Eruth wenrs no mush, bows ut no human shrine, seeks neither place nor applause : she only usks a hearing.

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"TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW OF GOD."

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BY MRS P O. BYZER

God's Truth is with thee, Brother, Shejwill make thee free, Though all earth's hosts of falsehood league

GREETING TO HENRY SLADE

against thy fame;
She guardeth all her servants with fidelity,
Dispersing every cloud that shadoweth their

On every battle field since God and She were

One
By the eternal bond of self-existent life,
Her sword with Error's measured, has the v.ctory won, Her banner floateth longest on the plain of

The war to day, my Brother, is not waged with Thy sorrow as thy joy the foeman doth not weigh,
Tis the redeeming Truth that sets the captive Which self-love's chief-begotten, Bigotry would alay.

Ohrist walks the earth to-day as in the by-Again the thorny crown is plaited for his The shouting, gibing rabble lift their staves and spears, As then to do the bidding of their master's

The Boribes and Pasrisees deny the law to-day, By which immortal light descendeth upon

earth,
Herod is seeking still the Savior-child to slay,
Though every newborn Truth be strangled Though every new at its birth.

Not hate colesiastic is the foe alone

Of Prescience Divine; for now, with "shallow draughts"

From the deep founts of Knowledge, mad and drauken grown,

Where stronger, broader mind to Wisdom oalmly quaffs.

The fossil-burthend bigot, musty from the Pants up the lower steeps down which
Truth's waters flow,
And apying his own image in their limpid Ories "CHARLATAN!" "IMPOSTOR!" to the

Yet even thine accursers, while our claims they spurn,
Were malice aforethought less active in
the brain,

Might something glean of proof that spirits To earth, by seeing Jeffrys on their bench

But did all power in earth of Church and State To strike the lamp of Truth, my Brother, from thy hand,
It never could extinguish one bright ray divine,
Or sever its relation to the angel band.

Too long that hand hath the viewless gates Too many yearning hearts have halled it as a Of guidance from the depths of Supersti-

Were all the feasts, and fasts, and faiths of Church combined, With all the prayers of priests, and pre-lates merged in one,

They could not weigh thy service to the human mind.

More than the glow-worm's light could represent the sun. I do not tremble for thee, though the rains de The Rock of Ages lies unshaken at thy feet; Vainly the storms of hate their rage on it may

The fury of the billows it will calmly meet. What are a few brief years e'en at their dark-Compared with the fair ages thou shalt live In which earth's generations yet high heaven

shall praise,

For freedom from the chains secured them

Thy marks will follow thee, Earth's fields will yet grow white With harvest from the seedlings scattered by thy hand, ads unto whom thou hast revealed When the

the light «
Shall with thee share the glories of the Bummer-land. Baltimore, Md.

m" Spiritualism," says M. A. (Oxon), "under some form or other, will increase and flood with its advancing wave the whole line of modern thought. Prof. Language, flourishing a police-court summons to stay its course, is as ludicrous a spectacle as Mrs. Partington with her mop pushing back and fighting the Atlantic Ocean. The old lady should have confined her sitention to puddles. Mr. Lankester might profitably do the same."

respondent. REO. JONES :- Will you favor me with space in your excellent columns for a few thoughts touching the subject of God. It will be re-membered by the many readers of the Joun

Second Raply to the Buckeye State Cor-

memoered by the many readers of the Jour MAL, that a little over a year ago, there appeared in its columns an article from my pen entitled, "A Reply to the Buckeye State Investigator," said reply contained a brief account of the origin and authenticity of the Bible. The letter to which my article referred, contained about forty questions, among which are the words forming the caption of my present arti-If my memory serves me correctly, I mised my correspondent a further notice of his seriocomic epistle at some suitable mo-My spirit guide tells me that that mo-

ment. My spirit guide tells me that that moment has come.

Well, my friend, you are wanting me to tell
you what I know of God. Had you read carefully my article entitled, "An Athelatic Spirit," published in the Journal Aug. 1st, 1874,
as given through my pen by one of the ancient
Grecian sages you probably would not have
thad occasion to ask me for further informalion on the measure topic, as the old sage exdon on the present topic, as the old sage ex-pressed my proclivities on this much perplex-ing subject. But since you have asked me, my snawer must be this: "Just what you know and subject. But since you have asked mc, my shawer must be this: "Just what you known no more, no less." If you now ask me what I think you know of God, I then answer in all candor, "Nothing—emphatically nothing." But there are two sides to this mystical sub-But there are two sides to this mystical sub-ject, and should you still persist in your inter-rogatories and ask me for a summary of my knowledge of the history of God, why, then I shall be under the necessity of asking you, which one of the Gods are you inquiring about; for, according to history, there are many Gods! I spake of several of them in my article antitled "An Atheistic Spirit," as above alluded to, and to which I now refer you; but there are others whose histories are countly there are others whose histories are equally prominent and no doubt of equal importance to the worshipers in the various countries wherein those Gods respectively officiate:

For there was Bacchus; of old Greece, and Cadmus, too, was one; While Egypt had her Osirus, (1700 B. C.) her

Baeus and Amon.
Phonecia has her "Blessed Gaunt,"—Ceylon
her God Keldu;
In Scandinavia was "Odin Lord," and "Man-

co" in Peru. Fohi was China's "Blessed One," "Barcale" of

Yucatan, "Somoniedum" of Siam, 'and "Saka' (6)0 B.

"Quexeloatel," of Mexico, (827 B. C.) "Hisrate," of Iroquoise—
"On" of Persia, also Latas were of those godly
"Bhoys."
"Mythra" was a "mighty God," "Adonia" not

less so;
But "Krishna was the first born Lord," thousands of years ago.
"Thammus" of Byris, too, comes in 800 years And then 250 years after him, behold "God

Witlabi there was "Hesus" of the Celtic Druids B. O. 834, And God "Ison" of Nepsul, so reads our sa-

cred lore. And Aeschylas Prometheus 547 was Deified.

Beven hundred and twenty five B. O. lived Thibet's God "Indra,"
And seventy five years earlier was "Alys" of And just 500 years before was God "Orite" of

"Balin" of Oresa 725, and "Ixion" of Rome 400 B. C.
Then comes"Lord Jesus," we are told, to whose

rule the Ohristian nods.
For his life in every instance was that of pre-vious Gods. vious Gods.
Yes, all were gnostly begotten, Virgin conceived, miraculously sustained, were crucified, basied and rose on the third day, and all now siving at the right hand of some other God, (Old Papa God) making intercession for their ignorant or thoughtless worshipers, respectively. But as all those fellows were better known under the title "Bons of God," (yet they were real Gods of the second class) it may be that won, my friendly correspondent, are wanting real Gods of the second class) it may be that you, my friendly correspondent, are wanting to know something of the history of the life and character of first class P.ps Gods. If so, and as you have not defined which, I take it for granted that you will allow me the privilege of sciecting, and as I am most familiar with the history of the papa of Jesus, the youngest of the family of born Gods. I will avail myself of the privilege extended; so Jehovah, of course becomes my present theme. As to the origin or parentage of "Jehovah God," much might be said, but, as few well authenticated facts are preferable to younce God,"much might be said, but, as few well authenticated facts are preferable to volumes of desultory history, I will quote only from two eminent authors, vis: Mathew, the first of the four evangelists, and Equablus, one of the "Holy Fathers." Now, let it be borne in mind that in any one of the Gods, there are always three implied. And is "our Got," he is known under the triuse title of "Father, Bon and Holy Ghost." Now/as to the paternity of this family God, Mathew in appealing of him under the title of "the son," says, "He was begotten of the Holy Ghost," which is the same God in the third person. It, would essen that consistency would naturally risce the Holy Ghost in the first person, but then, and statement is not an element of Orthodoxy. So we set down Mathew's statement as count sistency is not an element of Orthodoxy. By we set down Mathew's statement as count number one. Eusebius, the "Holy Father" and Bishop of Ossares, SiS A. D., in speaking of the same God under the title "Holy Ghost"

(the third person in the arranged order.) says (the third person in the arranged order.) save he was begotten of the Bon, or to use his words verbatim, "Jesus Christ begot the Holy Ghost," though he does not say any thing about there being a Virgin present. This we set down as count number two.

Now if the Ghost begot the "Bon" as Mathew declares, and the Bon begot the "Gnost" as protested by the "Holy Father" Euseblus, is it not good Orthodox logic to conclude, that it was upon this self same principle of begetting each

not good Orthodox logic to conclude, that it was upon this self same principle of begetting each other, that the Pather received his being, either with or without a Virgin? Or in other words, the Ghost and the Bon together may have begotten the "Father." This would make him both "Alpha and Omega," even more, for he would then include the middle also. This is certainly Trinitarian logic. As to his place of birth of the "Father," neither Mathew nor Eusebius says a word about it; but the prophet Habakkuk tells us that he God) "came from Teman. We are informed by but the prophet Habakkuk tells us that he (God) "came from Teman. We are informed by other writers, that he is everywhere at the same time, yet a personal belog; so like the noble Presto, he is just as apt to be found where he isn't as where he is.

As to the dimensions of this Triune God when viewed from under the title of "Holy Ghost," or in the light of the third person, Rusebus informs us that he is just sixy six miles high twenty-four bread and and in the temperson.

Muschus informs us that he is just sixty-six miles high, twenty-four broad, and in depth wonderfully proportioned." This, though far from making him infinite, makes him at least a "bully" God. David the palmist, however, sees proper to differ from the "Holy Eusebius," and informs us very pointedly that he (God) is about the same in size an David. Which of use is, is the same size as David. Which of those two scholarly gentlemen is nearest corthose two scholarly gentlemen is nearest cor-rect in their delineations I leave for the Ohrisrect in their delineations I leave for the Oris-tian world to decide. As to the members con-stituting his organism, with their legitimate functions, I am, most assuredly quite conver-sant with their history, and can boldly de-cises without less of successful contradiction. clare without fear of successful contradiction. clare without fear of successful contradiction, that he is purely human; he being minus not a single member of the human organism, from the hair of his head to the soles of his feet. And as proof that in point of function, he is the same, I am able to show from Bible authority (and this is good enough for any Christian) that he has filled practically, every known avocation, good, had, and indifferent, pertaining to human life Of this fact I am certain for I have rewritten his Biblical biography. ing to human life Of this fact I am certain, for I have rewritten his Biblical blography, both in prose and verse, with a prayerful spirit.

As touching the moral character of Jehovah God, as set forth in the Bible-his main organ —there is not one book, save that of Ether, of that vast compilation, but what represents him as being possessed of one or more of the aln-blackened attributes characteristic of fiends blackened attributes wheresteristic or fiends or devils incarnets, and not a crime committed, or recorded as the error of man, that is not more than doubly colleged by those committed by the God in questios. He is the author, either through ignorance or willful design of destroying, not only the innocent happiness of his first and only created pair, Adam and Eve (according to the Bible), but threwith them, he curses the whole family of man vib a curse no less than that of death. He is as not at this but even insulmate nature, rimly not at this; but even insulmate nature, risky sickens and dies under the deadly weight of his curse. Nor yet is this all, for even he himself is forced to throwoff the robe of his Godship and be clothed in the corraptible tabernacle of his own cursing, in the hody of Josus, thus sharing the fate of his own life damning counsharing the sate of his own lite damning coun-sellings to pay the 'ce'st of his cruel designs. He is gullty of universal murder in sending a deluge on the earth to sweep like one wast besom of destruction into the vortex of ruin, a world of animated beings, simply because h world of animated beings, sumply because he did not understand their nature after he had created them. He is again guilty of sending devastation and fain upon whole cities, using as weapons of death, fire and brimstone mingled with hall, and converting into sait banks those whom the elements of destruction refused to obligate the Ref. is milkey of destruction refused to obligate the said to the contraction. those whom the elements of destruction refused to obliterate. He is guilty of destroying families, tribes and nations divers times for no other purpose or cause under heaven than that of exercising their own judgement or liberty of conscience in matters of religious worship. He is guilty of shedding blood by the sword, of burning men and women to death with fire, of killing by purposely using furious cyclones, of sending vermin as pests, and ferocious animals, such as lions, bears and leopards to tear into pieces the fish of his fiseing victims, of sending venomous serpents to bits those who might seek refuge in the seas, and by driving into pieces the fish of his fishing viotims, of sending venomous serpents to bite those who might seek refuge in the seas, and by driving nails by proxy through the temples of his sleeping fagitives. He is guilty of filling the land with druckenness, of schilling the people with blindness, of causing the fisch to pine away while yet on their feet, of creating an unnatural appetite and destroying the power of satisation that the hungry might die with sching void, of glutting nostril deep with stenen meat after training his people in the gluttorous habits of feasting on broiled buil and sheep. He is guilty of trafficking in the bidies and souls of men, women and children—selling them into the hands of a cruel and barbarous people; and insugurating for their rule of correction the brutal practice of boring their cars and lacorating their bodies, while at the same time, he deems the sale or price of a dog an abomination in his sight. He is guilty of jealousy, polygamy, adultery and incose, by taking from hubbands their wives and giving them to their meighbors for defilement in their own eyes. He is guilty of wobbery, fraud and that on a large scale is several instance, and especially in opamanding his favorite band to borrow under pretence of returning the monitor in the most brutal manner. He is guilty of dashing out the brains of little student, and by proxy ravishing their heart stricken mothers.

and in several instances committed the adulter ous act in person; as in the case of Lash, one Jacob's wives, with Hannah the mother of Jacob's wives, with Hannah the mother of Sumeel the prophet, the wife of Mannah mother of Sampson, and Mary, Joseph's espoused. Indeed, it is in valgithat we attempt to enumerate the crimes of damning character committed by this Bible monster. For hels charge able with all manner of deeds of cruelty and barbarous murder, from that of universal and eternal death down the small and debasing act of fist fighting with boys at hotels and other places of public gathering. Our heart sickens within us and our brain reels with fremsy as we refiect on their soul blighting nature; and our pen, could it but speak, would, no doubt, refuse to make further record of his numerous deeds of heinous character. With one other deeds of helnous character. With one other deeds of helious character. With one other statement, then we close up this avenue of crime which is without a parallel. He is guilty of causing parents to eat the flesh of their own children, the children, that of their parents, and brothers and sisters the dish of each other. What devil could do more? Were such a monster to enter the halls of pandamonium, the very flends would weep and howl, and if no other alternative, would dash out their own brains to escape the presence of one and it no other alternative, would dash out their own brains to escape the presence of one too dark even for the damued to look supon. Buch is the Bible picture of him who bears the tible of Jebovah—the God whom Christians worship. Now, my Buckeye friend, if you have any other Gods in view whose delineation you desire, please give us their names.
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Extracts from the Sacred, Books o Zoronator.

BY HUDSON TUTILE.

The eminent oriental scholar, M. liaug, places Z roaster 2,800 B. C., thus antedating Moses. But far better authority are the ancient Greek writers. They agree in placing the era of Z roaster more than 6,000 years B. C. One of the first writers on the subject, X unthas of Lydia, who wrote about 450 B. C. Ax X unthas was contemporary with Darius, the Z roaster, who is said to have lived at the time of Hystaspes. Darius father could not Z roaster, who is said to have lived at the time of Hystaspes, Darius father could not have been the historic personage who composed the Avesta. Z roister was a common name among the Persians as Jesus was among the Jaws, and hence the confession that has also as the confession that has

Aristotle places Z roaster 6,000 years be-fore the death of Plato, or 6,850 B. C., and Ed-doxus H remadorus makes similar statements. Hermippus, who made the books and relig-ion of the Magi the study of his life-time. states according to Pilny, on the authority of Agonakes, his teacher, that Z roaster lived about 5 000 years before the Trojan war or 6.190 B. O.

But it must be admitted as difficult, if not impossible, to fix these almost pre-historic dates. Until the Greeks came in contact with the Persians, Casideans, Assyrian and Babylonian history are but myths, until modern re-searches opened the vista into their almost measureless past. The Z und language in which the religious books were composed, essentially differed from that spoken by Darius. It had become a dead tongue.

To translate these ancient writings into modand has not been, nor can it be sufficiently performed, for the forms of thought have rad-ically changed.

Yet the moral maxims, early acknowledged had become concrete, and all the religious coming after, of necessity built on their broad

In the name and friendship of Ormuzd. Be ever shining. ... Be victorious! Learn purity! Be worthy of good praise. May the mind think good thoughts, the words speak good, the works de good! May all wicked thoughts hasten away, all wicked words be diminished, all wicked works burat up. ... Win for thyself properly by right dealing. Speak truth with the rulers and be obedient. Be modest with friends, clever, and well wishing. Be not cruel. Be not wrathful minded. Commit no sin through shame. Be not covedous. Torment not. Cherish not wicked envy, be not haughty; treat no one-despitefully, cherish no lust. ... Be chaste. Actively engaged in good works. ... Bater into no strife with a revergeful man. Be no companion to a covetous one. Go not on the same way with a cruel one. ... Before an assembly speak only pure words. ... May that come to you which is better than the good. May that not come to you which is worse than the evil. May that not come to me which is worse than the evil. o may it happen as I pray.

O fire, son of Ahura-Mas ia, we draw near

to thee with good mind, with good purity, with deeds and words of good wisdom draw

with deeds and words of good wisdom oraw we near to thee.

We praise thee, we acknowledge ourselves as thy debtors, Masia-Ahura.

With all good thoughts, with all good works, with all good words, we draw nigh usto thee.

This, thy body, the fairest of all bodies—that which we call the sun we invite Masda-Ahura, the greatest a nong the great lights.

May power and strength come to me according the sum of May power and strength come to me accord-ing to thy will, that I may be able to maintain

purity.
...To the man full of brightness may the brightness which is the best of all, be given! Manifest thyself, O loveliest, heavenly Manda.
...May every man attain the best; who eaches us to know the right paths for profit, for this corporeal world as well as for the spirtual.
...Taes, thought I, as the strong, he

well as the Holy, O Mazda! As thou with thine own hand protected the blessing, which thou hast created for the good as well as for the wicked. . . Give thou to me perfect purity, since I desire it for myself, thou who art bound with wisdom.

That ask I thee, tell me the right, O Ahura! who was the father of the pure creatures at the beginning? Who has created the way of the Sun, of the Stars? Who causeth the Moon to wax and wane. . Who upholds the earth, and the stary firmsment! (the unkupported) and the stary firmament (the unsupported) so they fail not,—who the waters and the troos? Who has united swiftness with the winds and the clouds? . . Who working good, has made light as well as darkness? Who working good, sleep and waking? Who the moraing dawas, the noons, the night?

PROM THE VESTERED.

I desire the pure man, who especially thinks, speaks and does good.—Mi.

The right spoken words praise we. The victorious peaces praise we. viii.

Of the pure men who perform good works, of the pure women who perform good works.

Keep ready feet, hands and understanding—
for the performance of good works, according
to the law and the commandment, for avoidance of unlawful, forbidden, wicked words.
Accomplish here good deeds. Afford help to
the helpless.—xviii.

FROM THE KHORDAH AVESTA.

In the name of God, the giver, and forgiver, rich in love... who always was, always is, and always will be... From whom alone is derived rule. Ormusi is the greatest ruler, mighty, wise, crestor, supporter, refuge, defender complete of good works, overseer, pure, good and just...

Praise the omniscience of God who hast sent through the holy.

through the holy Z moaster, with pure Frohar, peace for all creatures, the wisdom of the law—the enlightening derived from the heavenly

I enter on the shining way to Paradise; may May I step over the bridge Chinval, may I at-tain Paradise with much perfume, and all en-joyments, and all brightness.

Abura Mas is, created the creations very good, very fair, very high, very furthering,

good, very fair, very high, very furthering, yery lofty.

Tast they might make the world progressive, not growing old, not dying, not becoming corrupt, but ever living, ever profiling.— a kingdom as one wishes it; that the deal may arise, and there may come immortality for the living, which furthers the world at will. Khordah vosta. -- xxxv. Z vrathustra saked Abura-Manda;

Z reathustra saked Abura-Manda:

'When a pure man dies where does his soul
dwell during the first night?'

And the Lord replied:

'Near his head it sits itself down in praying
happiness for itself! 'Happiness be to the
man who conduces to the nappiness of each.'
On this night the soul sees as much joyfulness
as the whole living world possesses.

After the lapse of the third night turns itself

After the lapse of the third might then the soul of the pure man goes forward, recollecting itself at the perfumes of plants. A wind blows to meet it from the midday regions, a sweet-scented one, more sweet-scented than thy other winds. of the third night to

sweet-scented than thy other winds.

A beautiful ma'den appears to him, saying:
"I am, thy good thoughts, words and works,
thy good law, the own law of thine own body,
... Thou art like me, O well-speaking, wellthinking, well-acting youth, devoted to the
good law, so in greatness, goodness and beauty as I appear to thee... To it speaks a pure
ope deceased before." Then speaks AhuraMesus: "Aak him not whom thou askest, for
he to come on the fearful terrible, trembling he is come on the fearful, terrible, trembling way, the separation of body and soul." When a wicked man dies it is said in this

first night the soul sees as much displeasing as the whole living world.

Those do not please me, who not after their

own pleasure.

Whose makes the mind hetter, and performs good works, he acts according to the law in word and deed.

All good thoughts, words and works, are done with knowledge. All syil thoughts, words and works are not done with knowledge. All good thoughts, words and works lead to Paradise. All evil thoughts, words and works lead to hall.

He who cultivates the fruits of the field cul-tivates purity. Where there are crops there the Durvas hies. Where there are thick ears of corn

FROM THE YACRA

Here preise I now ahura-Mas is, who has created the cattle, who has created purity, the water and the good trees.

Who created the spleador of light, the earth and all good.

To him belong the kingdom, the might, the

We praise Him first among the adorable beings....With our bodies and life praise we

The Frayashis of the pure men and women,

we praise.

The best purity we praise. What is fairest, what pure, what its mortal, what prillipsit, all that is good. The good spirit we honor, the good kingdom we honor, and the good law, and the good rule, and the good wisdom.

A WOMAN'S WORK.

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A Sketch of the Lite-Work of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson; Mrs. Thompson's Labors tor the Suffering and Needy; Pleasing and Interesting Incidents of Her Remarkable Career, Etc.

DEAR SIE:—1 enclose a sketch of the work of one of our greatest philanthropist's for pub-lication in the RELIGIO PHILOSOPHICAL JOERman. She is a Spiritualist, receives a large in-come yearly, which she devetes to doing good than to pomp and disp'ay.

Naw York, Nov. 17th, 76.

Obituaries are taptaliums. They merely serve to awaken us to an aggravating sense of our loss, to a knowledge of the removal of some person whose characteristics or mode of life might have served us with an unending fund of benefit, entertainment or worthy exfund of benefit, entertainment or worthy example had go but known of his or her existence. Contemporary notices of celebrities and marked individuals are of too rare occurrence in this country. The public of this our greatest city are totally ignorant of the odd and original characters which surround them upon every side, dwall within a block or two, nay, sometimes in the very street. One of the most retiring ard difficult of approach of these elect of creation is the noble lady who forms the subject of this inadequate aketch. True American aristocracy is extremely limited, viewed from the standpoint of indigenous lineal descent, but in Mrs. Elisabeth Thompson

tineal descent, but in Mrs. Elisabeth Thompson we find the great grand daughter of the brave Hannah Dustan, and a distinct relative, upon the maternal side, of that heroic Princess in American bistory, Pocahontas.

Bamuel Rowell, the father of Mrs. Thompson, was a son of the seven children who fied with their father from the cottage in Haverhill (1697) when attacked by a band of maranding savages leaving Mrs. Dastan, her infant and Mary Neff. the nurse, to the horrors of Indian torture. The subsequent heroism and mary Neff. lots escape of Hannah Dustan and Mary Neff. laden with the scalps of their ten persecutors. lous secupe of Hannan Dussia and many Not. laden with the scalps of their ten persecutors, are a household tale and familianto every American school-boy. Mrs. Thompson started in life with all the heroic qualities of Hannah Dustan and the extraordinary beauty of person. which the admired Pocahontas is said to have which the admired Pocahontas is said to have possessed. And now, after the lanes of more than half a century, the free, independent soul and graceful person are even substanced in attractiveness by the mellowness of the mature state. The childhood of this public benefactress we possed in the wilds of Vermont, and as far back as can be remembered the infant traits foreshadowed the coming woman. The suffering of an injured bird or animal called forth, not a mere display of sympathetic pity and grief, but a positive tempest of agony and grief, but a positive tempest of agony which was divided between the object and subject of misery. As the years went by this characteristic sympathy took a step higher and devoted itself to the thankless task of

ministering to need humanity.

As has been truly said. Mrs. Thompson resided, in a haunted dwilling—not haunted in the usual acceptation of the term, by the ghosts and spirits of the departed, but by an guests and spirits of the departed, but by an uncessing horde of beggars; she did something for them all, and had she owned the whole world everybody in it would have had a home rent free, or would have had their board bills paid until she had provided one. As may be expected, the experience taught by such a course has been appalling, and would serve as a monument of the folly of inwould serve as a monument of the folly of in-discriminating philanthropy. It has been sug-gested that an appropriate appellation for Mrg. Thompson would be, a modern model of phil-anthropy; we should say father a modern martyr, bleeding at nine times nine wounds delt by the hand of many a belowed Brutus, brokers, merchants and farmers, doctors, laws, merchants and farmers, doctors, law yers and divines, authors, artists and actors, dreamers, theologists and one-ides man have been raised into prominence, their families sustained, and they supported until such times as they were able to grasp the germ of times as they were able to grasp the germ of life, or sank again by their own worthless weight into oblivion. Bludents have been educated for posts of truth and prominence, schools have been founded, colleges endowed, the weak and diseased removed to places of comfort, the culprit ejected from prison sent to the West, and an honest mask furnished him, while desperate and shameless women have been reclaimed and held by main force to the line of right and honor. And what was the motto which prompted such self-abnegation? "The best possible good to all, with the least possible harm?" What were the conditions upon which these benefits were dispensed with such a bounteous hand? That dispensed with such a bounteous hand? That the name of the donor should never be dragged into publicity. And what is the result of bread and drank of her wine to save them selves from starvation have turned away and said: "That woman is insane." "And I canand: "That woman is insane." And I cannot blame them for their impression!" says
the lady herself, with a good humored laugh.

In all great projects for the good of humanity which required pecuniary support Mrs.

Thompson has been the power behind the

Thompson has been the power behind the throne, or, as she modestly expressed it, "the wheel in the pit." Heretofore the only query in answer to a petition of the sort/has been: Is there some good (in it to relieve the misery I see about me? Then if chairmen and secretaries have appropriated the thousands to their personal needs, which has been the case in several memorable humanitarian projects in this city, the lady has said, "Well, the bread has been east upon the waters." Each one must build upon some foundation, even though it be not legitimate; and a heartfelt "God help them" has closed the record of that misplabed confidence and generosity. By consulting the books of the manufacturers it has been discovered that during our late war consulting the books of the manufacturers is has been discovered that during our late war thirty sewing machines at least were presented by Birs. Thompson to the widows of soldiers who found themselves suddenly called upon to maintain their families; not to mention the houses and suits of rooms which have been rested and comfortably furnished for the same purpose.

At the time of the great Boston fire, in which city the mass of this lady's cetate is situated, her friends begged her to telegraph to her Trustee and accertain the extent of her losses. Instead of which the following mea-

sage flashed over the wires:"Are my tenants suffering? If so, provide for them?"

"There is only one woman in the world who could so far forget herself at such a time," exclaimed a well-known Judge upon the receipt of the telegram, "and that woman is Mrs. Elisabeth Thompson!"

It is a fact that the lady would not only forget her own well-doing, but she seemed to have not the alightest desire that her beneficiaries should recollect it.

"I have given bounteously as Heaven has given me," she says, "and with Heaven abides the result."

At this day there are those who roll in their carriages with liveried servants upon their box, who but for the timely sectatance of Mrs. Thompson might be now in the armshouse,

perhaps in a pauper's grave, while she rides in a cab or a horse car, to save that she may have the more to give. And these riders in carriages and denisms of palitial homes would blush to be obliged to acknowledge their obligation. It was some satisfaction the other evening to hear one of New York's most prominent speakers say before a large andience, pointing to a corner of the hall where saff a lady dressed in black. "But for the assistance of that woman I should not be standing upon this honorable platform!" It is not our purpose, nor would it be delicate, to enter into an enumeration of the myriad offices which the subject of this aketch has performed for humanity; we merely desire that the intercated of this city should know whom they have among them while she is here. Buffice it to say that hundreds, nay, thousands, have known what it is to bless the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, or at least to have the incentive Thompson, or at least to have the incentive for so doing, since for the last forty years this lady has almost monthly performed some work in the interest of her fellow-men, one of which, if presented before the public, would be sufficient to render her remarkable.

Little as Mrs. Thompson is known in the city of her residence, her fame has reached the other side of the Atlantic, and it was not long since that her munificence in connection with the Association for the Advancement of Beience was much commented upon in the London journals. The lady has also been the plent of most gracious letters from the sers of the International Woman's League in al parts of the world; a Scolety which in creat part took its rise from the bounty of Mrs. Thompson, and which has now extended its worthy influence throughout England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Russia, Servia and India. Such Institutions as the Thompson Free Medical College of New York for Women; the Foor Women's Bewing Club; the New York Liberal Club; the Peabody Academy of Science; the American Social Science Association; and an infinity of others are able to testify to her unquestioning gener-osity. That such abstruse and weighty sub-jects should attract and hold the interest of a woman upon whom every form of flattery has been lavished has excited one of the leading poen invising has excited one of the leading scientists of the day to remark a phenomenon which is of rare occurrence, namely, that the deprivation of educational opportunities in early life instead of hindering the growth of mind has simply given to it an interior and mind has simply given to it an interior and subjective character, and, as it were, a type peculiar to itself. It is further remarked that the lady in question has come into that un-sided ripeness of mental development in which she seems to know the essential truth of every subject while yet often agnorant of its details. This peculiar mental quality, this profound insight unaustained by of jective anowinders has proved a very adequate guide protound insight unsustained by of jective knowledge has proved a very adequate guide to her in apportioning the benefactions which her wealth has enabled her to make in behalf of science. Instead of tending to lavish aid upon those subjects which were already estab-lished in public appreciation, she has scught out and aided those original investigations which in this country so far find so little sp

which in this country so far and so little sp-preciation and paironage.

Mrs. Thompson is not an enthusiast in any direction, not even in behalf of the liberality which she constantly manifests. She pre-serves the balance of her own mind in the midst of constant solicitations and enticements to aid unworthy objects, and there can be no higher test of that indictions are which is smihigher test of that judiciousness which is emi-nently characteristic of her. It is fairly beyond the province of such a sketch as this to make the province of such a sketch as this to make mention of the very peculiar traits of character and conduct of life which render Mrs. Thompson, as she says herself, an oddity. We may be allowed, however, to second the words of an elderly and prominent editor, who said, after an intimate acquaintance for years, that our heroine was "a lady of marked personal attractions, cheerful temper, and winning mannars, an especial favorite among all her associates. Her devotion to her imme-diate family and relatives was a prominent characteristic, and manifested a remarkable negation of self in anxious solicitude for others. Her husband was a gentleman of lib-eral education and cultivated taste, and in his oral education and cultivated tasts, and in his wife he found an appreciative and devoted companion. My acquaintance with both was always gratifying, and has left upon my memory sentiments of high respect and warm esteem." We trust that we have not too far infringed upon the propriety and upon the desire of the lady to remain in seclusion, but we deem it desirable that these few facts—and they are facts—should come before the public yes. Should this sketch chance to fall into the hands of its subject we trust she will pardon our liberty. Still, many will read our words and rejoice, for the light of this woman's life has penetrated many a dark, forgotten corner. A lawyer of distinction has penned the following lines in compliment to this notable lady:—

We read of stars whose orbits turn Bo distant from our earthly sphere, That when their rays have wandered here The stars themselves have ceased to burn.

Bo when thy light of life hath fled, The thought of thy good words and dee hall lighten many a heart that bleeds, And thine be blessed, thou being dead.

NEW YORK IN THE OLDEN

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BY J. BARNITE BACON.

THE ARCH IN THE CLOUDS.

About the year 1807, an association existed in New York and its vicinity, styled "The Knights of the Black Veil," or "The Noble Architects;" organized in "workshops," and having "overseers and foremen" as their prin-Architects;" organized in "workshops," and having "overseers and foremen" as their principal officers. Ostensibly, their object was to search the deep mysteries of Nature and Art, and to draw saide the dark veil which hid them from men. They were, first, mathematicians, artists and men of learning; and secondly, mechanics, artistang and practical men of every kind. The association was merely a natural outgrowth of the peaceful industries which succeeded the Revolution, obeying the voice of the Republic bidding its sons develop and adorn their heritage.

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century: VITRIVIAN WORKSHOP, NO. 1. "Herman Vosburgh, Overseer: James Newton, Foreman; Abrahaur Austin, Becretary; Oilver Goodwin, Treasurer; Roel Blanche, Smith Outler, Master of Ceremonies; Joseph Dellinger, Isaac Hodge, Stewards; J. J. Helmer, Warden.

mer, Warden.

"Countyfilan workshop, no. 2.

"Samuel Schofield, Overseer; Abraham Judah, Forsman; Joseph V. Garnier, Secretary; Jacob S. Arden, Master of Ceremonies."

As the order grew in numbers in this and the adjoining States, its influence was concentrated in a representative body called the "Grand Cenelave;" a centre of authority whose patronage was much sought by scientific aspirants, and also a powerful lever in soliciting governmental aid for useful projects.

Among the earlier members of the association was a man of rare natural genius, not sufficiently understood and appreciated then, and almost forzotten now. His name was Thomas Pope, an Englishman by birtr, an architect, and sometimes a landscape gardner, having an office at 30 Wall street, and dwelling in the rural district at that time, at 419 Greenwich street. One of his patrons was Mr. Francis C. Hall, then of the Commercial Advertiser, who resided in a semi-rural villa in Maiden Lane, running through to John street, and who employed Pope to lay out his grounds.

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While supplying his daily wants in such employments, his ardent spir t aspired to higher paths. In his own words, "the walks of science were his chief delight, particularly those sublime ones which relate to practical as well as theoretical architecture." Withal, he was prone to daily with the muse, and possibly the allurements of fancy sometimes led him to forget the sober array of fact. Hence came that splendid but fleeting vision which he once dreamed on our shores. To him belongs the credit of the first project of bridging the East and North rivers with a single arch.

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As to the former river, the proposed, first, a long arched arm of stiffy broad timber, stretching out for nine hundred feet from the stretching out for nine hundred feet from the New York shore, where it was to be immov-ably fastened by the weight of the abutment. Then the half-arch thus formed was to be met by a similar arm, or half-arch, imbedded in like manner on the Brooklyn shore. In this way the whole bridge or arch was to span the river, supported only at its extremities, with a versed sine or altitude of two hundred and twenty five feet. twenty five feet.

It was a magnificent conception for that early day. A rainbow arch springing from each shore, and curving its lofty and alender periphery up among the clouds. Appended to an old engraving of the proposed bridge is the following application of the architect:

"Let the broad are the spacious Hudson stride, And span Columbia's rivers far more wide, Convince the world America begins To foster-Arts, the ancient work of kings. Stupendous plant which none before e'er

That half an are should stand upon the ground Without support while building or a rest; Causing the theorist's rage and sceptic's jest, Like helf a rainbow rising on our shore, While its twin partner spans the semi o'er, And makes a perfect whole, that need not part, Till time has furnished us a nobler art.

In order to put in execution the great work he had planned, the architect had endeavored to enlist the aid of influential men in the city to emist the aid of influencial men in the city and state, as well as the co-operation of the principal ship-wrights and builders. About this time, too, he desired to obtain a public recognition of its merits from his brethren, the Knights of the Black Veil. Their Grand Conclave was hidding an assemblage in the city, and they had a received a certain day to so. and they had appointed a certain day to ac-company him up the East river, to hear his explanations in full view of the stream he de-

sired to span.

Robert Fulton had, just before, completed his second steamboat, the Oar of Neptune. He was favorable to the project of Pope, and it was upon his boat that the company were arsembled for their excursion. Bleaming round the Battery, the boat entered the Bast river, and the architect thus begun:

"Observe, gentlemen, how cature has pro-vided for the erection of this bridge. Mark that eternal abutment rising on the Brooklyn shore. See how sure and staple a weight and prop it will prove for the great steel-yard or crane which is to stretch out from it over the stream. On the New York side, however,

siream. On the New York side, however, where the shores are low, we must bring art to our sid, and furnish an abutment and a weight with great blocks of stones; which will also serve as ascents."

"Worthy brother!" said one of the hights, who happened to be a leading cartman from King-Pin* Hall—"will not the ascents be very long? They must rise very gradually from the "lower streets, and I fear your abutment will be so long as to cut the city in two and hinder traffic."

"N! no!" said the architect decidedly.
"A hundred feet in length will at files for the

"A hundred feet in length will at flice for th mere abutment, and the streets parallel to the river will furnish the approaches. Then, again, steam will soon render sails and masts

unnecessary, and we can lower the arch."
"Well, Brother Posel" said another cavilier, "it will be hard to peruade me that you can get tog ther in your abutment iron, stone and timber enough to resist the stress of so long an arin, say nize bundred feet."
"That's just the trouble," said a boss build-

'you must build your half sich without any centre or other supports beneath it, and besides its own weight, there will be divers men and much machinery on it, increasing the leverage as the arm stretches further out."

Brother Blant, a shipwright from Maine, now interrupted, "See here, Brother Architect, how are you going to build a beam so long as that with stiffness enough? Seems to

me the end will drop off before you are done."
"Waal, now," put in Brother Pye, from Waal, now," put in Brother Fye, from Boston; "that ain't any trouble, I can see that you can grow a beam out, inch by inch, just like a tree grows. But then you've got to make it mighty thick at the butt, and when you have it all done, it'll pull up Brooklyn by the roots and take the roof off New York, and down it comers—mash!" Boston;

down it comes—smash!"

The architect was almost in despair at these adverse criticisms, but subduing his impa-tience, he unrolled his drawings and proceed ed to combat the objections. In his records, though, he has left this memorandum relativ

Methinks the sons of Art would be too blest

"Methinks the sons of Art would be too blest Were there not men-like these to prove their pest."

It was a warm afternoon in July when the party were thus steaming slowly up the river, and while they were engaged in debate a thunderstorm gathered, and poured its torrents over city and river. Its course, however, was brief, and meanwhile the boat had laid to at a slip. The falling floods soon dwindled away into a gentle summer shower, and by the timp the inventor had finished his explanations, the rays of the afternoon sun were just re appear.

the inventor had finished his explanations, the rays of the afternoon sun were just re-appearing through the drifting clouds.

As the boat steamed into the river again, the-Graid Master of the Conclave said—"It would be a great pleasure to our noble Order to boast that one of our brothers was the first to span the East river with a bridge, but that can never be. I cannot believe that it is given to man ever to effect so great a work."

"Nor I," said the Grand Beribe, "for such a bridge must be an arch in the clouds. Fancy may trace it, but only the eye that beholds it can realize it."

"Fancy can trace it, and faith will build it," replied Pope. Then pointing to a steam engine, he added, "Behold the fulfillment of a faith;"

The sun now blazed out in the west, and a

The sun now blused out in the west, and a glowing arch appeared in the eastern heavens springing from the shores of New York and gradually deepening its colors up to the sunth. Presently, from the Heights of Brooklyn an other quadrant shot up to meet its supp aloft.
"Behold again; The Great Architect spans the stream with the arc of promise! Bo shall we yet see that sublime curve flinging its archivolts over these waters!"

So sudden and singular a sequence to the ex-So sudden and singular a sequence to the expressed faith of the inventor moved even the sceptical beholders around, and it greatly aided his further efforts. He now urged his project with renewed energy. First he prepared an elaborate work, with full drawings of his bridge; then he constructed two models, one on a small scale, and the other a grand structure, one hundred feet in length, and presented them for the test of scientific men. Finally, in the papers of the time, he published the favorable testimony of the shipwrights of the city, based on an examination of his grand model.

The predictions of Mr. Pope have since been realised. He was the father of T. P. A. Pops, the spiritual lecturer, who though somewhat eccentric, is regarded as a "chip from the old

SPIRITUAL COMMUNICATION.

Communication of Sir Henry Vane. through the Mediumship of Helen M. Dodge.

Empires have passed away, and Republies have been established since my form was seen upon the earth. Kings have been dethroned, and cities destroyed since the days of my amand cities destroyed since the days of my sim-bition to behold a free people; and though the ax deprived me of the work I would like to have done, the ax to day can not deprive me of speaking back to earth, and proclaiming that the cause for which I suffered death was right, was just, and God has sent me here at this moment, that I may say what is in my-heart: that a coward's and a tyrant's hand was the cause of thy untimely dissolution. What an age of ignorance I lived in on earth, none can tell save those who felt its degrading influences as I did; and how this broad Republic has as I did; and how this broad Republic has risen-to fame and power since I beheld it in the form a century since. I was a martyr for the cause of freedom, and my spirit is filled with a feeling of mingled wrath and pity, when I look back on these scenes that belong only to the savage, and not to civilized man The world has much to answer for in regard to this subject; for never until capital punish ment is abolished can it become a place of happiness for mortal man; nor can the im-mortal spirit be as happy as he would be, if there were more justice done him while in the form. If he had suffered on the block or the form. If he had suffered on the block or the scaffold, he comes here (especially if he was innocent) with a thought of revenge in his his heart; this is not always the state of his feeling, however, for if he is naturally forgiving in his nature, he may overlock the horrible deed; but if, as I said, it arouses the lion in heart, he will endeavor to wreak out his vengeance in some way; for when he lost his head he did not lose his human nature—it all comes here with us, for good or for bad as the case may be, and so I say let the world stop this taking of human life; it does not matter if it was for murder that the prisoner is arraigned, let him not suffer death, but imprison him while he shall live, and harm him not, and then shall the world grow in righteousness, and become as little children.

Man, with his noble spirit that God has given him, was not made to be cut down like a blade of grass, because his opinions do not happen to coincide with those even superior to him; nor even if he has violated the law by committing crime, it does not follow that the committing crime, it does not follow that the putting out of the light extinguishes the power in him of doing the like again—in the form, yes—but in another world he will have the use of all his faculties just the same, and straightway commence a series of deeds that would frighten half the world; while they think he is dead, he is right among them play-ing the "devil" generally. What we want is for the whole earth to understand this point in Spiritualism; let them realize that it is sinning against God to take any man's life, and that it in the world he must go to, and when they once learn this there will be a reform for the better, but until then spirits will come back, better, but until then spirits will come back, many of them, for the express purpose of making those suffer who injured them. Pecple, in general, have no idea how spirits work sometimes to accomplish the destruction of those who have done them harm, while in the form. They devise means, and carry it out with just as much precision as ever a general did in storming a city, and it is not rare to see a small army under their control also, that did in storming a city, and it is not rare to see a small army under their control, also, that work by orders, like a body of troops getting ready for battle. Knowing these things, then, and they can know them if they will investigate a little; knowing that human nature is the same after it leaves the form, they must become aware that all spirits are not over-righteous, and that the more are such persons to be dreaded—that they will sacrifice resson for resemps, and no earthly power can prevent, unless they begin at the beginning, and cease to use the ax and the halter. Do you suppose
that any Christian, if he should be so unforcoming to consciousness, get up and say,—"I forgive these unjust people for putting the rope around my neck?" Not his Christianity would soon become one of the things that were, and he would return the compliment nine cases out of ten, by following those who were the cause of his demise; and not only fol-low them but townent them likewise in one low them, but torment the way or another—human nature again over

and over.

Much of the trouble that is on the earth is caused in this way, and especially among the ignorunt portion of society; and as this class will be in the majority for a long time to come, it is very essential that people should be educated, and all the good—in their nature be brought to light by kind hands who know how to lead the erring into paths of honor and unrightness.

how to lead the erring into paths of honor and uprightness.

Spiritualism should be taught in our Public Schools, that its holy influence might be seen among all nations of the earth. Let the child be taught that the spirit of its father or its mother is with him guarding him from evil, and guiding his feet in the ways he should go, and see how soon his every sot would tell of the noble influent; thus thrown around him.

As I said before we must commence at the beginning—make the child what you want the man to become, and all will be well.

It has been said that people have become insans over this phenomena—have been carried away from plain common sense by its revelations. Now let me assure you that all persons who have shown any symptoms of insenity from the knowledge that Spiritualism brought it to them; were tinged with the disease before they ever heard of spirit-communion; and I doubt if they ever would have been noted for their sound indigment, for I am yet to see one single individual of firm purpose and clear understanding that was not besefitted by their communion with spirits of a higher order. "The sound mind is not shaken at the sight of heavenly things, or at the knowledge thereof; and it is nonesses to suppose that Spiritualism is a doctrine that will cruse people with its wonders, for it is a falsehood, and no sensible person will deny it. I have seen those who did act like an ecosped lunatic over this phenomena, but they were not sound on any subject, and allowed this one to take up all thieft time, which no person should do, as the human mind needs food that is not stimulating at all times, and therefore,

after it has been engaged in the investigation, or in communion with the invisible world for a few hours even, it should rest by the perusal of light literature, or some pleasant conversation on subjects not so deep as the one we are now engaged in. I am of the firm opinion that the study of spirit power would lead all Bible-christians to a knowledge of their own shortsightedness, and make them see that to be saved they need not cry to Jesus so much, but to spirits more, and learn of them who have taken this leap in the dark, what they saw when they opened their eyes for the first time on the other side of the river. They in nearly every instance would be made happy by the experiences told them, and would close the volume that they now seek consolation in, and look to this source for the real truth. In conclusion, let me say that this is only a preface to what I am going to write hereafter through your organism, and as many wait to face to what I am going to write hereafter through your organism, and as many wait to communicate, I reluctantly give place to abler

SIR HENRY VANS.

*Bir Hemy Vane was one of the early governors of Massachusette, and on his return to England he advecated a Republican form of government, on which as; count be was falsely accused of treason and beheaded Joly \$1st, 15:8.

Michigan State Association of Spiritualists.

BLRVENTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Michigan State Association of Spiritualists will conrene in the village of Sturgir, Friday afternoon, December 15th, 1876, and continue through Saturday and Sunday, the 16th and 17th.

This call Is made after consultation with representative Spiritualists in different parts of the State; and in accordance with the express-ed wish of those who have been consulted, it is hoped that there may be a large attendance of Spiritualists and Liberalists, and that the of oppitualists and internation, and that the State Association may enter upon a new career of influence and usefulness. There are two motives that ought to inspire us to seek the advancement of the truth, namely, the good of the world at large, and our personal good.

Notwithstanding the many grawbacks that
Spiritualism has inflered through the shame
less pretentions of unworthy person, and the
reproaches and denunciations of bigoty, it is reproaches and denunciations of bigony, it is making certain and sure progress, and was never before so strong in the hearts and convictions of those to whom it has come as an unfailing well-spring of life in the arid desert of spiritual doubt and unbelief consequent upon the decay of faith in the old systems. Logically, that which is worthy the acceptance of individuals, is worthy to be cherished by the same individuals collectively, and it is hoped that, forgetting all diffe ences and past errors, our friends may come forward and units in declaring their belief in, and attachment to the fundamental truths of the Spiritual Philosophy and its fully attested facts.
More than this: In the changes of parties, in More than this: In the changes of parties, in legislation, in the acts of government, the rights of man are always involved. The party of Liberalism in the country, of which the Spiritualists constitute a large percentage, is the best representative of the rights of man, because taking broader views of those rights than those who adhere to the eld systems. But the party of Liberalism is without organisation, and consequently without power. In isstion, and consequently without power. In this light, saide from the strength that Bpiritu-alism as such may derive from the organic actions of those who are believers in it, united and harmonious action is especially desirable; and in this light also, the co-operation of all Liberalists is invited.

The programme of exercises will be under the control of the Association when convened, but will most likely follow generally the order heretofore adopted, and for the information of those unfamiliar with the meetings, the following probable order is suggested:

ing probable order is suggested:
FRIDAY AFTENNOON.—Opening address by
the President; reading minutes; appointment
of committees; resolutions, motions, etc.
BATUFDAY FORENOON.—General business, of
which unfinished business will have precedence. Afternoon—Election of officers. Evening.—Lecture.

dence. Attendon—Microscope by lectures at 10:30 a. M., and 2 and 7:30 r. M.

A conference meeting of an hour usually precedes the regular business of each morning

The best speakers that can be procured will be in attendance.

be in attendance.

It is hoped that societies will send their best singers, that good music may be added to the pleasure of the occasion.

The Spiritualists of Sturgis will entertain rigitors as far as they can, and reduced rates

visitors as far as they can, and reduced rates will be given at the hotels.

A. B. French, of Clyde, Ohlo, and Capt. H. H. Brown, of Hockford, Ill., are the engaged speakers. There will be present, also, Bro-Biowart, of Kendallville, Ind., who, as a speaker, is not excelled in our ranks. Mrs. Whiting Authony, and Mrs. Morse, of Joliet, Wia, are expected.

Let each local society appoint five delegates, such as are sure to attend, and where there is not an organized society, we hope as many places as possible will be represented.

Capt. Brown and Mrs. Morse have been for the past two years state lecturers of Iowa; they are strangers in Michigan, and we hope for them a hearty welcome; that friends from different localities will come duly authorized to engage their services for the coming from different localities will come duly author-ised to engage their services for the coming

Come prepared to subscribe for the Spiritual papers. A. B. SPINNEY, President. Mrs. L. E. Banay, Secretary.

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Of Lite. Mind and Matter.

To account for their beginning is an admitted impossibility; hence unreliable results must be the end of all efforts, and yet are we immortal or not, has arrested minds of the deepest thought in every age, and does to day. This question has not received a solution satisfactory and tranquillaing to the reason and common sense views of humanity in general. Is such attainable? If not, let a few ideas by adduced to show humanity does not cle like hrutes and lose all consciousness forever. To have clear perceptions the mind must be free of bigotry, and the bias of sectarian creeds, and not stultified with narrow views, in order to look squarely at mystery and all phenomena, so as to be free and able to glean all facts attainable that can be made available to benefit all who will use reason and good common sense. The universe exists, and how made without life to produce it is inconceivable, and rqually so how life was produced; or it and the universe from nothing; therefore let it be assumed that life, mind and matter have always existed, and a basis is formed for humanity to be guided by. With this theory, the life, mind, intelligence, sight, hearing, thinking, reasoning, as also joy, sorrow, hope, fest, etc., of humanity has its source from what has the above and all attributes. It seems impossible to conceive how they all could come impossible to conceive how they all could come into existence without a more sufficient cause than what can be gleaned from the earth, air or any other source; and yet some contend that "by a combination of the atoms and parts of matter life, motion and organization is the of matter life, motion and organisation is the result.? Think and reason a moment, for if there was no life in the "atoms and parts of matter" before combination, such could not change their essence; hence it is apparent, for a reasonable conclusion, they existed before any combination as parts of universal life, mind, matter, etc.—organization simply giving individual life—for, if matter always existed as matter, and mind as mind, or their essence previous to organization, then by it a new being is formed, which ever after has an individualised existence, with life and consciousness of its own, furnishing a good reason why "like is forever producing its like" in all nature. in all nature.

It is generally admitted as a fact that "what exists can not ever be annihilated;" hence the separate life existence, essence, or spirit of humanity, can never be destroyed, through the body burned with fire; neither could such conscioumess lapse into the life of its source, be-cause it was a part of such source previous to having con-clousness, and remains such.

As music is not dependent on a piano, wind upon a ship, nor electricity upon a wire, we may reasonably conclude life and mind are not dependent on the combination and organisation of the human body for its origin, so long as life is so abundantly manifested in all animate and inanimate creation, the air itself

animate and inanimate creation, the air itself being full, etc.

As things come from nature, it must of course contain the entire mental and physical qualities we find manifested everywhere; therefore our thoughts, passions, humors moods, and all ideas of art, beauty, deformity, perfection, or monstrosity, are derived from nature; aye, evil as well as good—humanity as soiritual beings included. That humanity, or the real man or women, are truly spiritual in the essence a little reflection on existing facts will show, vis: There never was anything the essence a little reflection on existing facts will show, vis: There never was anything produced by the hand of a human bring that was not spiritual in its origin, being thought out; yes, first thought out in the human brain, and whoever saw and handled the human mind? That such is impossible is good evidence that mind and matter are distinct entitles, and separate in their essence, and the evidence is not yet controverted, although some ignore the idea of "anything spiritual, or unseen, as not only unknown, but actually some ignore the idea of "anything spiritual, or unseen, as not only unknown, but actually unknowable;" and yet many ideas of every day use are wholly spiritual, and never present to cutward sense at all, as for instance numbers 1 to 10, they being signs only, representing ideas with fixed and exact relations to each other; the same with time, space, art, measure, weight, and the whole circle of science, being yields signs in their relation to outward.

ure, weight, and the whole circle of science, being visible signs in their relation to outward things, the mind being limited to outward things is compelled to adopt the unseen and invisible to aid in the every day efforts of life. No one can hample the idea of numbers, time, space, art, etc., as they do matter, hence sceas of invisible and insensible things are conceived and known of only through their relations to the visable and sensible, by and through the spiritual part of humanity, as connected with its wants and desires. It must be admitted as a stubborn fact that not an invesadmitted as a stubborn fact that not an inven-tion or art was every produced that was not first thought out—was spiritual in origin. Oan we reasonably suppose such thought is no more reasonably suppose such thought is not more enduring than the things it produces, and is as liable to decay, and to be blotted out of existence equally with the things produced, which all anow wear out by use, or go to decay by action of the elements?

Ideas that are spiritual in their source, are they not imperiabable starmal and coard.

Ideas that are spiritual in their source, are they not imperishable, eternal, and coeval with matter as also superior to matter. It is possible for the living mind, from which all art and invention emanate, to be any less indestructible and eternal than matter? Reflect deeply, and sak your reason if the mind that studies, invents, comprehends, analyses, and brings the signs and ideas into use for the welfare of humanity—making them reliable—can be only parallel with perishable matter, and perish like a brute?

Is it not a reasonable idea that all ideas that go to make up eal and true to one, and gives

is not a reasonable idea that all ideas that go to make up: eal and true: o nee, and gives humanity facts to judge by in place of conjecture, imperisable and eternal, their origin being from an infinite intelligence, which is diffused everywhere in all things, a more consistent idea than for them to be the accident of matter, which he combination produced life. fused everywhere in all things, a more consistent idea than for them to be the accident of matter, which by combination produced life, motion etc." all "ideas of design, being foolish." "In God we live, move, and have our being," is an idea rejected only by those who say "there is no first cause," therefore all phenomens must be their own cause, which is an absurd idea. We live with nature around us everywhere, hence inside of God, easence, or spirit to view and study than the liver of man can to study the body, of which it is a part; hence the past to be exercised in the study of nature, or God, is the spiritual—the invisible within; and to contemplate God as a personable being, or spirit, existing in a heaven in the sky for its home and throne is a waste of brain thought and foolish when such is supposed to exist everywhere. Much of mystery is solved by assuming this earth and all on it to be only an infinitestical part of the universe, animated by a life, see mind which sees with such unerring precision that its lews and all science are based upon the absolute certainty of the movements of nature; therefore Spiritualism looks for a cause in what governs matter, and all inventions or arts owe their form to the mind, that is governed by law also.

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Ecclesiastical or Civil Law?

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The Pope of Rome has raised an issue with the whole worl i. It affects all peoples and all governments alike. Either they or the Pope must submit and consent to play the second fiddle to the other. Which shall it be?

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"But the spiritual is above and before the temporal. A man obeys his God before his king. Therefore am I superior to all civil

power.
"I consent to all civil government, to civil
allegiance. Good Catholics may believe in
me, and still be faithful to their civil allegi-

"But that civil power must be subordinate to me. On all points on which we differ, I must decide, and my decision must prevail. No nation may make a law which countermands any order of mine."

But the nations have not accepted this asymptotic. They do not accepted this asympton.

But the nations have not accepted this assumption. They do not actively declare against it, because they doem it unnecessary, as the Pope has no power to enforce his commands. But they do go on making their laws, regardless of the Pope's consent, and executing them against his will. They diaregard the remonstrances of his priests. They will have their own way, and not the Pope's.

There is no nation in Caristendom, but has this issue to settle. In Roman Catholic countries, it is a pressing demand. It comes with force, and has to be resisted by force. In Protestant and free countries, it is more cautious and unpretending. But it is there. In our country, it is so thin and visionary that we scarcely see it. But it is here also, and must be met.

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must be met.

In Italy, the king and the Pope are at sword's points. The papists would whip the king it they thought they could.

In Germany they are making a monstrous commotion, but the church is fast going to the wall. In England, and all her colonies, the theory of Gladstone prevails, and the church is made to yield to the civil law.

In Canada a number of trials have just been had which would be very useful for our pooled.

had which would be very useful for our peo-ple to read, and be acquainted with. The lower courts seeined inclined to favor the priests and courts seemed inclined to favor the priests and the church; but the Court of Queen's Bunch, when appealed to, reversed all such ruling, and declared emphatically that the Civil Law must be respected as the supreme law, and that no priest could be permitted for a moment to ignore it, or set it saide.

One of the judges was very explicit in his declaration that the dogma of the Pope could not be listened to there. He said the priests had to do with spiritual things only and when

had to do with spiritual things only, and when they stepped out of that, into civil affairs, the

they stepped out of that, into civil shairs, the law must teach them better.

Two of the cases were of a lawyer, and a blacksmith, who had left the church, and refused to obey the priests. The priest spoke of them in the pulpit. He said they were contumacious hereitos; they were excommunicated. He went further, and warned the faithful not to deal with them.

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The judge said this was going into business matters. It was calculated to injure the business of these parties, and the priests must pay damages. And they did.

It is time we settled some points of the same character. A man and a woman go before one of our civil magistrates, and are married according to the laws of Culifornia. Now, the Cording to the laws of California. Now, the Catholic priests, and some other foolish people, regard such marriages as nothing at all.

They will insist upon it that the parties are living in adultery.

That is all right. We can take no notice of

opinions. The priest may excommunicate them. He may refuse to receive them into the communion. He may refuse to baptize their children. These are all spiritual baptize their children. The matters, under his control.

But when he steps beyond that,—when he charges them with living in adultery, when he denounces their children as bastards, he interferes with their Civil Rights, and may be pun ished by the courts.

No American citizen should at any time per

mit any priest to step out of his proper spirit-ual sphere, and presume to defy O.vil Law. We owe it to ourselves and our country to strangle this papal assumption in its birth, and teach the priests of R me that the people, in America, are, and will be the supreme rulers of their own country. - Thistleton's Illustrated

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Yours, &c., M. M. CHANDLER, Dubuque, Nov. 26 h, '76.

COLONEL GRONGE MAY.

The funeral of Col. George May, who died at the Merchant's hotel night before last, oc-curred from Christ church yesterday afternoon curred from Christ church yesterday afternoon at 2-o'clock, Rsv. G. Higgs, rector, officiating. The funeral was under charge of Hon. John Lawrence and the bar of Yankion county. As was stated yesterday. Col. May was a stranger in our midst. The most that was known about him is gleaned from conversations he had with S. W. Packard, of our city, from time-to time. It appears that he has been a prominent man in his time. He read law with Abraham Lipcoln at Springfield, and afterwards moved into Iowa white that state was a territory. This he was successful in business and accumulated some \$60,000 worth of property. About 1801 his wrife died, and with nature around us naide of God, and we do guele God, and we do guele God, essence, study than the liver of body, of which it is a to be exercised in the d. is the spiritual—the contemplate God as a tand foolish when such a worrywhere. Much of surprit, existing in a heaving home and throne is a tand foolish when such a worrywhere. Much of usuming this earth and infinitestial part of the series and infinitestial part of the first spirit, and the series of the wort to N w Orleans, where he had a sister who is prominently connected and is very wealthy. Oct. May mentioned as an incident in her career, that she gave a reception to Gen. Grant which cost her \$20,006. The colonel was for years a leading mas in politics, and held positions of profit and trust in New Orleans. It is thought from what he said, that his title of colonel was gained by service in the army during the war, and Mr. Packet thinks, from conversations which have control between them, that Oct. May was at an all Inventions or arts mind, that is governed as member of congress—probably from lows. After he left Hew Orleans he went to Montane, and from these drifted into the Black Hills, Being employed 50 Madame Lake as counsel for the prosecution of the

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THOUGHT! FREE TH. UGHT WILL GIVE US TRUTH! !"

Our friend Luther Colby, Editor of BANNER OF LIGHT, expresses his opinion to the effect that the "New Movement" at Philadelphia, last July, for the organising of Spiritualists, is already dead. If so it has died very young. We are inclined to think Brother Colby is mistaken. The young child has most excellent nurses, and they have shown their attention to the bantling by their efforts in Tennessee and New Hampshire. Very few Spiritualists it is true, were in attendance at the birth of these two State Associations. But they were nevertheless duly ushered in and Ohristened as legitimate offsprings of the "New Movement" The President and Secretary are sealous workers, and by no means believe that the object of their well matured scheme, has ceased to exist.

Indeed, we think that Brother Colby will find that his announcement of a belief in its death is a summary mode of disposing of the question-not altogether efficacious, when discussion of merits is so much demanded.

Mankind have so long tacitly yielded assent to the proposition that "man is by nature a religious being," that many honest Spirftualists at first thought are ready to yield assent to the further proposition that "Jesus of Nasareth is the spiritual leader of men," and further, that a religious organization with some such conssaion of faith is necessary.

Many people who have always held fellowship with some sectarian organization are now embracing the truth of spirit communion, but have not thought of the Philosophy of Life, hence without agitation of the subject from a rational standpoint, would be very likely to submit to a new spiritual voke just as irrational, and one that would soon prove to be as uncome as the one staken off.

Hence we have shown the fallacy of the "New Movement"-the dangers that await Spiritualism by its adoption, in a manner entirely 'unanswerable. We have felt it to be our bounden duty to do so. The "movement" was not of that character to be abhorent to the casual observer. It commended itself in this one particular to the Spiritualisis-it was in the line of an organic effort. In this light it was commendable. Hence the greater the necessity for an exposure of the dangerous falls. cies that were concealed beneath the silken

Men and women are by nature social beings, and if the authors of the "New Movement had predicated a necessity for organic efforts upon that truism, instead of declaring that "there is a deep religious nature in man," they would not have met with opposition upon that

Again, we felt in duty bound to meet the absurd deciaration (and yet a declaration which the mass of people from early education, are linble to tacitly adopt without giving due thought to the subject) that "Jesus of Hazareth is a spiritual leader of men." And yet it would seem strange that even one Spiritualist could be found adhering to the same fallacy in substance, as the decisration so virennously put forth by the advocates who, (in common par-lance,) wish to "put God in the Constitution" of the United States.

In view of the fact (as we believe) that the

"New Movement" is not already dead, as Bro. Colby thinks, we feel in duty bound to agitate thought upon the subject of benefits growing out of organic efforts, so liberal in sentiment that no man can find any reason to complain that it in the least degree, restricts the ntmost freedom of thought and expression thereof-indeed upon a basis that recognises the motto .

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PRES THOUGHT WILL GIVE US TRUTH ! !"

Such a basis of organisation will afford com-enough for the most religious, through all gradations of thought, to the most extreme skeptic. All seekers for truth can think for themselves and express their thoughts, in view of arriving at truth.

Such an organization would by no means dobar from, nor bring reproach upon a member for holding fellowship with any church organisation, any more than a Son of Temperance or a Free Mason is debarred from church or Odd Fellow fellowship.

A basis of organization so liberal would call together all who have a desire to know of, and hold communion with their friends in spirit-life. There are millions of people in the United States who now stand aloof from, and know but little about Spiritualism, because we are not making any united efforts by regular meeting, for mental and moral culture, who would upon a basis that would not debar them of freedom of thought and other social relationship, fraternize with Spiritualists in every good and laudable undertaking.

The formation of local societies, if the nu cleus consists of but five members in a town, would speedily expand into a society that would command the respect of the people, and allay the prejudice now so common. Strength would aggregate capital for the purpose of securing frequent lectures for the enlightenment of the people who would be glad indeed to listen.

The opposition to Spiritualism arises from unwarranted prejudice in the minds of those who would become firm advocates and supporters of the Philosophy of Life, if their minds were once disabused upon the subject.

When the scattered receivers of the truth of spirit communion unite on a basis that will admit a skeptic (in the general sense) upon all religious subjects, and a devoted church-member as freely as they would one who is an outspoken Sp'ritualist, and give a full opportunity for a free expression of thought, (in the spirit of kindness,) they will soon love the cause of open spiri, communion, which they now so strenuously deny.

No person can possibly assign a reason for wishing it otherwise than true. The opposers can rationally do no more than deny its truth. To say it is evil spirits only, who hold communion with earth friends, is giving evil spirits a privilege and power over the good in spirit life not credit to Infinite wisdom, nor does such an argument meet the better judgment of the people of ordinary intelli-

The aggregating of good men and women into liberal associations in each town for the investigation of truth, will afford a mental satisfaction that is now no where enjoyed. Religious meeting, do not furnish mental food for thoughtful people. The doctrine everywhere obtains among orthodox people that "carnal reason is dangerous great is the mystery of Godliness." But thinking people fear no such danger, and the great mass of men and women are now beginning to think-hence they will hall with joy an association of respectable, intelligent people, with whom they can sfliste in search of truth.

As instances in point showing the benefits of liberal organizations of modern times, for the advancement of general intelligence upon scientific and philosophical subjects (and Spiritualism is in fact only to be found in that category), we have only to look at the lecturing bureaus. These are organizations for the promulgation of truth, and they call out the very best thinkers in the cities and towns where such lectures are given. All classes of people sectarian and non sectarian, there assemble obtain knowledge. No one thinks of religious dogmas, while listening to lectures in which science and philosophy is the theme. Hence re repeat, let no religious dogma from the most liberal to the most benighted of sector. isnism, ever find a place in an organization for the promulgation of the Philosophy of Life.

By a proper organic effort, influence and capital will be aggregated which will be potent in diffusing general intelligence; and intelligence will make itself felt in all of the primary departments of life. In those primary departments power is generated for the shaping of legislation, which is but the voice of the people expressed, and is siways intended for the best interests of mankind.

We are upon the eve of one of the most mighty revolutions in public sentiment ever experienced by mankind. Spiritualism, or rather the power of intelligent spirits, through the medium of inspiration, is the moving element, and well will it be for Spiritualists who are conscious of the existence of such a spirit of inspiration, if they make a united uf fort to-aid the invisible benefactors of man, kind in inaugurating the necessary means to occumplish the most good, without the least hope of self aggrandisement.

We hope to be inspired very soon to publish a plan for local organisation, so simple in form and requirements, that no one can complain of complications that will mar its utility.

Mns, Ricksond will deliver an inspirational poem, Sunday evening, Dec. 10th (after her ecture.) on "The Christ of the Future." As the world has already had sixteen crucified Baylors, we would really like to know wheth er the one of the future has got to pass through the same ordeal.

Buddha-Mrs. Richmond's Lectures.

The lectures of Mrs. Cors L. V. Richmond. at Grow's Opera Hall, 517 West Madison St. continue to attract large audiences, who are enthusiastic in their admiration of her inspired utterances. At a late lecture she was controlled by a pupil of Buddha. The simple announcement that she was to lecture under the control of an eminent personage who lived several hundred years before the birth of Ohrist, was sufficient to crowd the Rall with eager listeners. Had this pupil given the life incidents connected with the history of his inspired teacher, traced minutely the various reforms that he inaugurated, and made plain the many obscure events of the past, in connection with early religious development, he would have presented more valuable information than he did, and settled many points now in doubt.

It is, indeed, gratifying to know that these ancient spirits congregate at Grow's hall, and present their own thoughts and experiences to those present. The history of Buddha, the teacher of this pupil who inspired Mrs. Richmond on the occasion referred to, is not altogether clear. It appears, however, from the best authority that Buddha passed to Spiritlife about 543 B. C., having during his eventful career on earth done much to alleviate the misery of mankind, instilling into their mind the noblest of precepts, and setting them an example worthy of being imitated. The Buddhists of Asia, ever enthusiastic in their religious views, consider Buddha a savior superior in every respect to Jesus-more humble in his aspirations and habits, at times the companion of beggars that he might thereby destroy caste, which had constructed an almost impassable barrier between certain classes of people.

Buddhists will tell you that Christ was ambitious; that though a simple carpenter he had in view (Jewish authority) the project of enthroning himself as king, whereas Buddha, the son of a sing, born in purple, surrounded with all the magnificence of an oriental court, and the recipient of all the pleasures money could purchase, boldly stepped forth among the common people, became as one of them, resigning not only the pomp, splendor and luxuries of kingly life, but also his beautiful and socomplished wife, and his only son to whom he was greatly attached, that he might be free to assist in banishing castes, and to promulgate a high toned morality and philosophy, which to-day has devotees in southern portions of Biberia, in China, Corea, Japanese Islanda, Cambodia, Birmah, and the North-western and Central portion of Hindostan, and other countries, numbering nearly one-third of the buman race. Although the followers of Buddha are so numerous, China, Ceylon, Siam and Birmah, alone containing millions, yet they are so actuated with the divine spirit-so overshadowed with grand teachings of their master, they never resort to petty persecutions like Oatholics and Protestants, in order to make adberents to their faith.

The teachers of the religion of Buddha, temperate in all their habits and animated with a desire to ameliorate the condition of humanity, ever seek through humility, fasting and pray of to subjugate the animal passions and instincts, that the higher attributes of the soul may scintillate with greater brightness, and attract from the darkness around them those who were degraded. Jesus drank wine: Jesus had his fine suppers: Jesus was somewhat ambitious, and hence could never have become s disciple of Buddhs Jesus was born in a manger; poverty greeted him, and he became a carpenter. Byddha, however, was kingly born; yet a divine mission was stamped upon his soul, as plainly as the beautiful tints upon the pendant flower. The name given to him signifled "brave and beautiful." Each soul is stamped, as it were, while in the embryotic condition; Columbus with the scenery of a new country; Mozart with the melody of music Falton with the potency of steam; Demosthenes with emotions that bubbled up in eloquent strains of thought, and Buddha had his plastic nature, while in the queenly fairy castle of his em bryotic home, impressed with those feelings of tenderness for humanity, love of philosophy and batred of caste that ever distinguished his

The philosopher has well said that the great est study of mankind "Is man." Buddha not only studied himself, but he peered into the mysterious workings of nature, and skillfully opened the avenues to natural science in which to a certain extent the scientists of to-day are compelled to travel in. In that respect he was superior to Jesus, who never gave utterance to an original idea worthy of being recorded on the pages of philosophy. Buddha wisely said, Reflection alone is the path of immortality. He who does not reflect and think, is already dead. Reflection alone makes man a kin to God." Buddha was a scientist as well as a moral reformer. Jesus was a moral reformer great and good man, but too effeminate in na ture to cope successfully with great emerger cies, and too narrow in thought to comprehen the majesty of philosophy. Buddha was the successor of superior men and women, an off shoot from a tree whose branches extended back into the untold past, and which bloomed with the merits alone of past times, culminating in Buddha, who first asserted the supremacof the soul over the passions. Buddha had his visions, he saw the grandeur of the spirit realms, and he was wiser than he knew. Living alone at one time, after a few days of con stant meditation and prayer, he had a beatific rision of such importance that the locality where he was stopping became one of the most sacred places in India. "Liberality, observance of the precepts of the laws, withdrawa into lonely places, wisdom, diligence, benevo-lence, patience, verseity, fortifude and indiffer-ence, "are the ten great duties of the Buddhistic faith. Buddha did not live for self, but the

grand idea of modern Spiritualism, that one can best elevate himself by elevating others. was ever uppermost in his mind; it was the predominant trait of his character, the monitor that governed his movements, and made him the reformer of his age. Of course Buddha owes much to prenatal influences and surroundings. His mother's name signified Love; and her soul seemed imbued with that element and she transmitted the same to her child, hence Buddha, when he arrived at maturity loved all mankind.

It appears from the statements of Mrs. Leon owens, who lived several years in India, that the Buddhists extertain peculiar notions in reference to the early life of Buddha. His moth er had a vision before his birth. She proclaimed herself glorious and blessed beyond women and said she was about to become the mother of the Savior of the world. She set out on a journey to visit her mother, accompanied with a large retinue, for she was the wife of a king. Her child was born under a tree by the road side, and it is claimed immediately performed miracles. When seven days old, he was aprinkled, a custom almost identical with that of Catholic baptism. The legend says that wis mother's body, the having died when he was three days old, was brought into the chamber during the ceremony, and was reanimated, a lovely smile illuminating her countenance.

Why shouldn't we admire Buddha. He was not only a moral reformer, but a philosopher. "Master thyself, so mayest thou teach others, and early tome them after having tamed thyself," was one among his many precepts; hence he studied his own nature, and rendered the animal passions subservient to the higher

powers of the soul.

In view of the fact that Buddha was such remarkable man, it is not at all strange that eminent devotees of the Buddhistic faith should entertain the project of sending missionaries to various parts of the Christian world. With a savior superior to Jesus; with a system of moral precepts that cannot be excelled, and with lives that bring down to so tual parallel precept and example, they have a good basis on which to found missionary societies in the United States. They can parallel all the good in Ohristianity, but they have nothing to place besides the latter's flendish persecuti ns. They never burned a Servetus: never hung a Mary Dyer; never burnt a Francis Kitt, who held "divers detestable opinions against our Bavior;" never had a Bartholomew massacre; never sacrificed the life of an Edward Wightman, who was burnt for denying the divinity of Christ, in 1611, at Litchfield; never banished a Quaker sect, or any other; never cut out the tongue of a human being on account of any religious opinion he might entertain ; never had the various appliances for punishing heretics; and their record is in every respect cleaner than those presented by the Christian world. "Let us live happlly, free from greed among the greedy -fappily, though we call nothing our own, said the great Buddha. We would welcome his devoted followers to this country; their missionary services would no doubt raise the standard of morality among the churches, and once tinctured with the Buddhistic influence, there would not be so many ministers seducing the wives and daughters of others. It is a fact that the Brahmins, of India, and the Buddhists, of China, at one time contemplated sending missionaries through various parts of the "Christian" globe. The Waskly Queensland Advertiser, of Australia, says:

"At a numerous and influential meeting of "At a numerous and influential meeting of the Chinese residents in Melbourne, it was re-solved, in view of the deplorable paganism which prevails, to establish a mission in Mel-bourne, Victoria, to bring its benighted in-habitants to a knowledge of Confucius and of the pure morality which he taught. Careful inquiries and prolonged observations have convinced the promoters of this movement that the convention of this Colony is sunk in that the population of this Colony is sunk in the grossest idolatry, and that they worship medals of gold and silver, stamped with the portrait of the reigning monsrch. Certain temples, called banks, are erected as the shrines of these pocket deities; and so abject is the condition of thousands of idolators, that they not only adore gods of gold and silver, but they also worship those human beings who possess the largest collection of them. who possess the largest collection of then Desirous of reciprocating the scalous effor of British missionaries in China, the Ohine of British missionaries in China, the Chinese residents in Melbourne purpose to send English-speaking and highly educated Mandarina into the Metropolis and country towns of Australia with a view of wearing their inhabitants, if possible, from the degrading worship of that god who bears the name of mammon. Our sacred book tells us, 'Contentment furnishes constant joy. Much covetousness constant grief, To the contented even poverty is joy. To the discontented even wealth is a stant grief. To the contented even poverty is joy. To the discontented even wealth is a vexation.' Now, we perceive that among the idolators and pagans calling themselves Christians there is much covetousness and no contentment. Therefore, we desire as fellow-beings, created by the same Divine Power, to bring our Victorian and Australian brethren to a knowledge of the truth, and convert them from the error of their ways."

from the error of their ways." We would welcome the followers of Buddha to this country. A few of their self-sacrific ing priests, would afford a noble example for the Christians to imitate; and if they did imitate them, they would become much better men. Buddha said: "The life-blood in the veins takes its meaning from the soul, and the soul from those who scale the heights to bring down fustice to the world." Mrs. Leonwens, in her lecture in this city, said: "Followed by his beloved disciple, he met a woman at a well and asked her for a drink. (Another scriptural reminder.) She was an outcast, a pariah, and could not believe her ears. She expresse her astonishment, but Buddha said : 'Si we did not ask thy caste, we only asked for a drink.' She gave them water, and wondered what kind of priests they might be, and followed them. He welcomed her as a 'sister,' and assured her that, all men being born o woman, there was no reason why one should be called noble and the other vile; that only by good conduct is the soul made noble; that there was but one path for all, the path of virtue. Buddhist books were full of such in-

cidents; full, also, of such teaching as these: Look closely and you shall discover no difference between the body of a Prince and of a slave.' 'My friends, as the mother watches over a child, so let universal senderness prevail over the whole world.' Buddha was a thoroughly human man. He never profeased to receive divine communications. He stood alone from God, but that truth which is taught to-day as the highest and best filtered into this man's heart. Three hundred and sixty six millions of souls to day believe the principles he taught-virtue, equality, fryternity. 'Are we alone favored, and they outcasts?' was the lecturer's query."

Buddha passed serenely to spirit-life with clear conscience, with a life unspotted before all the world; and a career scintillating with magnanimous deeds; the very heavens, would open to receive his mortal soul; and with songs of joy and love, welcome him to the realms of paradise. Hundreds of people crowded around him in his last moments to hear those words, which would become immortal as soon as uttered. With a countenance illuminated with a supreme light, good advice fell from his lips, insisting that they should practice four things: "Train the mind to pure thoughts and deeds; do good to all alike; keep the mind pure and tranquil; be steady, just and wise." The change called death then took place, and his devoted followers to-day will tell you that the "smile which overspread his countenence irradiates the world to-day." Amidst the lamentation of his followers, his body was burned, and a great strife at once arose for the fragments that remained uncon-

Bills Must Be Paid.

We have a great deal of money due us of more than one year's standing, that must be comply paid.

We are determined to make a clean succep. We know we are not doing justice to ourself, nor are those who owe, deing us or them-

selves justice belonger delaying payment.
All who remit dues, so that they reach this office before the last day of December of the present year, 1876, together with six months in advance, will receive credit the same as if the adcance payment had been made. Those who do not pay before Dec. 1st, will be required to meet their bills at full rates of \$3 65 a year, and the same will be placed in the hands of collectors, who will take immediate steps to enforce collection.

We are determined not to be bankrupted on account of the negligence of those subscribers who would forever continue to take the Jourwal on credit, -some of whom do not even remit the postage. It is but little for each to meet, but to us in the aggregate, it is success or bankruptcy.

Some subscribers who are well off, owe for the Journal for several years, others who are not very well off, con pay, but fail to do so from year to year, through encouverated tiegli-pence. To all such we say in the spirit of kind-ness, we can not longer wait for our pay; remit and save half a dollar a year together with cost of collection.

Justice to ourself demands this emphatic appeal and announcement, and we mean it for all who now owe one year and upwards for the Journal; and every one who receives the paper is expected to pay for it, as much as he or she would be expected to pay for a pound of coffee delivered by the grocer, unless the paper is marked F, (which signifies free) at the end of the address on the margin of each number of the paper, or on the wrapper. Any one by consulting the instructions at the head of the editorial column of each lasue can, in a moment, see exactly when the time for which payment has been made was out.

If any one supposes he or she is getting the paper free where it is not marked F, be at once undecreed; and if the paper is not wanted, remit what is due and order it discontinued. This is business, and it is the only way to newspaper, the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOUB-HAL not excepted.

All the libel suits that the cermans advocates of nastiness can institute, are of the least possible moment when contrasted with anxiety caused by delinquent subscribers.

Another Month.-The response from many of those who-were largely in arrears for the Journal has been so promptly made and others having given assurance that they would certainly remit past dues and prepay for the year to come, we have concluded to give another month's time before making costs to any one, who manifests a disposition to treat us honorably. We hope to hear from every subscriber who is indebted to us before New Years.

Miss Lottie Fowler.

Miss Fowler is daily giving evidence to her patrons that the high reputation she earned among distinguished gentlemen and ladies while in England and on the continent of Europe, was well deserved. /No better test medium is to be found, and her equals are

She can be found from 1 to 8 P. M., at Room 10, RELEGIO-PRILOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING House, 894 Dearborn St., just South of Harrison Street.

Bro. A. J. Fishback.

Bro. Fishback has closed his missionary labors in Minnesots, and returned to his home near St. Louis. He gave us a frategual call while en route. Bro. Pishback will accept calls for lecturing in the vicinity of St. Louis during the Winter, and receive money for subscriptions to the RELIGIO PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL Address, Webster's Grove, Mo.

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Centennial Notes.

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One of the great objects of the Centennial Exposition, and that which will mark its greatest success, is the intercourse of the people of many nations. It is to be regretted that the rude and uncivil habits of some of our people compelled most of the foreigners to abandon their native costames, and dress after

ple compelled most of the foreigners to abandon their native costames, and dress after the fashions of this country; crowds of rade boys and children of older growth followed after these and made it unpleasant to them, and they resorted to this means of avoiding such manifestations of uncivility, which are not known in European countries, and have thus deprived us of an interesting feature of this great event. These people are here and may be seen on the Exposition grounds among their wonderful works, which "praise them and speak in unmistakable language of their characters and abilities.

The Chinese are fast becoming a part of our population, so that almost all are familiar with them. Their exhibits gave evidence of the most wonderful skill, patience and ingenuity. The beauliful specimens of China, their country having given the name to this very common and useful ware, now known almost all over the world, have attracted much attention and been highly admired; their skill in carving in wood, ivory and the metals is probably unsurpassed by any other people; their mode of Isbor seems very awkward to us, and is certainly very slow, but by patient and continued efforts, which are their characteristics, they have accomplished grand results, and as a people, they will be much more richiv esthey have accomplished grand results, and as a people, they will be much more richly es-teemed from the knowledge we have gained by their contributions to the great Exposition.

their contributions to the great Exposition.

Their neighbors, the Japanese, were equally successful in their curious works, and wonderful exhibits which have attracted great attention for their merit; other Oriental nations have given very fice exhibits. Among the European Nations, Russis certainly deserves a very high rank, her exhibits of the malachites and other precious stones, manufactured into tables and various kinds of furniture, as well as ornamental and useful articles, were among the most attractive and beautiful things in the main building; the silks and furs in the same department were highly admired. Germany, France and all the European countries vied with each other, and added much to the interest and usefulness of the Exposition.

To our English friends we are indebted for-

terest and usefulness of the Exposition.

To our English friends we are indebted formany of the most valuable contributions. The Exhibition of Daniel and Co., of London, contained the most exquisitely beautiful specimens of china and porcelain ware. The pale sur pais vases and ornamen's made by Solon, in their exhibits were certainly the finest speci-mens of the kind in the Exhibition. From the colonies of Great Britain there were very useful and important exhibits, perhaps no otner department of the Exhibition fulfilled its er department of the Exhibition fulfilled its design so fully, namely to show the progress of the century, in New Zealand; for instance, there are pictures of the original natives, some of them most revoling to look upon, placed side by side with recent pictures of the same race, at present members of Parliment in that colony. There is a fine group of photographs of native children taken from some of the schools, presenting some very excellent faces and heads, illustrating the influence of proper treatment of these abortions by the settlers. and heads, illustrating the influence of proper treatment of these aborigines by the settlers. But a few years since the continent, or group called Oceanics was inhabited only by the most rude and barbarous savages; now they present evidences of high civilisation and cul-ture, and their productions bear a favorable comparison with those of other pations.

Convention.

Bro. Jones, and friends of Spiritualisms our Harmonial Free Church of Sturgis, Mich-gan, has most cordially, as a separate, Inde-pendent Society, invited the State Convention pendent Boolely, invited the State Convention of Michigan Spiritualists to meet with them December 15th, 16th and 17th; and furthermore sends an invitation to all Liberalists and Free Thinkers of Offic, Indiana and Illinois, to come to this Convention.

Times are hard and money scarce, and we

Times are hard and money scarce, and we can promise no pay to workers in our moral vinyeard at this time, except to lay plans for a future visiting. Friends or delegates from other religious bodies will be made entirely welcome to work with us. Shall we revive and live or shall we cease to work and dief.

Bro Elitor, for your sake, and my sake, and every public worker, let us facet and counsel together just now, in a united assembly.

bly.

The two divisions of Liberalists, known as The two divisions of Liberalists, known as Spiritualists and Material Scientists, must come to an understanding, and agree not to persecute or speak to the injury of each other as-investigators after truth and facts, either given in phenomena from invisible agents, or from scientific demonstrations.

given in phenomena from invisible agents, or from scientific demonstrations.

Bitter complaints and denunciations have been made by Spiritualists against the metaphysics of science, as dry, stale, and infidel; while on the other hand most cruelly, some so-called scientists, calumniate the facts of phenominal Spiritualism. The time has come for a centralised union of these conflicting elements; also for a cessation of war sgainst every thing called Religion; showing the same spirit of bigotry that religionists have done for ages past against philosophy and, science. We plead for unbounded charity for all mankind and systems; for more liberality and less of the spirit of dogmatism among us. The good time will come when charity and forbearance will be extended to all.

Kerdallville, Ind. Kendallville, Ind.

T. H. STRWART.

State Missionary.

Brace Missionary.

Brace Jorres:—I sm happy to inform all your numerous subscribers, and especially the Spiritualists of Minnesots, that after a period of nearly three months vecation, the services of Brother Thomas' Cook have been secured as State Agent for the 'State Association of Spiritualists' of Minnesots. His labor will begin at Winons, Minn., Jan. 1st. '17, and he will lecture at the different points between there and Hastings, thence West to Farmington, where he will meet the members of the Executive Board, who will give him further information, and in a measure labout his work for the Winner campaign, whose will lie mostly south of the Minnesota Riter, with the exception of C 'ver, McLeod and Renville Counties. As it e Spiritualists in the Northern part of the State have been favored with the elequent lecturer, Bro. A. J. Fishback, for the past Sammer, the Spiritualists of Southern Minnesota are entitled to the services of Bro. Cook the Winner campaign. I hope the Spiritalists and Moeral minded will lend the cause a helping hand by encouraging Bro. Cook in

the arduous labor for the cause of truth and

right.

The friends who are desireds of Bro. Cook's

The friends who are desireus of Bro. Cook's labor, will address S. Jenkin, at Farming ton, Minn, until Jan, 10th, 1877.

I hope the Spiritualists of the State will find in Bro. Cook all they desire, for I believe him an earnest worker in the cause of progress. B JENKINS, President of the State Associaon of Spiritualists of Minnesots. Farmington, Minn.

Quarterly Meeting.

The Northern Wisconsin Spiritual Confer The Northern Wisconsin Spiritual Conference will hold a three days' meeting in the City of Ripon, commencing Friday, December 15th, 1876, continuing its sessions Baturday and Sunday. Suste M. Johnson and Dr. Severance as speakers, guarantee a success. Other speakers are expected. The kind friends of Ripon hope to see a large attendance.

Dr. J. H. SEVERBARCE, President.

Dr. J. G. PRILLIPS. Secretary, Northern

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A KINNEY sends \$5 00 to this office, but fails to give his Post Office address.

W. B HAND sends \$5 00 to this office, but does not give Post Office address.

THE NEW TOWN HALL AT ATER.—This elegant structure is now complete. In beauty of design it surpasses anything of its kind in the State. Constructed of brick and dark marble it is as permanent as it is charming. The English architects have adoreed it in subdued colors, which please without thing the eye. Dr. J. C. Ayer built and gave it to the town in acknowledgment of the distinction they conferred upon him in taking his name. Although it is a generous gift, still the hearty good wishes of a whole people are of a greater value, and the generous donor has doubtless accured them.—Groton (Mass.) Journal.

Business.

Those Perplexing Awards.

It is quite amusing to note the claims put forth by the several organ manufacturers as to the relative degrees of merit conceded to their organs by the judges of the Centennial Exhibition, and, to a purchaser who desires, in making a selection, to avail himself of the results of the investigations at Philadelphia, it must be perplexing in the extreme; for it certainly requires an exceedingly delicate percep tion to discover from the report of the jury of swards which organ, if any, was considered top best. While we having nothing to say in disparagement of the organs there exhibited. but, on the contrary, could say much in praise of a few of them, yet the fact remains that at least three of the best organs manufactured in the United States were not in competition at Philadelphia, and one of these, the Palace Organ, manufactured by the Loring & Blake Organ Company, at Worcester, Mass., and Toledo, O., we have good reason to believe to be entirely reliable from the fact that it has won a National reputation for excellence that is a far better guarantee of worth than any report from a " jury" could be. Any of our readers desiring to purchase an organ, can not do better than to correspond with the manufacturers of the Palace Organ, at Toledo, Ohio-

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We were both awakened at the same time by what seemed to be the door opening. We then both saw two white fixing a norresching our

both saw two white figures approaching our bed (and we knew our door was securely lock, ed before retiring), as the figures approached we both gave a scream at the same time, hence it was no clairsvoyant vision on my part (and Ellen is no medium at all), but the spirits were it was no clairs voyant vision on my part (and Bilen is no medium at all), but the spirits were so fully materialized we thought them to be persons in earth-life. One of them, the first figure approaching, was a tall dark complexioned man, with long white hair and beard, to took his place directly over our heads and laid his hand on my forehead; the other was a young Indian girl. She went to the back side of the bed and raised up the blankets and this did not she Mrs. Smith get out of the bed, but not until her acreams had brought me to my feet, did the spirit drop the bedding but she kept waving her hand for her (Ehen) the gaway. Instead of fading away, they passed out at the door, and the instant they did so I went to the door and found it locked. The next night we had a similar experience, only we were not frightened the second time. I am alone now and feel I am getting better. I had got discouraged, for I have been sick and using medicine for two years, to no effect. I have used magnetized papers from five different physicians, but never saw a materialized spirit before.

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I had become skeptical in regard to magnetised papers, but have now to admit its virtue in enabling spirits to aid the sick, and I have faith and hope that the spirits will help me, as I can alone do nothing. I am now far better, may God's best angela ever attend you

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charge me five or jew prices for the prescrip-tions. If you see fit to write me or set on this, tell me what are his troubles and peculiaritie. I am a skeptle. If you see fit to notice this, do so, if not, I am out only a stamp. I remain most truly yours, JOHN CORTIS. Mrs. Robinson disgnosed the case, and here is the reply:-

2 OAKLAND, Alameda Co., Cal. Sept. 29, 76 MRS. ROBINSON, Chicago, Ill.

My Dran Madam:—Yours of 23d inst. is at hand. Your diagnosis of his case is very correct, and beats me as I had no faith in your pretended powers, I herewith inclose your fee and desire the proper prescription. Beeing with me is believing. I will act as you pre scribe. Respectfully yours,

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MRS. MARKEE.

A little Child walks out of the Cabinet.

Bno. Jonus: Mr. and Mrs. Markee have been our guests for the last two weeks, and during that time Mrs. Markee has held seven materializing seances at our house. Duty to her, and also to the cause of truth and justice. her, and also to the cause of truth and justice, prompts me to write an account of some of the manifestations that transpired during those scaness. To give the readers of the Journal a history of all the manifestations that occurred during those scances, would require too much space in your valuable paper. I will only select a few from the many. Fifty-four spirits materialized, and walked out of the cabinat. They conversed freely with their friends, and were recognised by them. The materialized forms varied in size from a child not over thirty inches in hight to a child not over thirty inches in hight to a large Indian of six feet.

Seneca, a large and powerful looking Indi-an, one of the medium's controlling band, walked out dressed in Indian costume, with moccasins upon his feet, and two feathers upon his head. Katie Brink, the spirit that was caught by the Rochester roughs, came out of the cabinet on several occasions. Bhe conof the cabinet on several occasions. She conversed freely with us all; she sat upon my lap, placed one arm upon my shoulder, and wiped my face with her handkerchief. She was not more than one-fourth as heavy as a was not more than one-fourth as heavy as a person of her size. Katie is a bright and beautiful spirit; unlike the medium in size, in shape and features. At one time she materialized a white shawl, apparently from the wall of the room; she spread it over her shoulders, walked around, in order to let those in the circle see it, and returned to the cabinet. She soon made her appearance egain, but without the shawl. She said she had dematerialized it and must have another. She was without the shawl. Bhe said she had demate-rialized it, and must have another. Bhe was standing in front of me, and not more than three feet distant, and I could see every mo-tion very plainly. Bhe stooped down, rapped, the ends of her flagers two or three times upon the carpet, and the shawl commenced to appear. At first it was not larger than two or three inches square, and in less than three minutes she had a red shawl. I should think, four feet square. She placed it over her shoulders, and walked around, letting those in

At one time when Katie was returning to the cabinet, she had diminished nearly one-half in size when she reached the door.

Our daughter, who had been he spirit life nearly twelve years, came out and conversed with us as familiar as she did in earth life. She caressed and kissed her mother, and the latter, was permitted to return a kiss. She sat up. my lap, put her arm around my neck, kissed me twice, and I kissed her mocket. up my lap, put her arm around my neck, kissed me twice, and I kissed her. I could see her face very distinctly. It was her form, her features, her manner of expression, and

My father came out at several seances. He conversed freely with us, and was recognised by all present that knew nim in earth life. At the sixth scance he led out one of our children, the sixth seames he led out one of our children, a little girl that passed to spirit life when an infant. Her name is Nettie. She said her grand-pa had learned her to talk. We conversed several minutes with them, and when father started to return to the cabinet, the child cried, and said she wanted to stay longer with pa and ma. Father quieted her by telling her she should come out with him

again.

The next scance, my mother, who had come out on several previous occasions, again walked out leading by the hand our little Nettle.

The child was so pleased

SHE DANGED FOR JOY.

We conversed freely with them, and when mother returned to the cabinet, Nettie went with her, but cried as she did before. We could hear father speaking to her in the cabinet while she was crying. Boon she stopped crying, and commenced to laugh, and said: "Grand pa says Nettie may come out with him." It as few moments Nettie again walked out followed by father. They remained fifout followed by father. They remained fif-teen minutes, and conversed with us all the time. Father said that Nottle in spirit life, is a young woman, a bright spirit; and as far advanced in spiritual knowledge as those of her age; but in coming back to us it was necessary for her to take the form and condi-tions of childhood. Fathers and mothers in spirit life spoke words of cheer and comfort spirit life spoke words or cheer and comfort to their children and friends in earth life; children in spirit life greeted their parents and friends in earth-life with love and affection warm; and some of them sent messages to their friends that reside at a distance from

here.

At the close of each scance, Mrs. Markee would be found sitting in the cabinet to all appearance lifeless or dead. Bhe did not breathe; the pulse did not move; her fish was cold, and felt like that of a corpec. Mr. Markee placed his hands upon her head, and in about five minutes the pulse commenced to tremble, then to best lightly; she commences to breathe and again returns to consciousness. to breathe and a rain returns to consciousness to breathe, and again returns to consciousness; but it was a half hour or more before she could leave the cabinet, and then she was so exhaust-ed that she could not walk without help.

If the circle is broken by the

UNCLASPING OF HANDS

(as it accidently was at one of our seances,) the medium receives an injury, and leaves the circle-room with dark spots around her eyes, which gradually disappear during the next

It appears to me that no reasonable person It appears to me that no reasonable person could witness the manifestations that occurred in those seances, and suppose for one moment that it was all the work of the medium. There were hope of that class who attended all of those circles; but all with one accord said we know we have seen and talked with our spirit-

know we have seen and talked with our spirit-friends. I would risk my small fortune, my life, and my sacred honor, upon the genuine-ness of Mrs. Markee's medium powers.

I cannot close this article without appeal-ing to the Spiritualists, to the friends of truth and justice, to come forward, and by their voice and means help sustain Mr. and Mrs. Markee in the trials through which they are now passing. It is not alone the medium Mrs. Markee that is on trial; it is the cause of religious liberty personifics in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Markee. It looks to me like a bold stroke by religious bigots and deepots, to Mr. and Mrs. Markee. It looks to me like a bold stroke by religious bigots and despots, to drush one of our best mediums; ah I more: To crush the most glorious truth that has ever been revealed to the human race. Truth and knowledge always causes political despots, and religious bigots to tremble; and in their blindness they make desperate efforts to crush out the dawning light that is making inroads within the dark castle of ignorance and bigotry.

bigotry.

Through the mediumship of hirs. Markee, spirits in higher life are bringing light and knowledge to the human race, that robe death of its sting and the grave of its victory; causing the spiritually blind to see, the deat to hear, and all that behold the light; to rejoice in the knowledge of a future life, and starnal progression. But that light that elevates the human race, also robe the despot and hight of their power to enslave the people; hance, the desporate effort that is being made

by religious bigots to crucify Spiritualism, a knowledge of immortal life; the infant savior

of the race.

In the city of Rochester, N. Y., Mr. Markee has been arrested and floed, for holding seances without a juggler's license. He has two law-suits now pending. He has not the necessary means to defray the expenses of those suits. Mrs. Amy Post, a worthy lady residing at No. 35 Sohla street, Rochester, N. Y., has been appointed to receive donations to defray the expenses of their suits.

According to the latest information that I have received, there has not been more than

have received, there has not been more than one fourth enough donated to defray the nec-essary expenses. Friends of truth and justice, it will take but little from each one to raise the necessary means to conduct the defense. Let not the historian be compelled to record

it as a fact, that the Spiritualists of America suffered the Markees to fight the battle of re-ligious liberty in Rechester, unsided and

Ellicotiville, N. Y. B. E. ESTONYINLD.

REMARKS. This is a general time for persecuting genu ine mediums. We have every reason to be lieve that Mrs. Markee is one of the very best and would be very glad to have her come West, where she would find plenty of patronage and friends to defend her rights. We most urgently implore our brethren, who are able, to promptly respond to the call for assistance. It is not Mrs. Markee alone that is on trial; it is one of the best mediums-as a medium-it is the cause of spirit communion. It is the heaven-born truth of open communion with our loved ones gone before that is on trial; and the bigotry of Christendom is prompting it.

To fine and imprison is the order of the day. Mediums and editors are being prosecuted on every hand. We have no less than three prosecutions for libel now hanging over us; two by the great egotist, and one by the Woodhull's. But we ask no favors. We can meet them all, single-handed and alone, and show them up in a light that will convince the world that characteriess people better not go to law to obtain that which they never possessed. But our poor persecuted mediums need your kind sympathy and generous contribut ons-Mrs. Markee especially.-EDITOR

Watkins' the Exposed Trickster.

'A few days ago a man and woman came to this Publishing House—the man giving his name as O H. Watkins, and said he was a materializing cabinet medium, and that the people required that he should have an endorsement by the editor of the Ralieso PHIL OSOPHICAL JOURNAL, and that he had come to submit to test conditions.

We confined him, by simply tying a white linen handkerchief around his neck, and then sewed the knots with a strong linen thread and scaled the ends of the thread with hot scaling wax. In that condition we gave him a seat in the cabinet and sewed the ends of the hand kerchief (and sealed the threads) to a staple driv en into the wall back of his neck. In a short time he began to talk in a disguised voice and then pulled off his shoes and threw them out of the window, and then commenced climbing around the cabinet, ringing bells and showing himself indistinctly at the cabinet window, in a very dim light. On opening the cabinet we found that he had torn the sewing of the handkerchief loose, even to traring a piece out of it. He is one of the most shallow, and yet impudent tricksters we have met with.

We have since learned that while at Aurora Ill., just before coming here, he went to Ray. Samuel Paine, Methodist pastor of Galena St., M. E. Church of that city, and tendered his services as an exposer of Spiritualism minister did not see fit to accept of the fellow's services so he went back to the Spiritualists for quarters. They demanded that he should submit to test conditions, -the result is briefly given above.

If he has any mediumistic powers he is no worthy of patronage. It is these tricksters who are running over the country, that bring more disrepute upon genuine mediumship and Spiritualism, than all other taings combined.

If this fellow should attempt to traval under any other name, he will be known by the following description. He is slim, of medium height, with a light colored mustache.-His wife is slim, above medium height, has dark complexion, and coal black eyes. They are probably about 25 years of age.

Let our readers test all cabinet mediums in the manner described, being careful to tie and sew both knots with strong thread and seal with hot sealing wax.

The medium that refuses such test conditions mity safely be counted as liable to play tricks on honest investigators. In dark circles sew their clothing so fast together and seal with sealing wax that they can not raise a hand nor move a foot to play tricks in the name of departed spirits. The flawer test is no test-at all, so long as both hands can be got together. The trickster will change the flower all into one hand and lick off what remains from the emptied hand, and then use that hand to make spirit lights by gently rubbing friction matches. He will, with that hand pat and grasp the hands of investigators, and then take a part of the flower back again into that hand when the light is to be raised.

When you test a pretended medium give him no slack in the handkerchief or sewing. It is such careless test conditions that trick sters continually take advantage of, and no onest medium will refuse to submit to good test conditions.

While you are careful not to torture or make a medium uncomfortable, be careful that you make test conditions perfect.

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The Chafing of Corns Don't Atone tor Bins Committed.

"He would make a splendid Universalist. If not one already, he should join that sect. The Universalist believes that each one is punished-for his sins on the earth; hence a man who wears tight boots, and thereby chafe his corus, repdering them sore and painful, is paying the penalty for having awindled his neighbor out of a thousand dollars, or for the commission of some other offense."

Now Bro. Jones, I thought that you we too well posted to make such a flimsy state ment. Universalists believe that the man who wears tight boots, and hurts and chafes his corns, suffers pain for the sin he has committed in violating a physical law; to do you

This swindling his neighbor out of & thous and dollars is an entirely different thing. A man who can commit such a sin as the latter, is grovelling in grossness and darkness, that can only be changed by his spiritualising him-self, by his rising to a higher sphere of thought and action. No pain such a transgressor could inflict upon himself could remove the effect of his sin from his soul. Nothing but making amends to his neighbor, so far as possible, for the wrong he did him, and the ex-panding of his spiritual powers until he has reached such an elevated rlane as to loathe in his soul, such a sin as wronging a neighbor out of a thousand dollars or anything else, can save him. A man who can do such an evil deed, as purposely injuring a neighbor, if far from being spiritually minded that he no idea of the happiness there is in deeds of love; he has no knowledge of the peace and joy there is in well-doing.

Joy there is in well-doing.

We don't believe as a sect, that a man doing a good thing only because he is afraid the devil will get him if he does not do so, is in the enjoyment of "everlasting life," but we believe that a man must ever be performing good deeds, as free will offerings, in order to have the kingdom of heaven within him.

Sin nover pays. Righteousness always pays. The sin of wearing tight boots has its penalty, so have all others.

so have all others

Preservally Thine, J. R. BAKES.

Clarinda, Iowa.

REMARKS

Bro. Baker is right in his estimation of our judgment in the premises. We were born of brought up by Universalist parents, and for many years was an active member of the Universalist denomination. The item quoted is a perversion of Universalism.

We never knew one, however bigoted and prejudiced against Spiritualism, who held to any such sentiments. Many of them hold that a man suffers for his sins in his earth life only, while others take a more philosophical view and believe that sin dwarfs the soul not only in earth-life, but the dwarf enters Spirit-life as

he left the body, and only grows out of that condition as he develops in goodness.

In analyzing their faith, the "blood of Christ" is not found to be an essential element to salvation. We choose to deal fairly with all classes of religionists, but never hesitate to expose glaring fallacies when occasion demands—ED JOHRMAL expose glaring fallacle mands -Ep. Journal.

Thomas Cook.

Bro. Thomas Cook informs us that he has accepted the office of State Missionary of Minnesota, and will enter upon his duties on the 1st of January. He is now in Kansas. The Junction Oily Tribune says of him:

"Prof. Cook's lecture came off quite success fally last evening at Centennial Hall. His text was "Carbon." He changed sugar into car-bon, and showed that carbon is ubjectious in all organic nature. He said that the most all organic nature. He said that the most beautiful ladies and the sweetest of babies are

carbon, or charcoal. Tals saturating doc-trine created some sensation.

"An audience of some fifty or sixty was present, composed of some of the sharpest thinkers in the city and a good many juveniles. The learned gentleman's hobby is Onemistry; from this he avoid as a second some of the sharpest from this he explains everything, except, per-haps, grasshoppers which we do not remem-ber that he mentioned.

"This evening the subject is to be "Hydro gen Gas." We hope he will have a full house. Tickets for sale of the book store.

Bro. Cook will receive subscriptions and make collections for the RELIGID-PHILOSOPH. ICAL JOURNAL and LITTLE BOUQUET .- ED. JOURNAL.

Mr. Coe's Lectures.

The Upper Des Monnes, a paper published at Algona, Iowa, saye:-

"The lectures on Boiritualism last Baturday and Sunday evenings were well attended, not-withstanding a large and excited political gathering was on the street on the first men tioned evening. Mr. Coe made a masterly ef-fort, showing that the Bible was founded on Spiritualism that is identical with the Spiritualism of the present day, and that the Angel of the Lord, so often mentioned in Scripture was merely a disembodied mortal. He brough was merely a disembodied mortal. He brought plenty of proof from the Bible to sustain his assertion. He hopes to return after the holi-days and bring a good materialising medium with him, if funds can be raised to derray the necessary expenses. Let every liberal minded person stand by him in his efforts for free thought and free speech."

A New Dress.

Having been favored with another libel suit. (only \$30 000 damages claimed this time) we have concluded to give the RELIGIO-PHILO SOPRICAL JOURNAL & new dress, as a New Year's present to our readers. It is barely possible that in getting off the old and on the new, the JOURNAL may be a little behind usual advance time, but we think that it will reach, and greet the subscribers on New Year's day, if not, very soon thereafter.

J. B. JURING, of Howard City, Elk County, Kan., desires to receive calls to lecture in that part of the State, and will receive such compensation as the people feel able to make. His only desire is to keep the wolf away from the door of his small family, and do all the good he can for the cause he so sincerely loves. Give him a hearing, friends. You will be of mutual benefit to each other.

Letter of Fellowship.

On the 21d day of Dec. 1876, the RELIGIO PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY granted a letter of Fellowship and Ordination to Bro. John S. Tuomas of Carr's Station, Georgia, authorizing him to solemnize marriages in due form of

A LESSON IN MEDIUMSHIP.

"Ye cannot serve God and Mammon!"

BY CAPP. H H BROWA.

Among the many truths contained in that much abused book—the Bible—there is none other, so much as the above, that we mediums and Spiritualists, should let sink so deeply into our souls as to be the constant monitor of our lives. "Ye cannot serve two masters."
We must be obedient to either angels or to
mortals; be submissive either to the spiritual or the material; or, as He of old has it, "God

ities to mortals; negative to the epirit world. is the fundamental iaw of mediumabip; and it is simply a modern paraphrase of that law of Jesus. Negatives to God, the spirit; and positive to mammon, the world.

I am convinced that the major portion of the trouble that accompany mediumship, arises from want of obedience to this law. At soon as any outside influence comes in to sway
the medium in opposition to the desire of his or her spirit band, there arises antagonism, in-harmony, and consequently very imperfect and unreliable manifestations. Their outside disunreliable manifestations. Their outside dis-turbing influences are of the earth, earthy; as, for example, public opinion desires to please friends, or the need of means, atc. Bot when the choice comes, duty and principle must be first, though all the world awing in the posite balance., "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." "Be thyself! trust thyself!" is not soul." "Be thyself I trust thyself I" is not only the drat principle of manhood and womanhood, but also of mediumselp. Let your own intelligence, your moral principle, and above all, your common-sense, be your guide; not alone in testing the current opinions of the world, but also those purporting to come from the spirit world.

the spirit-world.

Be flot hampered by authority. Too long has that ogre in shape of public opinion, Bible, creed, church, priest or law, enslaved mankind. The angels come to emancipate us and give us freedom to obey our own convictions & right and wrong.

Remember that dealre, aspiration and fidelity

to your intuition, will draw to you that intelli-gence of the higher spheres which you need, just as fast as you can incorporate it into your consciousness, which is only as fast as the plant does sunlight, i. e., as fast as it grows.

Intelligence that reaches only the brain,

that moves not the heart, and prompts it not to deeds of benevolence and justice. Anat does not compel_recognition of the claims and du-ties we owe to each other in the great brotherof man, is of little use here, and of still less in that spiritual realms to which medium ship is the portal. He lives best and truest, who feels most, and deepest and truest. Such a life is the best preparation for conscious mediumship.

To the individual himself there is medium-

ship ever more valuable than to any one else. What the world sees should be but the overflowing of the well, while daily, momentarily, should the medium grow by this communion into grander and nobler conceptions of life, and climb higher in his aspirations and de-

Only then use this gift, ye who have it, with this holy purpose, and tarnish it not by reckoning it by the baser measures of the mammon of this world. Keep it pure and unspotted by keeping your aspirations above all grossness. Seeking the light in the cavern of materiality, you will find it by looking unward and sun you will find it by looking upward and sun ward, and not by drooping your eyes to your feet. The clarion note of the Alpine climber, "Excelsior"—"bigher and purer"—should be the cry of your soul; for in all the great round of eternal things, desire is the magnet that

> "Desire can draw the angels near! Doubt bids them stand afar!

Like the old martyrs, repounce this world. and for the spirit suffer crucificion of the fish if need be; for in that angel world your reward will be great. "Learn to adorn every day with sacrifices."

By thus aspiring and obeying only those teachings that harmonian with your moral in-turtions, is your individuality developed, and you learn to stand alone; trusting not God not your spirit-band, but your own truth and

honesty, and the infinite necessity of love to supply all the needs of your soul.

'For the earth is pledged in payment Unto man for all he needs."

Turn in confidence then to this universal love, that cares for plant and star, answering every demand that they make for life and growth: "Shell it not much more care for you, O, ye of little faith?" Trust the laws of com-O, ye of little faith?" Trust the laws of com-pensation and progression, in obedience to which seeds sprout, rocks crumble, animals live, men are born, and angels developed; trust the power of truth and integrity in your-self to draw around you that spirit-band that shall minister to you, bringing from the founts above what you need; trust that justice that ever keeps her balance true; trust the great hereafter to make you wiser and better, and to reveal to you all that is now hidden; thus shall you grow into barmony with the great heart of you grow into harmony with the great heart of the universe. Universal love, and the soul-germ within, develop fast into that manhood here; that is a prophecy of the perfect man to be, when "death is swallowed up in victory," and mediumship finds its fruition in the higher spheres to which your earthly fidelity to the spirit—shall give you entrance. Rockford, Ill.

The Herald of Health.

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