We do not know of any heaven so

high, nor so perfect, nor so far away that beings inhabiting it would not be made unhappy by the knowledge that not only their loved ones, but that any human being, were irrevoc-ably in hell. If, however, the gentleman wishes to ask how they can be thus wretched, we snawer that the fact of our loved ones being in a state of unhappiness will increase the efforts that the spirit will make to raise them from that state of unhappiness; and in this consists the work of the angels, who always do the will of their Father which is in heaven.

A Swedenborgian quoted the statement of the Swedish seer to the effect that when a man's affections were wholly confirmed in evil there was no restoration. Mrs. Tappan replied that doubtless Swedenborg thought that such persons could not be reached by divine truth and light; but those who believe in the infinite goodness of an all-wise Father could not con-ceive the possibility of finite beings so alienating themselves from Infinite Goodness as to render it impossible for that Infinite Goodness to reach them. Swedenborg stated the opinion at his hazard that any beings continued to eternity. in irredeemable sin, and not because he had seen them, for he could not see the whole of eternity with his finite vision.

Ques. The Scriptures being considered an authority, did not such terms as "everlasting" imply that punishment would be eternal?

Ans. It was shown that other meanings were attached to the word "everlasting." Outside the gates of Jerusalem was a burning pit for consuming offal, called Gehena, or hell-fire -the eternal pit-and it was probable that the word used to describe the state of the wicked was an allegorical expression derived from this eternal pit; that it did not refer to the absolute condition of any individual soul, but rather to the eternal moral law, any violation of which must inevitably meet its punishment and condemnation.

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It is one of the laws of nature, that "coming events cast their shadows before them;" but, like all other natural laws, it had to be discovered by observation and experience, and a rational and logical system of induction. On this account, the people in primitive ages were subject to a great disadvantage, as compared to those of modern times. They were deficient in data, not having the repetition of history to impress on their minds the relation between causes and effects. But this deficiency in the means of recognizing and appreciating the "Signs of the Times,"—the shadows of coming events—did not exist in the primitive degree when Jesus of Nezareth sejourned on the earth. The world was then in possession of history, which comprehended not only the rise and fall of nations, empires and kingdoms, but of a people who had been for centuries the subjects of Divine Providences unparalleled in the world's history. It was to these people Jesus spoke when he said, "When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather; for the sky is red; and in the morning ye say, It will be foul weather to day; for the sky is red and lowering. Ye hypocrites; ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Like Christian scientists of modern times, their observations were confined to the ordinary phenomena of the phyiscal elements, while everything spiritual and divine was treated with neglect and ridicule.

History is ever being repeated, as the same causes, under similar circumstances, always produce similar effects. The downfall of nations in the past were always anteceded by internal circumstances and conditions, principles and policies, which naturally produced such results; and if the people of the United States of America, would perpetuate their liberty and independence, they must prevent the catastrophes of other nations by avoiding the causes that produced them. Among these causes, the most prominent, the most common, and the most influential, has been the inequalities of rights and enjoyments, growing chiefly out of accumulated capital on the one hand, and the consequent poverty and oppression on the other. In every country possessing inhor ent resources and a congental climate, these two opposite conditions are co-existent, as the first always produces the last. It is impossi-ble that a minority should accumulate a vast amount of capital without producing a corresponding amount of poverty and suffering. The earth with all it contains, by natural and moral right, is primarily the common property of the whole human race; and when one man comes to possess as much as a thousand others, it has been brought about by a violation of the principles of found moral ethics, as well as true national policy. The constitutional, men-tal inequalities of the human race are just as great as the physical; and any argument or reason that would justify those of superior mental capacity to meancier their inferiors out of their share of this world's good, would justify the physically strong to enslave the weak. Aud, indeed, this is the certain and final result of the unrestrained exercise of acquisitiveness in the human race. The exercise of mere ab-afract "justice," in its popular and conventional sense, regardless of charity and mercy, will forever fail to remove the evils growing out of poverty and wealth. Not until the human family shall adopt the principles enunciated by the Nazarene and his followers; - "Seck not thine own, but every man another's wealth"
"Love thy neighbor as thyrelf"—"As you would that men should do to you, do ye even so them"-"Lay not up for yourselves treas-ures on the earth," et cetera, will universal prosperity, happiness and content prevail on earth. The present policy, which is now al-most universal, and always has been (except among the disciples of Christ), has been tested long enough to demonstrate its pernicious

All nations in their infancy are character-ized by simplicity, economy, frugality and fraternity; and this state of things would continue, were it not for the inequalities of wealth that are brought about by the unrestrained indulgence of the passion for wealth, and the power and pre-eminence it secures to its possessors. And when the comparatively few, who are endowed with superior faculties for accumulation, have made themselves rich by reducing a large number of their fellow-beings to poverty, they have succeeded to a great ex-tent in making them slaves. The poor must then assume the position of bired servants from necessity, and submit to the spirit of domination by which the rich are generally characterized. The luxury and idleness of the rich, and the destitution and toil of the poor, produce those castes in society which are the bane of social happiness, and the prime cause of most of the misery, discontent and common vices of the world.

Whenever a nation arrives at a social condition that labor is regarded as degrading, it has reached a crisis fraught with peril, and certainly fatal to the general happiness of the people. A law of nature being contravened, unhappiness and vice must be the result. There can be no permanent national presperity, happiness and peace, only in harmonial relations with natural laws, which apply to society as well as individuals. And I think the principle is how generally established in the American republic, that slavery (which is in magnitude) what the hireling assets it is ministered. tude) what the hireling system is in miniature), is not in harmony with the beneficent laws of nature, and the unselfish, fraternal principles of equality inculcated by Jesus of Nazareth

and his Apostles. The necessity of manual labor to perpetuate human existence, to secure health and promote morality, is obviously a law of nature. It is a creat mistake to suppose that the necessity of labor is a curse, inflicted on our race for the sin of our first parents. That much of the toil endured by the poor is in consequence of sin I admit; but it is the sin of modern speculstors and money monopolists; not the sin of Adam and Eve. If the labor necessary to support the human family were equalized, and all able-bodied persons compelled to do their share, it would only amount to enough to se-cure the physical and mental health of all. As it is, a portion of society are dying for want of physical exertion, while a larger portion sacrifice their lives by over-work to supply the deficiency. That the necessity of universal labor entered, into the original design of the Creator, is self-evident. This natural law was recognized by Jesus of Nazareth and his followers, and enforced by their precepts and examples. They all labored at a new productive amples. They all labored at some productive avocations; and it was a law in the primitive church that if a man "would not work, neither should be cat." It is clear that idleness was regarded as disorderly conduct among the primitive Christians; and the churches were commanded to expel all who would not work (See 3 Thess., 3). All were commanded to labor "with their hands;" not to enhance their wealth, but that they "might have to give to them that needed." But this God-ordained order of things has at length yielded to the influence of accumulated wealth and money monopolies in our once prosperous and happy

country, and manual labor has fallen into disrepute;—has come to be regarded as only proper to be engaged in "by the lower classes" of society. Manual labor and meanness, labor and low life, are fast becoming synonyms in the minds of a large class of American citizens, who are now living in idleness and luxury by the sweat and toil of the laboring classes. And were it not for our free schools, and other fortuitous circumstances peculiar to Amer-ican institutions, we should soon become a nation of "lords" and "serfs," after the manner of many of our predecessors. This growing aversion to honest, as If-sustaining toil, has at length assumed the character of an epidemic, showing itself among the young men and boys of our country, who are forsaking the farms and workshops of their fathers, and sapiring to the position of professional men merchants, under the false impression that these pursuits are more "bonorable" than those of the farmer and mechanic. And too many parents, tainted with this pernicious sentiment, encourage their children in making the hazardous experiment.

We are now approaching a crisis in American affairs, in which are involved finance, politics, religion, and social and domestic policy. Reformation or revolution, these are the only possible alternatives left us. The elements of a general strife are being developed and organized for a general conflict be tween aristocracy and democracy; between capital and labor; between religious despotism and freedom of thought and speech. The pristine spirit of American institutions, which animated the hearts of our Fathers a hundred years ago, is now making its final struggle for continued life; the result must be either con-quest or death. The contest is between the political and religious despotism of the dom-inant classes, and the spirit of liberty and equality still pervading the hearts of American yeomanry. The world, in its progress from the sensual to the moral and spiritus, is in its last decade of what phrenologists call the acquisitive or money god period. This period has had its uses, characterized, as it has been, by the spirit of speculation and accumulation, re the spirit of speculation and accumulation, re-sulfing in vast aggregations of cap tal through the instrumentality of which we have obtain-ed our net-work of railroads and telegraph lines. These will soon encompars our globe, and then the decilities for a higher civilization, and that universal brotherhood of man, - the ultimate of all civilizations and reforms. Then they will revert back to the people, for the benefit of all. The capital invested in the e stupendous enterprises is, to a great extent, fictitious, existing chiefly in the shape of bonds, which will certainly never be paid Nor will the government bonds of the United States, or of any other nation now on earth, ever be paid. The basis of all these bonds, (money borrowed from mone;) dists, and land diched from its natural and rightful owners; will all he sunk, as to its present owners. The enormous burdens of taxation, unjustly augmented by the exemption of church property and government bonds, now absorbing the proceeds of all branches of industry, and grinding to dust the proceeds of honest toil, will be rolled from the shoulders of the people forever. Few will suffer from this grand revolution except monopolists and speculators, who accumulated their capital by craft, fraudand oppression. This climax in the language of natural law, illustrated by history, will for ever cure the disease of avarice in the human race, and ease the pain that would otherwise be felt by capitalists, on account of their dead

and buried gods. That the present is the age of transition from the lower, physical, into the higher, moral and spiritual developments of humanity, is evident from the outcreppings of the spirit of charity and benevolence everywhere among capital-ists, in distributing their accumulated wealth for the benefit of the poor, and the relief of suffering humanity. The history of the last decade, of magnificent donations for charitable purposes, has no parallel in the past and, indicates the encouraging truth, that avarice is giving place to a spirit of benevolence, and a desire to devise ways and means for the eviation of human suffering.

If God is infinitely wise and good, and so controls the destiny of all things that a sparrow can not fall to the ground against his will, then he has permitted the past inequalities of wealth, and the vast accumulations of capital in the hands of a few for the purposes now being accomplished with it halbe world. If he can make the "wrath of man praise him," why not the ill-gotten wealth of money-loving

God works by means, and in accordance with immutable laws. Every effect is produced by an adequate cadse; and this law of cause and effect is so nicely and unerringly adjusted, that neither individuals or nations can escape the just consequences of their acts. The abuse of the acquisitive principle, in the selfish accumulation of hoarded wealth, must in the end result in disaster to those who thus violate one of nature's most obvious and important laws; and the result can be none other than the subversion of a social and commercial system which tolerated such abuse. Hence the door is about to be closed against speculation, and the employment of hoarded capital to oppress the poor laboring classes, by the inauguration of a new system of commerce and exchange of the productions of labor, which will compel the present vast horde of middle-men, who are now living in luxury on the toll and sweat of producers and consumers, to work for their living at some productive calling.

This grand and certain revolution, the only hope for American institutions, is perhaps much nearer than we apprehend. The signs of the times indicate that the elements of this new order of things are rapidly developing, and assuming organic forms. The great number of periodicals (the controlling power in modern education), now devoted to the invest-igation and discussion of the subjects of capital and labor, and the multitude of social organizations springing up all over the land, having a common object, are unmistakable evidences that a spirit is at mork in the hearts of the in-dustrial classes of America, which, if not crushed out in its infancy by the iron-heel of aristocracy and money-monopolies, will ulti-mately "take the wind out of" our present would be lords, and render capital incapable of producing further oppression and poverty. These organizations will ultimately, as they should, embrace the entire "bone and since" of our republic, and wield an irresistible power, social, political, moral and financial. This is the only hope left for escape from the perils that now surround us as a nation, except a bloody revolution, which the despotism and tyranny of capital and power on one hand, and oppression, poverty and starvation on the other, are sure to produce. Oxford, O.

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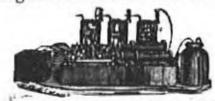
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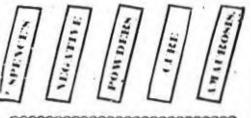


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More Facts in Relation to Blood, étc.

When the Bible shall be revised again, we propose to call the attention of the pious savans assembled for that purpose, to the important discovery that we have made, that Cain, when he killed his brother, was laboring under hypochondrical, or emotional insanity, and that the orthodox God was inexperienced then in world-making and man-making, and especially in woman making, not balancing her correctly phrenologically, thus rendering her liable to yield to the persuasive seductive influence of Satan. If the Bible God had thoroughly studied phrenology previous to making her physical organism, and become familiar with the modern discoveries of Comb, Fowler and Wells, he would have endowed her with sufficient firmness to resist the allurements of the verbose serpent.

If the Bible is again revised it should contain an apology for Cain and old Mother Eve, and while it acknowledges the insanity of the former, it should also refer to the unbalanced condition of the latter, phrenologically, and then allude to the inexperience of God himself, this being his first attempt at making a universe, and, of course, a failure might

be expected.

We claim, however, that this first attempt of the Bible God, taking all things together, was a decided success! Since then, we have no doubt, he has greatly improved;his conduct and daily behavior being of a more commendable character, and more in consonance with his dignity as the chief originator of the magnificent scheme of creation. Then, he had not become high-toned in his notion; indeed, he became a tailor, and with needle and thread, he made garments for his two disobedient children. Then, too, he would occasionally visit the earth in the form of a man, and talk to those engaged in the active business of life. Since the early history of the world, but little is known of him. The way he showed himself in sacient times (his back parts to Moses), would not be tolerated now only by licentious ministers of the Gospel and notorious free-lovers.

The protracted absence, however, of God from this terrestrial sphere, can not be accounted for on any other hypothesis, than his continued weariness resulting from severe manual labor at world-making. There was a time when he repeatedly visited the earth, that one out of every four of the inhabitants thereof, were murderers. Since then, as population has increased, and he has remained away from the earth, the morals of the people have improved so that out of about one million of inhabitants in the City of New York, only 115 murders are committed each year. If he will remain away another century, we think the world will be enabled to survive another shock-of mismanagement that would result from his awkward administration of mundane affairs. We are now alluding to the orthodox Bible God, and not to the real God of the Universe.

During his temporary rest or absence from this sphere of existence, if the inhabitants will exert themselves properly, a complete revolution can be inaugurated in the use of blood. We desire to disappoint him; to work such a magnificent change in the use of the fluid that circulates in the veins, that will excite within him a degree of merriment that will render it impossible for him to put his lips in a position to utter a curse. When he left this earth he was accustomed to seeing the blood of bullocks, goats, etc., shed, as a sacrifice to him. Now, will he not be surprised when he witnesses the great change that has been wrought in the administration of blood? 'When he sees the blood of bullocks being shed, and the same drank by consumptives with most excellent results, instead of being offered as a sacrifice to him, will he not stand aghast? And when he finds it is no longer considered as an antidote for sins by a large portion of the world, but is used extensively for the restoration of the sick, he will be so highly pleased with the revolution that he will bless mankind generally.

It is a stertling, but by no means well known fact, that for certain abnormal conditions of of the human organization, certain physicians are now in the habit of prescribing doses of blood warm from the animal. When a deficiency of the sanguine tide manifests itself, either through the whole body or in some important organ, when no natural or artificial hemorrhage has supervened, when the countenance presents a waxy, emsciated appearance, and when the pulse is wiry, feeble and quick, then the constitution is tottering towards its fall, and an infusion of fresh blood is imperatively necessary. As to how the process shall be most beneficially conducted physicians are divided. A section favors the transfusion operation. The blood-drinking school of physicians claim to have large ground for sup-

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Reporter-I learn, Dr. Dwyer, that you are occasionally in the habit of prescribing doses of warm blood from the animal to your patients. Will you kindly explain the physical conditions that requires such extraordinary treatment?

Dr. Dwyer- If you were a medical man you would understand what is meant by ance nia. As you are not, let me say it is a deficiency of blood, and that the organs most subjected to this condition of their circulation are the brain, liver, substance of the heart, stomach, alimentary canal, and some of the voluntary muscles. In many of these, atrophy is associated with arcemia, and may be considered in the majority of cases as the consequence of it. Frequently, when ar comis is seated on the brain. a form of convulsions is the consequence. It is a difficult disease to combat; dropsical effusions occasionally ensue, and death in any form may as suddenly as unexpectedly end the lingering misery of the patient.

R.-When he blood is healthy, of what does it chemically consist?

Dr. Dwyer (consulting a large pile of manuscript) -As nearly as has been ascertained, the blood is composed of the following constituents: Water, 789.145; fibrine, 2.100; albumen, 65.090; coloring matter, 133 000; crystallizable fatty matter, 2.440; oily matter, 1 310; extractive matter, soluble, 1.790; albumen combined with sods, 1.265; chloruret of sodium, alksline phosphate, and subcarbonates, 8 370; subcarbonate of lime and magnesia, phosphate of lime and magnesia, and iron peroxide of iron 2.100; loss, 2.400. Total, 1,000 000. The blood of oxen (continued the Doctor) differs somewhat from that which circulates in our yeins, and it acts as a surprising clixir when taken into the stomach under proper conditions. There is a strong prejudice against it, but time will gradually extinguish it. Blood is far more beneficial than cod-liver oil, or any hitherto discovered natural recuperator. Why, thea, should such an invaluable remedy for feeble mortality be given weekly, by thousands of gallons, to the sugar refiners?

The reporter called upon Doctors Wood, Ross, Fisher, Knapp, and found that they were warm supporters of the blood-drinking theory,-only they said: "It is extremely difficult to persuade patients to try the experiment. Somehow their minds revolt at the The reporter visited several slaughter-houses on the East and North Rivers with the view of eliciting how much blooddrinking was practiced, and how it was appropriated. The scenes and incidents of the sanguineous dissipation are engraven on the writer's memory in characters that can never be obliterated.

The scene was an abattoir on Tenth avenue, near Forty-second street. A woman and a child, -a shrunken, ill favored boy, constituted the party. An ox, with majestic horns, sleek red skin, and beautiful mild eye, was prostrate

on the brick floor.

Blood gushed from his throat, and the woman and the boy went forward, and holding an ordinary tumbler, below the hideous gash, alternately caught and quaffed a glassful of the warm, reeking blood. The woman filled and emptied the vessel three times, having consumed nearly a quart; the boy drank also. Then they departed; and as she crossed the street the woman seemed warmer and stronger. On making inquiries at other abattoirs, precisely similar statements were elicited. However much it may horrify the general reader, the fact is indisputable that over 170 people in New York City rise at daybreak for the sole

from the animal. It tastes very much like warm milk, slighty salty and bitter. Will not this wonderful change in the use of blood excite merriment in the Bible God who had his eyes regaled with the sight of blood continually in olden times, presented for his individual benefit, and will he not smile approvingly when he sees a scene like

the following narrated in the Boston Times:

and special purpose of drinking blood warm

"Take the cars, forenoon or afternoon, from the Boston & Albany Depot. A pleasant ride of less than half an hour will land you close to the Brighton Abattoir. As you leave the station and go down the steep steps leading into a sort of gravel pit, you wonder every-thing looks so clean and smells so sweet. On-ly when the long string of people pass where fresh hides are kept do they fancy a little suifi of burnt rag or hot vinegar would be de-sirable. A moment and we are in the building of the hygienic experiment. A motiey group—men, women, and children, rich and poor—in all stages of invalidism. What an opportutunity to philosophize upon the mysterious element of faith! Evidently, some have been dosed with Florids; others steeped with Pines; more crammed to the muzzle with cod liver Away with the under-weakening air of Florida; the over-stimulating air of Canada; the nauseating oil of cod liver! Approach, and drink this vitalizing beverage. Already a noble steer is roped in the circle. Now is the time for the woman to faint. But they won't. Delicate females stand their ground, determined to be in at the death. A stalwart expert deals a stunning blow; upon the throat of

the fallen animal descends a knife, keen as a Damascus blade, instantly severing the jugular vein. The blood rushing from all parts of the heaving carcass poirs forth in a torrent. Quick! pass your tumblers and catch the bubbling, foaming liquid.

Have we not reason to rejoice that we who live in this, the 19th century, are seeing blood applied to practical purposes, and not to washing away the sins of disreputable charac-

The Original Katie King.

THE SPIRITUALIST OF ENGLAND CLAIMS THAT OUR "KATIE KINOS" ARE DIAKKA.

Katie King-that is, the figure that represents itself as such-is causing quite a commotion in Spiritualistic circles at the present time. Is the same Katie engaged in all the circles that claim her as the controlling influence? As there are hundreds of John Smiths on this mundane sphere, are there not also hundreds of Katie Kings in the Spirit-world? Or is not her presence at so many different circles, a confirmation of the Diaksa theory of Andrew Jackson Davis! Indeed, we think his opinions on this sufject are gaining new adherents each

We had, a few weeks ago, settled down quietly in the belief that Katie was really the controlling spirit of the Holmeses; nor did the stories affoat of their disreputable transactions in Michigan, shake our confidence in them in the least, sustained as they were in Philadelphia by Dr. Child and Robert Dale Owen. But now we feel lost amid the interminable contradictions that arise from various quarters, in reference to her doings. The London Spiritualist speaks of her as follows:

"Mr. Robert Dale () wen and others have written accounts of some marvelous manifestations they bave witnessed in America, through the mediumship of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, under strict test conditions, which, in this case, were necessary, the mediums not being trustworthy persons. A spirit calling herself 'Katle King' manifested, and claimed to be the same Katle King who recently made so great a sensation in this country. A careful examination of the different statements she makes tends to prove that this is not the case, or that the difficulties spirits have in communi cating through mediums tend to destroy nearly all evidence of their own identity.
"The American Katie is reported, in the

RELIGIO PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL (Chicago) of June 6 h, to have said to Dr. Child in Phila-delphia, 'I think Prof. Crockes is nonsense. He is an old maid. Prof. Crookes gets all the wires, and strings, and lamps, and everything about him. I don't like him. He is stupid. The truth is, that Mr. Crookes had his wires and strings about the Holmeses during some of their manifestations in London, and was not pleased with the results, though he, probably, knowing the peculiar conditions sur-rounding manifestations would not be disposed to draw hasty conclusions. Mr. Crookes did not plague Miss Cook badly, but proved himself one of her truest friends. Neither is Mr. Crookes an old maid, so far as the Royal Society knows. And why do American news-papers, as well as spirits, call Mr. Crookes a professor? He is not one. Generally speak ing, a professor is a man who wears a fitting tightly to his eigh, and with a band round his head; he turns head over heels on a small square piece of carpet at the corners of streets, brings three eggs out of a handkerchief, swings balls about at the ends of a long rope, and balances knives on the end of his

"The immortal Katle further said, 'Professor Crookes is a humbug; he will kill my me dium if she don't come away. Write to Mr. Blackburn, care of Willie Harrison. The an tagonistic feeling of the Holmeses to Mr. Crookes was fully expressed in the utterances of Katie.

"After these things had been published in America, Mrs. Conant went into a france in Boston, and talked in the same strain, saying that people were forcing Miss Cook to sit too much, using up her vitality, and killing her generally, all this revelation professing to be a warning from Katie King herself. The truth is, that Miss Cook wanted to sit more frequently than Mr. Crookes or anybody else desired she only had three sittings a fortnight, and to wards the close Katie herself, and no mortal, urged her to sit, during two or three weeks, more frequently than Miss Cook desired. Nobody could have been more careful of her bealth than her parents, Mr. Blackburn, and Mr. Crookes; the latter was a true friend in every way, even to the extent of testifying publicly to the truth of the very astounding manifestations, which for a man with a high ascientific reputation to lose, was a very serious duty to do. Spiritualists should be very grateful to him for all he has done.

As a further point in connection with this vexed question of spirit identity, it may be mentioned that the original Katle communicates on rare occasions, though she does not show herself, and she emphatically denies that she is the spirit who communicated with Mr. Dale Owen in Philadelphia.

# An Exhibition of Free Love.

It appears that Free Love has a devotee in Onio. The trial of Dr. Jenner has been going on at Xenia, Ohio, and a special telegram to the Chicago Times speaks as follows of it:

The trial of Dr. Jenner superintendent of the Boldiers' Orphans' home, has been pro-gressing yesterday and to day, and an adjourn-ment was had at 6 o'clock this evening, until Monday. The prosecution closed last night at 11 o'clock, and the defense has occupied the day. The prosecution showed an immense amount of hugging and kissing indulged in by the superintendent. The disposition of Rebecca Jones, a young girl of 14 years, was read, stating that she had looked through the key-hole and witnessed the doctor bugging and kissing a matron at a late hour of the night. Others testified to his hugging and kissing various girls, opening their dresses and exposing their breasts, and such like.

The sworn statement of a young lady of Columbus, who in July came to the home; was presented. She had been an inmate before Dr. Jenner's term; came to apply for a posi-tion and was ruled out. She swore he drew her to him and kissed and hugged her, and said he would be a father to her. When she went to leave the room, he put his hand upon her in a very ungentlemanly manner. lady teachers testified to many improprieties with themselves and by observation. One lady said he came to her one evening and said, "Where thou goest, I will go—you know the rest;" and his look and manner indicated

a free-love institution, you might room with

The defense, to day, developed nothing fa-vorable to the accused. The lady in whose cottage he had been seen by Rebecca Jones, at a late hour, admitted to having been kissed by the doctor; another lady testified to his having told her he would like to change places with her bedmate. The testimony throughout is damaging, and it is hardly possible the board can fail to discourage the accused. He has lost the respect of almost all the employes of the institution, and the superintendent of the schools, to day, testified that he would not sign a paper certifying to his good conduct. The excitement existing in the institution is deplorable. Full two more days will be consumed in the case.

#### Another Cierical Scandal.

Tais time, according to the statements of the National (Canada), it occurred in Kingston, a Methodist divine being the subject. He is orthodox of course-highly orthodox, and the Infidel utterances of Tyndall, Huxley, Darwin, and other scientific heresiarchs greatly vex his righteous soul. He had just delivered a sound evangelical sermon, consigning those reprobates to eternal darkness and was going to pronounce the benediction, when suddealy there entered into the pulpit a man of wrath, a son of Belial, with fire in his eye and a formidable looking whip in his hand. He reached for that godly gospel pounder. Firmly he clutched the white choker, emblematic of his sacred office, and applied his mulepersuader with vim and vigor to the shoulders and back of the terrified divine. The congregation say that the prayers he uttered were more earnest and emphatic than on any previous occasion. Finally after the reverend gentleman had received severe punishment the deacons interfered and dragged off the assailant, who explained that the object of his wrath had availed himself too freely of his social opportunities, and that his daughter had fallen a victim to the clerical seducer.

The great question to be considered now is, is the conversion of that minister genuine, or a fraud? Did not the devil enter the heads of those he induced to join his chosen, instead of Jesus. This would be a good subject for a County Debating Society; indeed, Prof. Swing would do well to make it the subject. of one of his Sunday Lectures.

#### That Pronoun He.

He is a he, consequently he is entitled to all the prerogatives that belong to hes in general. Tae simple fact that he is a he, gives him many privileges over she who is a she. This arises from the fact the he was made before the she, and as a consequence the she must invariably follow in the rear of the he. That you are a he, is your fortune, and that you are a she, is your misfortune. But the fact that we have some difficulty in communicating what we desire to, is that we consider you who are a he, and that she who is a she, stand on an equality in the eyes of nature's God, but not so in the eyes of the law. But according to the San Francisco (Cal.) Post, by the "voice of the presiding Bishop, the California Conference of the Methodist Church lately decided that women could not be admitted to ordination, on the ground that the pronoun-he, in the Methodist discipline, is used only in its restricted sense, meaning males, and males only. If that be so of the be of the discipline why should it not be so also of the he of the Bible? in which case women are saved a good deal of responsibility. But it seems to outsiders rather mean in the Methodist preachers to refuse a woman like Mrs. Van Cott full recognition and fellowship, while they are ready to avail themselves of her services in converting sinners or paying the debt of the church."

# Barning Iron.

We have thought in case there is an orthodox hell, that the supply of sulphur would in the course of time be exhausted, in which event the business of punishing sinners would necessarily stop; but since a Berlin experimenter has demonstrated the fact that iron will burn, the torturing business could necessarily be kept up until the iron is exhausted also. He takes a straight bar magnet of some power, and sprinkles iron filings on one of its poles. These filings arrange themselves in accordance with the lines of magnetic force, and however closely they may appear to be packed, of course no two of the metalic filaments are parallel, and consequently a certain portion of air is enclosed, as in a metallog ponge. The flame of an ordinary spirit lamp or gas-burner readily ignites the finely-divided iron, and it continues to burn most brilliantly for a considerable length of time, the combustion being, apparently, as natural and easy as that of any ordinary substance. If the experimenter with this operation stands on a slight elevation, and waves the magnet to and fro while burning, a most magnificent rain of fire is said to be produced.

Contents of Little Bouquet for November, 1874.

On the Decease of a Dear Friend; Thrice; Uncle Tim Playing with the Children, Illustration; Uncle Tim's Circle, by E. K. Hoaford; Baby Angels, by Fanny Green McDougal; Aunt Mary's Walk, by Mrs. M. J. Wilcoxson; The Angel Watch; The Boys' Heaven; The Spider and the Wasp; A Dog Surgeon; Ship and Shore; Sir Walter Raleigh, Illustrated; A Tiny Letter; Items of Deep Interest; Lie-Never; Address of Paul du Chaillu; Is Spirit-ualism & Benefit! by T. P. James; Dwarfed Little Minds; A Spirit Circle; Bong; An Angel in a Saloon; Life and Death; Jesus-Christ, by G. A. Lomas; Fruits of Christianity, by J. L. Potter; The Darling is Not Dead; Remarkable Ducks; Spiritualism; Illa Beyond Remedy, by E. S. Custar; Home Circle Varieties; Isselviousness. Another reports that he said, when she was dissatisfied with the room the matron had assigned to her, "If this was Calidren; From Spirit Every Thing Flows; Iccture. Address 22 Tyler street, Boston, Mans.

That Boy D.d It; Child Life in Shakeriam; A Smart Cadet; Night Visits.

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Mrs. Swisshelm on the Obligations of the Marital Vow.

Mrs. Jane G. Swisshelm concludes a letter to the Chicago Tribune, as follows:

"It is strange, in this advanced age, that advanced thinkers should have forgotten, or never learned, the alphabet of moral obligation; but this seems to be true; and, for their benefit, it is well to say that when a couple marry they pledge themselves to forsake all others, and cling unto one another; that this pledge has all the solemnity of an oath; that he or she who violates that pledge is perjured; that the law of society is truth; that a people who do not preserve the sacredness of oaths will soon cease to be a people; that the welfare of the hody politic is of more importance than the happiness of a few individuals; that there can be no general security without a general enforcement of contracts; and those who would take marriage out of the sphere of legal, moral contract, and place it on that of a transient sexual attraction, are simply laboring to reduce man-kind to a level with a herd of cattle. May the good Lord defend humanity, and the womansuffrage cause, from leaders who see a "grand womanhood" in breaking a marriage vow to follow the fortunes of another woman's hus-

\$1 50 cents renews trial subscriptions-one year.

N. B. Wolfe, M D , widely known through out the country by a long and highly success-'ul practice, and later by his book, "Startling Facts in Modern Spiritualism," gave us a call this week, on . his return from a pleasure excursion to California. The doctor reports incressing interest in Spiritualism. It only requires more works of such sterling worth and reliability as "Startling Facts," to greatly increase the respect and attention of all classes, and especially the educated and scientific. This book has already become a standard work upon the subject, and, although the high price at which it must be sold, owing to its size and elegant illustrations, somewhat limits the sale, the demand will be constant for many years to come.

B. F. UNDERWOOD lectures at Toledo, Iowa, October 28th, 29th and 30th; at Marshalltown, lows, November 1st; at Red Oak, Iowa, November 31, 4th and 5th; at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, November 13th, 14th and 15th; at Milwaukee, November 221 and 29th; at Berlin, December 4th, 5th and 6th; at Lake City, Minnesota, December 8.h to 15th, Will commence a debate with Prof. O. A. Burgess, at Cairo, Ill., Dec. 22J.

J. J. Morse, the English trance speaker, who is now on a visit to the United States, is ready to receive calls to lecture from societies. He may be addressed for terms, dates, etc., until November 1st, care of Mrs. Halstead, 210 East 118th street, New York City. He brings good testimonials from the British Spiritual press, and from noted individuals in the movement. Mr. Morse lectures in Baltimore, Md., during November. Address him at 220 West Baltimore street, Baltimore, Md., care Levi

John Collizer, from England, has closed his present engagement at Bpringfield, Mass., and would be glad to hear from any Society desiring his services during the month of November, or any part of that month. As Mr. Collier goes to Baltimore in December, Societies South are requested to write, and arrangements will, if possible, be made to visit them. Mr. Cr would be pleased again to visit Lynn and Salem, on his way from Springfield

WE hear that Mesers. Bastian and Taylor have deferred their return to America for a short period, having received invitations from -Holland to give a series of seances in that country, which they have accepted. Afterwards they proceed down the Rhine en' route for Strasburg, returning to England by

A GENTLEMAN Writing from New York city, J. P. S., desires us to publish about two hundred cases of ministerial defection that have occurred in this country during the past year. Should we do so, we could not send the book through the mails, on account of a law against obscene publications.

DR. H. Py FAIRFIELD, clairvoyant physician and trance speaking medium, has permanently located in Lynn, Massachusetts, where he will heal and cure the sick, and answer calls to lecture. Address, P. O. box 74, Lynn,

MRS E T. TREGO will receive calls to lecture the second and third weeks of each month during the winter. Post office address, Indianapolis, Ind.

MRS. BELLE CHAMBERLAIN has been at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 17th, giving lectures and holding seances. Prof. Denton has also been there giving thirteen of his most instructive lectures to crowded houses.

M. MILLESON, Esq , will answer calls to lecture for such Societies as may desire his services. He will be in St. Clair, Michigan, during the month of November, at which point he may be addressed.

A CLEBSYMAN calls Tyndall "the devil in man's clothing;" and a pretty scientific evil he is, too, as the parson would find out should he ever come in contact with his dexter mauley.

FRATERNAL CALL. PROF. DENTON passed through our city a feet days ago, on his way home from California. His trip has been a most successful one.

E. HUDDART sends amount for trial subscriber, but falls to give State,

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Both writers admitted the reality of the phenomena, as I did; both traced them to the agency of a mysterious fluid; but at that point their conclusions diverged.

De Mirville, a Roman Catholic, admitted an ultramundane agency, but asserted that, except when under ecclesiastical sanction and within the limits of one privileged church, these "fluidic manifestations" (as he cailed them) were demonisc only. As I never believed in the doctrine of human depravity, so neither could my mind admit the idea that if, under cosmical law, there was influx or intervention from another world, such influence could be accursed in its nature, be controlled by a vagrant devil, seeking whom he might devour.

De Gasparin, on the contrary, rejected all intermundane agency, as cause; assenting to a theory which had previously been set forth by Mon. De Mousseaux, and thus expressed

"That spirit which you have the generosity to attribute to the table is nothing more than your own spirit replying to your own ques-tions. The act is accomplished by the operation of a fluid which escapes from you, which moyes the table unconsciously to you, and which governs it in conformity with your sentiments."

I took pains to make clear to myself the objections to this opinion ; and these I recorded at the close of the manuscript volume from which I have been abstracting. As they have

never been published, I here produce them.
"Let us look narrowly to this theory, and examine what it is that it takes for granted. First, a flaid escapes from our bodies and enters the table; and when we will or request the table to move, that fluid moves it

"I do not assert that, so far, the theory is necessarily incorrect." But yet this, of itself, would be wonderful, beyond any natural pienomenon with which I am acquaitied. What other example have we, in the whole circle of physical experiments ever made by man, of the human will passing out of the liv ing frame of which it determines so mysteri ously the movements, and acting on an inert, inanimate mass which it causes to obey each varying command that may be given?

Tax advocates of this theory remind us, in explanation, that every day each moment almost we transmit motion to (verna) inanimate matter by mechanical action , then why not in some other way? Mechanical action is not the only mode of action in the world; caloric expands bodies, the longstone draws. towards itself the distant iron

But the analogy does not hold good. If the fluid, passing from our bodies into the table, uniformly caused it (lot us suppose) to split into pieces , or if, in every case, it acted so as to produce rotary or oscillatory mation then, indeed, we might liken its action to that of heat or mineral magnetism, as being determinate and consonant. But, on the contrary, its manifestations are as various as the commands of human caprice can issue. I bid the table to lift the leg next to me, it lifts it, the opposite leg, it obeys. I request it to beat polks time or dance a j g; it conforms, with efforts gratesque and ludicrous, to each requirment. Did the command of any mortal creature ever cause the thermometer to rise one degree beyond the point to which the temperature pervading the atmosphere had contracted or expanded it? Could the combined will of thousands determine the action of the magnet in a direction at right angles to a straight line

drawn from the iron to itself?
"But, secondly, supposing it possible to explain these phenomena on physical principles, we have but touched the threshold of the mystery, disposing of but the first and least diffi-Others far greater are yet to be met.

"A fluid (secording to De Gasparin), passing from our bodies into inert matter, not only moves that matter at our bidding, but, from its inanimate abode, it enters, into intellectual correspondence with us; it answers, with pertinence, our various questions; it joins in the conversation, and replies assentingly or dissentingly, to incidental remarks made (as I suppose we must express it) in its hearing. Sometimes, even, it comments on these re-marks. Its gonversation, though at times carried on with apparent hesitation, as if under the difficulty of a novel attempt, is, in a general way, reasonable and consistent; seldom exhib-"Let us consider what all this involves. Do

we engage in conversation with a fluid? Does one portion of ourselves talk to another portion and receive an answer from it? Is the nervous fluid (if it be a nervous fluid) endowed with intelligence? And does that portion of this intelligent fluid which has passed out of our bodies, to lodge in the table, comment upon what the portion which remains within us thinks and says?

"And yet, even this is not the entire cases A second installment of difficulties remains to be encountered still.

"The fluid gives many indications of being an independent entity. Like any living thing, it shows personal preferences, and, still more strange! it exhibits changeful moods. Usually quiet and earnest, it is yet sometimes boister-ous and rollicking, to-day frivolous or petulant, to-morrow mischlevous or abusive. And these moods do not uniformly correspond to the

state of mind of the assistants.

"More extraordinary yet is the fact that the replies given by this floid, and the comments and suggestions made by it, are frequently far from being echoes of the opinions or expectations of the questioners. It makes, unexpected to all present, original suggestions and these of a rational character. It some-times calls up, from the recesses where they have slumbered for half a life-time, the secret images of the past; and presents these to us in a sudden and startling manner. Occasionally, even, the answers and allegations are contrary to the expectations or bellef of the individuals from whose persons the fluid is alleged to have

gone out. "It does more yet. The fluid within the table originates an argument with the fluid within ys, objecting to a chance expression which the other has employed. On another occasion, instead of replying, as we expected, to a ques-tion asked, it goes out of its way to defend the individual whom it impersonates against an unfavorable opinion casually expressed by one of the assistants; thus, as it were, reproving for undue severity that bodily portion of the flaid of which, but an hour before, it had been a constituent part.

"Then here is not only a duality of intelligence caused by the alleged division into two portions (the internal and the external) of the nervous fluid of the human system, but there is no even harmony between the two. Not only does the external portion summaging in the store-house of the mind, drag forth unlooked for thoughts and recollections, but it ships the stributes of a dismore evidently exhibits the attributes of a distinct reflecting existence. It takes that portion of itself from which it has recently parted by surprise. It begins a controversy with it. It conveys a reproof to it. Finally one portion of this dualized fluid occasionally tells the other portion of it what that other portion

knows to be a lie! "Where, in all human experience, within the entire range of natural science, have we sitherto encountered phenomena bearing any

nalogy to these?" It seems to me, as I copy this argument,

that I had already obtained what should have sufficed to convince me of the reality of an outside thinking entity, not munda ie; a conviction which virtually involves the spiritual theory. The recollection of the fact that I still held back, awaiting further evidence, has taught me charity for persistent doubters who must have proof on proof ere they can believe. I think my hesitation was chiefly produced by this, that I had not yet become reconciled to the idea that in the next phase of existence there are the same varieties of intelligence and of power as we flud in this world; and that, there as here, success in a novel experiment is achieved only by practice and persevering

But I had already abandoned one error; seeing clearly that, whatever else this phenomenon might be, it was not a reflex of one's own opin-

It needs not, and might be tedicus, to go through my third volume of observations. They corroborate substantially former results, with a few further proofs, toward the spiritual theory, added. Of these last one or two may be worth citing , the first touching that difficult question identification of spirits

Jan. 21, 1857, at a private circle, my brother William, who died in 1842, unexpectedly an-nounced bimself. He had lived with us, being a widower, during the last few years of his life, and thus Mrs. Owen was intimately ac quainted with his habitual feelings. She asked If this is really you, William, will you spell out something to assure us of it?"

Answer-lam cured: death cured me Mrs. Owen I do believe it is William him

For five or six years before his death, William was a perfect martry to dyspepsia; he suf-fered cruelly, and the care of his health was his constant and absorbing thought. If spirits, when they return to earth, recur to what were their ruling pussions and hopes ere they left the body, Mrs. Owen might weil accept this congratulatory statement touching an es cape from daily suffering to perfect health, as one of the strongest tests which her brother inlaw could have given in proof of his personal

July 9, 1857, again our own circle We had ascertained by peated experiments, that while the tools could srell out any word which I thought of, it never, in any instance, seemed lyle to read a word in Mrs. () wen's mind, and, if arged to persevere in the attempt, would reply "All dark," or "no light," or employ some similar expression. On one occasion she had thought of the word "soap" and it declared, as usual, that if could see nothing. Then Mrs. Owen said. "I'll go into my bed-chamber and touch what I thought of" She did so, the room being quite dark, then returned and asked

"What did I touch !"

Answer-No-Mrs. () wen-Its going to spell " no light." I said, 'Lety us make sure of it. Please

go on," and it spelled \* Turged it 'a vain to finish the word, I could get nothing more.
"Is that all?" I asked "Yes," "Does it mean that you cannot see ""No." Then first it occurred to me that it had spelled the word

When I suggested this, Mrs. Owen, after re flecting a little, burst into a hearty such and asked: "What did I touch it with?" Answer-Soap

Thereupon she explained to us that when she entered the dark room, groping about, she had laid her hand upon a cake of scented soap and smelled it; and that she distinctly recollected (but not until the table recalled the fact) that she did touch her nose with it. Af ter telling us this she relapsed into thoughtful gravity. "The Thing," she exclaimed at last, must have followed me in the dark and seen everything I did!"

The Rev. Mr. Godfrey, an English clergy-man, experimenting in table-moving, recog-nized the Thing as we did; but he, somewhat hastily, concluded that it was Batan himself. The reason he assigns for this belief is that his table remained stationary as often as he laid the bible on it, but went on moving under any other book. The experiment may have been suggested to him by a perusal of St. Anthony's biography, in which we read that the devil appeared to him as "a spirit very tall, with a great show, who vanished at the Savior's name." As the reverend gentleman's work, then recently published, had obtained a notice from The London Guarterly Review, we decided to spend a few minutes in verify ing or disproving his theory. Having put a volume of Tennyson's poems on the table, we asked for three tips, and got them. When we replaced this book by the lible, the tips came just as freely. A second time we placed Tennyson on the table, and asked to have it shaken the table obeyed. Again we replaced it by the bible, and the table was shaken as distinctly as before.

So our table, unlike Mr. Godfrey's, exhibited no inkling of the diabolical.

I find the sittings in this volume thus classi-

Serious, apparently truthful, and exhibiting good feeling.... Frivolous....

During which false intelligence was communicated In which a spirit evinced revengeful senti-

Thus, five-pixths of our sittings were of a perious and satisfactory character; a consider-

able improvement on last volume.

Also, I find recorded that, out of more than two hundred mental questions (216), ninetythree per cent. (202) received strictly relevant answers: a very satisfactory proportion. These were important not only as experiments in thought-reading, but as enabling me to elimi-

nate all expectation except my own, as influence in determining or modifying the replies.

The above may suffice as a sketch of my early studies in this field; then, little explored. The point of progress which I had reached is indicated by a document recorded at the close of my third volume, and which I here produce.

LUGGESTED THEORY.

"A theory for which I have not yet found sufficient proof, but which harmonizes with the phenomens, so far as observed, is the

"1. There is a phase of life after the death-change, in which identity is retained; the same diversity of character being exhibited among spirite, as here on earth, among men.
"2 Under certain conditions the spirits of

the dead have the power to communicate with the living. "3. Spirits when in communication with

earth, have the power of moving considerable weights, and of producing certain sounds; also the power of reading in the minds of some men and women, but perhaps not of all. They experience many difficulties in communicat-ings and partly because of this, but partly also for other reasons, their communications are often uncertain and unreliable. "4 Spirits communicate more readily when

the communications happen to coincide with the thoughts or expectations of the questioner; yet they do, in many instances, declare what is unthought of and unexpected to those to whom the communications are made.

"5, One of the conditions of spirit commun.

ion is the presence of one or more of a class of persons peculiarly gifted, and who are usually called mediums.

"6. This communion occurs, not through any suspension of the laws of nature, but in accordance with certain constant laws, with the operations of which we are very imper-fectly acquainted."

To this document I find appended the following:

"Nore. Under the above theory all the chief phenomena we have observed find ready explanation. I have heard of no anti spiritual hypothesis of which the same can be said. It remains to be seen whether further experiments will confirm or disprove this theory; or whether any other theory can be suggested, involving less of the marvel than the above, yet adequate to the explanation of the phe-nomena in question."

No further than this, and with hesitation, had I made my way after two hundred sittings, running through sixteen months! Yet I have heard certain persons—Sautious and sensible in other things—unscrupulously assume, as the result of a few weeks experience, that they had probed this matter to the bottom, and ascertained, beyond possible doubt that it was all mere imposture or delusion!

I propose, in my next paper, briefly to set forth some general results from my spiritual experience, proposing simply to state these and to glance at their connection with civiliz tion and cosmical progress, not to argue their truth. The arguments for and against modern Spiritualism swell to volumes, and can be found elsewhere.

ROBERT DALE OWEN.

# Philadelphia Bepartment

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Notice to Our Readers.

We have concluded the narratives of John and Katie King, and their joint experiences, published them in book form, and as Brother lones has announced a most valuable and interesting series of articles on the various conditions and phenomena of death, our spirit guides have promised us a series of communiations from a circle of ancient spirits, on, "Life, its Origin and Objects," a theme which is of profound interest to all mankind. We are glad to know that the efforts to make the JOURNAL au instructive and practical exponent of Spiritualism, and to extend its influence far and wide, are being crowned with success. The philosophy of Spiritualism, which is the Philosophy of Life, is demanding of all intelligent minds a candid and thorough investigation. Our position as interpreter and amanuensis for the spirits is important and responsi-ble, and we shall try to do our duty faithfully

as ability is given us.

We would say to our friends all over the world, that the liberality of the proprietor of the Journal, makes it very easy for your to extend its usefulness, and your efforts in that direc-tion will be appreciated by us and by your spirit friends, for whom we are laboring.

Twenty-third Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the First Association of Spirmalists of Philadelphia, Oct. 1st, 1874.

During the past year we have had a very satisfactory course of lectures. Mrs. M. S. Townsend occupied our rostrum in October and November, 1873, and gave 21 lectures. Miss Jennie Leys was with us during December 1873, and January 1874, and gave 13 lectures, Mr. E. V. Wilson gave 12 lectures and 4 scances in February, 1874. James M. Peebles gave 10 lectures in March; and Nellie J. T. Brigham gave 21 lectures in April add May. In June Robert Dale Owen gave 3 lectures, and during the year Lyman C. Howe gave 1 lecture, Mrs. Ellis two and Dr. H T. Child 10, making a total of ninety-seven lectures. During the summer we have held conferences. The attendance at our meetings has usually been large.

We held a three days' meeting to celebrate the Twenty-Sixth Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism, in conjunction with the State Society, at its annual meeting, on which ocasion Elder Fredrick Evans, and Geo. A. Lomas and other members of the Shaker Fraternity were with us.

By the treasurer's report it appears that we have received:

In collections at meetings and entertalaments ... Subscriptions and donations from ury at the first of the year ..... 115 29 Makes a total of \$2,172 11

We have expended, in compensation Rent of Hall ...

Advertisements, Board of Speakers, etc .... .... ... ... ... ... Music 128,00

Leaving a balance due the Treasurer \$170.74 We have engaged the following persons for the ensuing season: Lyman C. Howe for October; Mrs. Mossop Putnam for November; Mr. J. J. Morso, of England, December; Mrs. Mattle Hulett Parry for Janurary, 1875; Mr. William Brunton for February; and Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn for May. We are arrang-

Fannie Allyn for May. We are arrang-ing with speakers for the other months. During the past winter, on account of the scarcity of labor, and the fact that many of our citizens were out of employment, the Association appointed a large-Relief Committee, who met daily for several months, and collected over six hundred dollars, and a considerable amount of food and slothing, which was dis-

tributed to more than one thousand persons. The term of office of Dr. Edwin D. Buckman, John P. Lanning, Elizabeth Doll, Henry B. Howard and Louden Engle expires at this time.

Signed on behalf of the Board. E. ADDIE ENGLE, Sec'y. HENRY T. CHILD, M. D., Pres't.

An Improvisation-By Nellie J. T. Brigham-Subject given by a Lad-How We Miss Thee, Brother.

In a home once sweet with music, with the voices of the children, One sweet voice we hear no longer, and the darkness folds around. and our sching hearts are saying, in the shadow of the silence,
How we miss thee, angel brother, canst thou never more be found?

How we miss thee in the morning, and we long to hear thy greeting, when the starry evening shall fold

about our home. Our hearts the wish repeating, still long for that sweet meeting, Which shall fill our hearts with gladness, when to heaven at last we come.

How we miss thee, angel brother, and our home is sad and lonely, For thy voice that long has cheered us, and thy face are there no more, whisper parts the silence, which brings

peace and comfort only; Dear ones we soon shall meet where partings are no more.

Oh brother, and, oh parents, from the land of light and gladness, The sweet voice of the dear one shall sound amid earth's gloom,

I am waiting for you always, in the land that knows no shadow, In the house of many mansions, and for you there is room.

I will watch about your spirits, I'll guard you in the night-time, I will follow all your footsteps in the

changeful hours of day, And, till you cross the portal to the life which is immortal, I will be your guardian angel, and will belp you all the way.

In the land that knows no shadows, overlife's fair emerald meadows, Where flowers are always blooming, and

the laughing watersfall; I will wait for father, mother, and the darling brothers, And all the other dear ones till you answer to God's call.

When your hearts are blindly weeping o'er the loved, not dead, nor sleeping, O'could you hear our voices, and see our radiant eyes,

and feel our love descending with your death less being blending, All your sorrow would be ending in a loving glad surprise

#### The Spirit World.

A DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE INNER LIFE.

For some time past my spirit friends have been orging me to add to the Philadelphia Department, one in which they may have the opportunity of sending their thoughts to the world. The extended circulation of the Jorganal furnishes the means of reaching more individuals than any other paper on Spiritualism.

Spirits have expressed a degree that I should not only send furth the communications which they are able from time to time to give through my organism, but select some that I may report a given through other mediums, whose names will be given with their communications.

H. T. C. I

#### A NARRATIVE Of the Spirits of Sir Henry Morgan

and his Daughter Annie, usually known as John and Katle King,-given by H. T. Child, M. D.

CHAPTER XXI

CONCLUSION.

We are aware that iew of our readers will fully comprehend the reasons which prompted us to give our private parratives to the world. There is a law in relation to this, which will be better understood as you progress and be-come unfolded in your interior natures, that requires this for a certain phase of development. Concealment and compromise only pass away when mankind learn that their highest good, and their most satisfactory advancement depends upon confession of all our acts to those whom this will bless. aware that this book will be received very differently by different individuals; a large class will treat it with indifference.

There are those among Spiritualists, who

will feel exceedingly irritated by it, and expend a great amount of bitter invective and slander towards us as pirits and our mediums. all of which will be entirely harmless to us, but sooner or latter recoil upon those whom we willingly forgive because, in their ignorance they know not what they do. who can not receive these things would do well to wait till time shall make manifest what is true. It is a matter of regret that so many, who have entered into the ranks of Spiritualism, have failed to realize the fact set forth by Arago, "That he is a rash man, who outside of pure mathematics, pronounces any thing impossible," forgetting that life is progressive and truth is constantly being unfolded to those who seek it in a proper manner. Like the theologian they set down stakes, and pronounce those things impossible which do not come within the limits prescribed by their beliefs; such persons may become quite as dogmatic as the church member, and, perhaps, without knowing it, lay the same barriers in the way of the reception of truth for themselves and those around them, whom they influence. Such is the tendency of the human mind in its present infantile con dition, and there are those who imagine that incredulity is a mark of wisdom, while, in fact it is even less to be respected than the opposite extreme, credulity, for this, by accepting those things which are not-true, furnishes an exercise for the mind in ridding it-self of those things which will not bear the closest scrutiny and investigation, while it receives, many truths which the other condition precludes. We do not advise either of these extremes, but that beautiful road which lies between the two, which neither rejects nor receives anything until satisfactory evidence is given, and which is ever willing to receive evidence and examine it with calmness and serenity, neither exulting over its rejection or its reception, but being thankful for the power of discrimination, by which alone the truth is possibly received. There is another class, and we are conscious that it is a large and rapisty increasing one; who will receive this book with gladness, and accepting the truths which it presents, will be profited thereby. We respect and appreciate these, and would say, that it will be our aim, as it has been in the past to labor for the presentation of the truths which are revealed to us from time to time. While we have no condemnation for any, malice towards none and charity for all, we will continue our labors, and do all we can to bless spirits in the form and out of it.

Communications Through Katie B. Robinson, of Philadelphia.

MRS. ELIZABETH WILLIAMS TO HER MOTHER.

Mr. W. was assisted by White Feather, who ar. W. was assisted by White Feather, who says, in answer to a question, Yes, I have seen Mrs. Williams. I found her with the old lady, very pleasantly situated, thinking of the loved ones at home, feeling that they mourn for her absence, calling her often to the evening circle. Tell them soon she will return, and tell them of the beautiful home where her spirit has found rest. Bay to her mother her darling lives, and has realized that the change

called death is a most beautiful one; that she was peceived with rejsicing in the world of spirits, which was much more beautiful than she had expected; that her spirit felt, as it was borne away to the better land, that she was in

some fairy dream land. Oh! how patiently, dear mother, your loving child will wait on the shore when the angels will open for you the door. Yes, dear mother, as you come near the dark river, your angel child will be near, and will sing a song of welcome and of love that shall lull you to sleep without fear as you come to your home. Dear mother, I shall tell you of the beautiful things I have seen that the love of God has given to earth's children, and the light he has given to open their eyes so that they shall see that when the form is laid aside they will be ready to enter the beautiful home that has been prepared for them by the loved ones who have gone before them; a home where mother and child, and all the loved ones shall meet in blissful joy, knowing that death, or sickness shall never part them any more. For your patient watching, mother, for your undying care, your daughter feels ever grateful, and with love unfailing, I wait upon this beautiful shore to meet you in the land of the blest. Oh! mother, I have met many of our own dear friends here, those who loved you while on earth, and who love you still.

My reception was so plain and beautiful, so true to my needs; I found such a quiet spirit of repose that I rested in perfect peace. I should have come before, mother, only my mind was much occupied with my duties here in my beautiful home, and I have not found the

right medium My prayer goes up constantly that I may be able to show myself to you, mother dear, and prove to you that I still live and am happy, and that our love in this sphere still continues and is stronger than on earth. I want you to know, dear mother, that I am your watchful guardian angel, and I am near you all the time. Ere long you will lay aside the old body and come to live with me in the beautiful home, the mansion that I am preparing for you. Never think of me, mother, as far away from you, for I do not want to go, and I rejoice to be permitted to be with you in all your lonely hours. Oh! dear mother, I would have you always feel that I am by your side, ever watching, ever striving to cheer and comfort you. May God bless you, and may the presence of his loving angels cheer you through the re-maining days of your pilgramage on earth.

#### Spirit Cures.

MRS A. H ROBINSON 180 Adams St., Chicago -Having heard of the wonderful cures with spirit prescription through your mediumship, I take the liberty of laying my wife's case before you, hoping she may be cured. My wife has, a cough which troubles her very much at times; she has also pains under each breast, but that under the left breast is the greatest, extending, at times, through to her left shoulder. She is also troubled very much with head ache. My wife has been troubled with these diseases about one year.

I here inclose three dollars for prescription, also a lock of her hair. Respectfully Yours,

L. YARWOOD Oregon City, Oregon, August 15, 1874. Mrs. Robinson diagnosed and prescribed for the case and here is the first report, ten days

after commencing to use the remedies prescribed MRS. ROBINSON, DEAR MADAM -I received your diagnosis and magnetic papers, and have bed them on ten nights, and have also taken the medicine you ordered. The pain in my breast is all gone. The pain in my head is not quite gone, but my head is much better. I suffered from a fickling in my throat every time I coughed—that is all gone. My cough is also a great deal better, but not quite cured. I can sleep much better. I have not taken all the medicine you ordered, but I shall continue taking it until it is all gone; then I will write to you again, and let you know the result. I cannot close this note without thanking the

spirits, through you, for ordering the prescriptions that have done me so much good. Yours Truly. LIZZIE YARWOOD. Oregon City, Oct. 5th, 1874.

RESTORED EVESIGHT. MRS. A. H ROMINSON - My wife's eyes are still improving can see nearly as far again as she could before she got your prescription.

Send more magnetic papers as soon as possible.

I do not wish her to be without them. I send

another lock of her hair-any change you see in her eyes please notify me.
R. M. Currics, M. D.
Freemont Centre, Nefnsyga County, Michigan, Oct. 18, 1874.

IMPROVED BEALTIL.

MRS. ROBINSON :- My health is improved very much since I last wrote to you; thanks be to you and the angels. A send postoffice order of three dollars for prescription and diagnose for my husband. Inclosed find a lock of his hair. His age 40 years. M. M. Woddmanser. Laport, Ind., Oct. 15,1874.

## Letter of Fellowship.

The RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY granted a letter of Fellowship Oct., 25, 1874, to Brother Walter Mansfield, of San Jose, Cal., constituting him a regular minister of the Gospel, and authorizing him to solemnize marriage in due form of law.

The Little Bouquet Orphan's Fund.

This fund we propose to use for sending the little gem of beauty to orphans in as many different families as the donations will pay

A. B. Johnson, Clarksville, Cal. .... \$ .40 Who will next be inspired to a similar-deed of noble charity? We shall report.

In reply to a correspondent, we would say that we think a letter would reach E. P. Brewster, the demonstrator of the Hollow Globe theory, if directed in the care of Andrew Jackson Davis, No. 24 East 4th St., New York City.

THE PROGRESSIVE LYCKUM OF CHICAGO holds its sessions in Good Templar's Hall, corner of Washington and Desplains, sts., every Sunday at 13:30 p.m. All are invited.

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The Sixth Annual Convention of the Iowa Spiritualists was held in the Universalist Church, Des Moines, on the 9th, 10th and 11th of October-Edwin Cate, President, in the chair. The weather was fine, the delegates numerous and the attendance from the city larger than ever before, showing an increase of interest from year to year. People of wealth and culture are not only accepting the glorious truths of the new dispensation for themselves, but are coming out in open advocacy of the Spiritual Philosophy and joining the few who have struggled so long and earnestly, through evil as well as good report, to extend the knowledge of angel communion and hasten

the coming of the kingdom of good on earth.
The speakers present were Warren Chase,
R. G. Eccles and Dr. Maxwell, of Chicago,
whose peculiar phase of mediumship seemed to please and interest everybody, answering all questions propounded by the sudience dis-tinctly and clearly. He described a large number of spirits, the most of whom were im-mediately recognized.

Dr. C. P. Sanford, Mrs. H. Morse, Capt. H. H. Brown and O. H. Godfrey, State Missionaries, were also present as regular speakers. Several others took part in the exercises, among them J. W. Kenyon, late of Madison, Wis., whose remarks on spirit healing were Wis., whose remarks on spiral nearly exceedingly interesting. The lectures were all exceedingly interest, kept up the interest, good and the variety kept up the interest, each speaker sceming to out-do himself on this occasion. Every one must have received at least a crumb and many a feast.

The Missionsries reported the cause everywhere on the advance and the people earnestly

seeking for truth.

The following resolutions were presented by the committee, J. P. Davis, Chairman, and passed by the convention:

Resolved. That we know of no sanctification but that which inevitably results from obedience to the physical and mental laws of our being, and that when a violation of these occur, God has not, and man can not, institute atonement for the same except through return to. said obedience and a settlement with the injured parties to the uttermost farthing. That although this is wholly and radically unerthodox, it is, nevertheless, strictly in harmony with the teachings of Christ. The human soul finds its highest expression and deepest awakening in reaching out toward divine perfection in word or thought with an earnest desire to appreciate and grow toward it.

Resolved, That in all countries where the church has administered the government, it has made it a despotism; that more blood has been shed to enforce religion than for any other purpose; therefore, every friend of re-publican government and of his race should earnestly isbor to prevent the union of Church and State, now projected by a large and influential portion of the Protestant Church of the United States.

Resolved. That one of the best features we find in the teachings of spirits, past and present, as found in the Bible and elsewhere, is in the fact that they have not been made to conform, as religious teachings are too apt to be, to the opinions and prejudices of the age in which they are given, and is one proof of their spiritual origin; that while all classes of spirits can return to earth and to some extent impart their views, be they good or bad, to the me-diums whom they partially control, neverthe-less it is our opinion that the most of the teachings are promotive to the welfare of humanity, of peace on earth and good will to man,—and that to bring about this state of affairs, this convention deems the legitimate work of everybody.

Recolved, That we are for woman suffrage, because it is her right as it is man's, that we will labor for her equal right with man to choose her calling and to receive or her services the same that man does.

Resolved, That the evil and crime of intemperance demands at our hands strong, earnest work to roll back its tide of ruin.

Resolved. That home-life built on true, mon ogamic marriage is a sublime community of interests consonant with the highest humanity and secially, that earth or heaven can need inasmuch that it equally cares and provides for all, and equally loves all its members; that this beautiful humanity lived in the family from childhood up, will expand into a broad, universal love that shall embrace the whole race; that we recommend as a cure for the social evil, continued courtship of the marriage of the husband and wife with each other, and an increase rather than a diminution of the tender, loving attentions one to the other.

R. G. Eccles asked, and was granted permission to read the following resolves:

1st. That our central and unitary idea is future life and communion with the so called

2nd. That we are in earnest search for truth, nor will we reject the sacred gem whether it comes from the purlieus of iniquity or the courts of holiness.

3d, That our aim is the elevation and puri-

fication of humanity.

4th. That every man and every woman in our ranks may believe as he or she pleases, so far as other Spiritualists are concerned.

5th. That we reject as unchristian, ungentlemanly and malevolent the attempt of the so-called orthodox world and others, whether inside or outside our ranks to force upon us as individuals, any doctrine we have not individually avowed.

These resolutions were enthusiastically re ceived, but no further action taken. Resolutions of thanks were also passed to

the officers of the past year, to the press, to the Universalists for the use of the church, to the friends in Des Moines, especially the ladies, for their more than generous hospitality in en-tertaining all guests to the convention.

The officers for the ensuing year, are:
President, Edwin Cate, Anita; Vice-Presidenta,
C. J. Whie, Jefferson, Mrs. M. E. House,
Wintersett; Becretary, Mrs. J. Swain, Fort
Dodge; Treasurer, W. W. Skinner, Dea Moines; Trustee, Mrs. Mary C. Turner, Colfax. Adjourned sine die.

MRS. J. SWAIN. Sec'y I. S. 3. Ass.

## Strange Incident.

MR S. S. JONES, Dear Sir :- The following narration may interest some of the readers of the JOURNAL. Though not particularly wonderful for these days, it is at least perfectly

Mrs. W., an elderly friend, of truthful quiet and retiring disposition, has frequently stated that she has seen with great distinctness, and on a number of occasions, her husband who died in 1862, and her friends knowing her entire sincerity, while expressing astonishment, believed that she had been influenced by optical illusion or mental hallucination. Some two months since, Mrs. W. accompanied my sister on a visit to a friend's residence in New Yorks. Jersey. While chatting with their hostess, Mrs. N., Mrs. W. who was looking toward a window, started suddenly and became very pale and haggard, but soon recovered sufficiently to smile faintly at the solicitude of her

companions and remarked that she had just seen Mr. N. pass the window. Mrs. N. at once looked out but could see no one near. Towards evening Mr. N. came home and on being questioned said he was two miles distant at the time indicated by Mrs. W. The matter was passed by and other subjects occupied the remainder of the evening.

After Mrs. W. and my sister who slept with her had retired, Mrs. W. stated that the cause of her sudden fright had been the appearance of her husband at the window beckoning her to him with his bead, and that the story of having seen-Mr. N. was a little fiction she had invented to avoid inquiry into the real cause

of her alarm. Some three weeks after the event related, Mrs. W. was taken sick with dysentery, when she reminded my sister of the apparition and repeated what she had said at the time, that she knew he wanted her, and declared that she was now going to him. She became tad-ually more and more feeble, and after but two weeks of rather painful illness, during which time she declined taking most of the remedies prepared for her, and continued insisting on dying, she opened her eyes and gazed with a smile as at some person beyond those about her, and gently left the form. The physician who attended considers her's a remarkable case, and can assign no other reason for the fatal termination of so manageable a disease in a patient of so good constitu-tion, than the fact of her utter determination to go to her husband. Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

#### Obituary.

Passed into higher life, en the morning of October 11, 1874, Mrs. R. G. B. WHITING, aged '3 years.

Mrs. Whiting was born at Abington, Mass. in the year 1801, had long been a resident of this village, and was greatly beloved for her many estimable traits of character. Amiable, social, and benevolent, she won the respect and esteem of all. Having lived to a good old age, she passed quietly and peacefully into spirit-life, leaving only one child, Miss R Augusta Whiting, who has by this great be reavement the sympathy of many friends, who extend their love and sorrow for her lonely

The funeral services were conducted by A. B French, of Clyde, O., assisted by Mrs. Nellie Davis, of Masachusetts. Sister, mourn not for thy loved ones

Who have crossed the golden strand, They are chanting sweet music, Greetings from the Summer land.

Mourn not, though thy coming future Seemeth lonely, dark and drear, They are near thee, to direct thee, With their angel presence dear.

THE CEREMONIES AT THE HOUSE.

Services opened by singing "The Land of the So called Dead," (one of A. B. Whiting's musical compositions).

Miss Nellie Davis, of Massachusetts, then read a beautiful selection from A. J. Davis, beginning, "There is no absolute loss in the universe," and added a few remarks in the same strain, speaking of death as not the foe, but the best friend of wern-out humanity. opening the gateway to immortal life.

The choir then sang a piece of Mr. Whit-ing's from the "Spiritual Harp," entitled, "I

am waiting only waiting."

Mr. A. B. French, of Clyde, O., followed, taking for his theme the question "What of the great beyond," giving a beautiful sketch of his idea of the future life as a life of activity, the real life of which this is but the foreshadowing. He said, I will not spend time to day in arguing the soul's immortality. Each link removed from earth and joined to the adgelic chain strengthens our firm assurance of another life. But the question of what and where that life is, is the one above all others calling to our hearts for an answer. Looking broad over the vast old Bible of the universe which infinite wisdom has outspread before us, we see in all nature a beautiful adsptation. The light that falls from distant stars, the mild beams of the moon, the bright rays of the sun, are each adapted to that wonderful organ the In like manner the vibrations of sound

to the structure of the ear, etc.

The flah that sport in brook, river and sea have an organization, fitted to their element. The birds are surrounded in turn with a rare element, adapted to their life and enjoyment. But what does the fish in the world in which it dwells know of the world above in which the bird flits and trills its matin song? What does the bird dwelling in its native ether know of the still higher world of humanity? So, though we, with our finite sense can not grasp the reality of immortal life, only as we bring it down to limitations of time and space, yet we can safely rest assured that it will be a life in all respects fitted to our needs and highest aspirations by the same infinite wisdom which has so arranged that which we see and comprehend in the present. Nor need we fancy it removed beyond the fartherest star, thinking so to place it beyond the bounds of matter and space. Science tells us that there is no region so remote that it is not provided by space ether. Rather let us learn from na-ture, as well as direct testimony, that the angels home lies close about us only imperceptible to the outer/senses by reason of their adaptation to the grosser external life. I believe this. I believe, too, that the life beyond is a life of activity. Love, ambition, the energies that belong to the immortal part of man can not die. They must then call still for their appropriate expression. The poet is the poet still. The artist will not lose the faculties that made him such; but in the home of the soul those God given faculties shall grow and expand in diviner power and beauty. So of her who has just passed. She is the mother still, still the friend and benevolent lover of hu-

Jesus said, in one of his talks with his dis-"In my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you."

So I believe one of the dearest pleasures of the arisen spirit, is in preparing for and welcoming home those left awhile on earth. How tenderly does the earthly mother watch for the home coming of her absent child, how care-fully prepare all things to receive and bless the loved one. Bo does the angel mother, the angel father, brother, sister, child, wait and prepare for the coming of their loved ones up the shining stair.

He closed with a touching presentation of sympathy and comfort to the bereaved. "O Hear my parting sigh," was sung in con-

## Letter from J. L. Potter.

Potter, like a cuttle fish, has stirred up, through and out of which he expects to make his escape from a dilemma which he has involved himself." The facts are these: I am not in a dilemma at all, neither is it the inky substance emit ted by the cuttle fish that has so muddled the water, but rather the high and lofty tumbling of Bro. Taylor, when he defined his position on "free love," sticking both of his feet fast in the mud when he penned the following: "All love is free that is not forced—not compulsory," again, "No one can be forced to love another." Brains always make their mark in the world. So Bro. Taylor's plunging and diving to get out of the meshes of his own statements, has muddled the water of his own statements, has muddled the water terribly, and like the wolf in the fable, he wants to throw the blame on me. In his article he says that I say, "It was not any suspicion I had that he was not sound on the social question, that I complained of, but his inconsistency of free agency." Bro. Taylor knows that the question under discussion is "free love," and not "free agency," hence the above quotation is wholly false, and he knows it. The point made against him was in words from his own pen. "All love is free that is not forced, not compulsory." "No one can be forced to love another," It must be kept before his mind, for he does not realize that there is a pa'pable contradiction in his statements regarding love. I wish be would come down from his high

exalted position, just long enough to reconcile the inharmony of the above quoted state-ments. If he would not talk quite so much about "hogs" and "old women with hands under apron, brainless people and news-paper scribblers," he might put himself on record so we could comprehend the wisdom of his logic, for he ought to know that we unfortunates are very sensitive over such points. Is it not really bad enough to be a fool without having a man of brains tell us we are so, and right here let me say that if by getting up to the point occupied by Bro. Taylor, would make me falsify my opponent's position as he has mine in the aforesaid article, I can truthfully say that I never want to occupy such a high exalted position as the one he claims. As to my Begging the question, perhaps he thinks I have, but I know that he has dodged the issue every time, and now most ingloriously crawfishes out of the whole matter. Consistency is a jewel even when found with a man of brains. He asked, if I did not think him tinctured with free love, why did I place his name in that category? The answer has been given, and I repeat it here, for it must be kept before his mind that, "All love is free, etc." "No one can be forced love another." This squares well with the Calvinistic idea. You can and you can't; you shall and you shan't; you'll be damned if you do, and you'll be damned if you don't. As to that category, P. B. Randolph said at the Chicago Convention that there was an orderly and disorderly Spiritualism, and Woodhullism was the order In JOURNAL of Sept. 26th. I read that C. W. Stewart claimed in a speech at Terre Haute, that Henry Ward Beecher's intimacy with Mrs. Tilton was perfectly right. Now if Bro. Taylor is not tincured with free love, why does he speak of himself in the same category with the above named gentleman? I hope he will rise and explain. Read his words in Journal of Oct. 10th. I do not wage war with any one, but I do claim the right to review others' speeches and published statements, even though they are the labored efforts of men of brains-and-no one can deter me from doing so.

## Circular from Rgy. J. H. Harter,

AUBURN, N. Y., Sept. 15th, 1874. DEAR FRIEND:-On the 1st day of November, 1874, will be completed the Fifty Fourth year of my journey on Earth, and Twentieth year of my Married Life. By industry and economy, self and wife succeeded in earning enough to purchase for us and two daughters, (one now 15 and the other 8 years of age), a beautiful home which was ever open to Ministers, Lecturers, Reformers and all others who wished to share its hospitalities, but by various reverses brought upon us by persons and influences beyond our control, we have lost our home and other property, besides being heavily in debt, and not able to meet the claims that in these close financial times are pressing upon us. Under these circumstances, dear friend, do I send you this circular, with prayers that you and others in your vicinity will receive it with favor; and on or about the first day of November, 1874, make us such donations, birth day or wedding presents as your willingness and ability "will admit without material injury to yourself and family," it being understood that the proceeds shall be faithfully and judiciously expended towards securing a home for Mrs. Harter, who with cheerful heart and active hands, has done so

keep sunshine and joy in the family circle.

Please have the kindness to inform me at your earliest convenience by mail or otherwise, what or how much may be expected from you about the time above mentioned, that we may live in the joyful anticipation of the "good things to come." I am still in the field as Preacher and Lecturer on various reforms of the day, and if desirable on your part, will lecture for the donations or presents you may be pleased to make.

much during our dark and severe trials to

J. H. HARTER. Yours truly, J. H. I. No. 1, School St., Auburn, N. Y.

# Poices from the People.

MIDDLE GROVE, ILL.—Wm. A. George writes.—We appreciate the worth of your valuable paper, and thank you for the lenie neg with which you have dealt with us.

PLAIN FIELD, VT .- Willis Lane writes .- Some one sent me your paper three months which I was highly pleased with. Please find inclosed remittance for one year. WASHINGTON, D. C .- George White writes .-

You have done well, though simost alone in your defense, as an editor, of soci al purity—not afraid of losing your patrons, you have stood the shock of battle manfully.

PLEASANTON, KAN .- H. H. Seymore writes. The Journal is a feast to me every week, and I should miss it very much if I had to do without it, therefore I do not mean to get very far behind in paying for it.

PRAIRIE DU SAC,—Mrs. W. S. King writes.— Having just read in the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPBICAL JOURNAL of Oct. 3d, some remarkable cures that have been performed, I was impressed to publish to the world what I have kept so secret, that but a few of my own friends have heard of it. I was a few of my own friends have heard of it. I was investigating the subject of Spiritualism, and was afraid of it, afraid of being led into error, and so I prayed to God to keep me, while investigating, from falling into this Satanic delusion. Early one morning, before my aged mother had risen. I had read a chapter in the Bible and had knelt down, when a still small voice said to me, "You are wanted down stairs." I arose and went down. My mother had risen and was about the room. Bro. Jones:—Will you please allow a "brainless newspaper scribbler" space in your paper, to correct a gross misrepresentation of his statements by Bro. T. B. Taylor, in an article headed, "Muddy Water," in Journal of the 10th of October. "I can not come down out of the pure, bright, heautiful atmosphere in which I strive to live day by day, endeavoring to maintain purity of body, mind and spirit, to paddle in the muddy water that Bro. Investigating the subject to plintants, and was afraid of lit, afraid of being led into error, and so I prayed to God to keep me, while investigating, from falling into this Satanic delusion. Early one mbrning, before my aged mother had risen. I had read a chapter in the Bible and had knelt down, when a still small voice said to me, "You are wanted down stairs." I arose and went down. My mother had risen and was about the room. She spoke to me, and told me what I must do, and said, "I must go to bed." I perceived that she felt strangely, and looked unusually ill. She did not tell what alled her, but I went to her and laid

my hands upon her head; in a few seconds she said, "It is all gone, I am perfectly relieved." She had had two apoplectic fits, and the third and last one was coming on when I laid my hand upon her

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.-John H. Pearce writes.-I see by the Boston Investigator of Oct. 7th, that the Holmes mediums, at Blissfield, bave turned out frauds. "Katle King" was captured in the person of a young man, their nephew, by a committee left outside to watch. The Ban-Number of the 10th inst., mentioned that they had returned to Philadelphia for "better conditions." No wonder, if the INVESTIGATOR item is correct. You have never been slow (to my knowledge) in giving such cases arrairing, for which I like the Journal. The article may be a lie, hatched by the opponents of Spiritualism; but that no matter whichever was it is, should be investigated and the result given to your readers. The article re-ferred to is being extensively copied by the secular press, and will be a damper on many new investigators like myself.

We have assurances from Dr. Child, of Philadelphis, and Robert Dale Owen, that they are excellent mediums. They may be inclined to "trick." If so, they should be carefully watched and if caught in practicing deception they should be promptly arrested, tried and convicted on the testimony of good substantial Spiritualists.

LOUISIANA, MO Mrs. Mary DeGroodt writes. - The star of spirit communion is still on the ascendency here in Louisians, and many deep thinking and earnest investigators are slowly working their way towards truth, and a certain knowledge of spirit communion and immortality. As the philosophy of Spiritualism has but lately come to our little city, there is a dearth of mediums, but there are several undergoing de-velopment, and we hope soon to have good manifestations. Several families are holding circles for their own private investigation, and so far the results are extremely good. But patience seems to be one of the essentials needed in the process of development. The manifestations are so crude and are evolved so slowly that many become disheartened and give up. The words of Jesus, "Many are called but few are chosen," seems to be peculiarly applicable in this case, and I think calculated to show the lack of purpose and persistence on the part of the mass of mediumistic persons, who might by perseverance and strict attention to the rules of spirit communion, become good and useful laborers for the good of mankind. The JOURNAL is a great favorite here. Ours is know what is going on. But what is best, it has effectually taken the stain of free-love from the pure white banner of the Philosophy of Life. Brother Jones, yours is a most glorious mission, and well do you fill it, and sithough many dark insinuations are hurled against your fair name, yet our own intuitions tell us you are true, and we hid you be of good cheer, for the angels keep watch over you and will stand by you, as also will your friends in Louisiana.

NEWBERN, N. C -E. W. Carpenter writes .- 1 have sent you over forty subscribers for the Journal from this city, which paper I trust you will continue to mall to me as I should feel lost without it. There is a deep interest manufested here among a respectable portion of the people, who are very desirous to have an opportunity to investigate Spiritualism, and would do so were a first-class test and healing medium to come a first-class test and healing medium to come here, who, it is thought, could do well if in posses-sion of a high order of mediumship. The hard times makes the people feel very poor notwith-standing the necessaries of life are very cheap-here, including systers, clams, fish, fruit, vegeta-bles of all kinds. The best of systers are from fifteen to twenty cents a quart, the best of fresh fish from ten to twenty five cents a binch; sweet potatoes from forty to sixty cents per bushel: potatoes from forty to sixty cents per bushel; other products at the same ratio. Unimproved and, rich and heavily timbered ou our rivers, is from one to five dollars an acre, rich improved land in this county, pear market, from five to twenty dollars an acre. Houses rent from the to twenty dollars a month. The climate is the most delightful the world affords, and equally as healthy as any other, being a medium between the North and extreme South, producing about all the products of both sections. The colored element predominates in Eastern North Carolina, being industrious, orderly and law abiding, which section is remarkably free from crime. It is the most is remarkably free from crime. It is the most favored section in the country, from whence the Northern markets can be supplied with early fruit truck, after which, cotton or other crops are produced on the same land, being two crops a year. Those desirous of locating in a law-abiding section of the South, may need this information.

OSBORN PRAIRIE, IND -Mary Thomas Clark writes.—The yearly meeting of Progressive Friends in this place, is just over; a full attendance and good attention, through the two days. The cause of Spiritualism is progressing here, and will ever I go I find progressive ideas are working their way, especially among the young. The worst enemy we have to cope with is Materialism. I be-Olleve it is good for us to have something to struggle with-it keeps us from becoming too idealis The speakers present were John Brown, M. A. L. Whitchall, M. D., and Mary Thomas The following embody the proceedings of

WHEREAS, We the members of P. F. Church, meeting in Osborn Prairie, believing it best to state our position on the great question of the day, do

Resolve. That no marriage is true, save that which is based on pure, mutual love; also that promis-cuity is antagonistic to both love and purity.

\*\*Rendwd\*\*, That we consider the union of one man

and woman, true marriage, and binding alike on husband and wife. Resolved, It is our especial duty to educate ourelves and our children, to think freely and concisely on all subjects, and in order to do so fully, time and place abould be selected to meet and talk freely with our children and each other on all

such subjects as shall seem of importance to educate and elevate. Resolved, That we believe the Gospel of Life and Immortality, should be proached to all man-

A marriage in accordance with Progressive A marriage in accordance with Progressive views was solemnized here, within a few days of the meeting. Bridegroom and bride were charged to bear and forbear, and reminde that a pledged word was sacred, and should be so held by man as well as woman. The ceremony was by a woman, Mary Thomas Clark, Elder of P. F. Church. Much hely bearing was a supersed by orthodoxy. holy horror was expressed by orthodoxy.

## Letter from Miss R. Augusta Whiting.

EDITOR JOURNAL:- I endiese notice of the passing to spirit-life of my mother and last surviving (near) relative. You and my many friends of the Spiritualistic public, will find here the explanation of my withdrawal from my engagements in the lecture field during a large portion of the past year. The kind powers who shape my destiny had granted to me to spend with her the last brief months of Earth-life and enjoy the home to which I ever clung so fondly. Very truly,

R. AUGUSTA WHITING. Albion, Mich., Oct. 11th, 1874.

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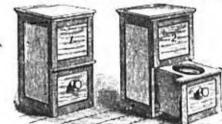
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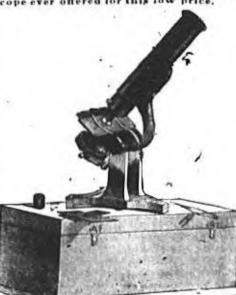
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