

Are the Alleged Truths of Modern Spiritualism Reliable?

Including Criticisms of Opponents, and a Beview of Occultism, Rosicrucianism, the Hermetic Mystery, Kabalism, Art Magic, White Magic, Elementary Spirits, etc., etc., etc.

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[Continued from last week.]

During the last few months there has sprung up within the Spiritual ranks a movement of quite a startling nature; the proposition, in brief, to revert to the demonological arts and incantations of the ancients for the purpose of working and con-trolling spirits, both human and inhuman. This retrogressive movement is variously This retrogressive movement is variously known as Occultism, Rosicrucianism, Art Magic, White Magic, Black Magic, Ansai-teric Mystery, Hermetic Mystery, Kaba-lism, action of "elementary" spirits, of "sub-mundane" spirits, etc., etc., all of which are only branches of one parent stalk, the rest of which-is manifestly and unmistakably anchent magic and conjuration. The spring ancient magic and conjuration. The entire movement is merely a revival of the spells, charms, incantations, amulets, cabalistic signs and symbols, incomprehensible jargon and nonsensical inummeries of the old time necromancies, conjurers, alchemists, wiz-ards and magicians of the Dark Ages, all of which were long since consigned to the limbo of superstitions into which they properly belong, never to be resurrected, it was confidently hoped. It was fondly (but as it seems, foolishly) believed that the enlightened wisdom of the nineteenth century could never, by any possibility, return to the long-buried superstitions and follies of the mediæval ages in order to obtain light(?) upon the great scientific truths of the day; but, alas! for the fondness of human hopes, when we see such learned scholars as M. A. Oxon, Charles Sotheran, Col. H. S. Olcott, and Madame Blavatsky, confessing their re-liance upon the rhapsodical nonsense and bombastic jargon contained in the ponderbombastic jargon contained in the ponder-ous and musty tomes of Paracelsus, Corne-lius Agrispa, Raymond Tully, Nostrada-mus, Hormes Trismegistus, Albertus Mag-nus, Eugenius Philalithes, Roger Bacon, Girolamo Cardano, Arnold de Villanova, Jamblichus, Ausolomica de Turane, Bobart Iamblichus, Appolonius of Tyana, Robert Flood, Cunrath, and other bright and shining lights of rational science (?) irradiating the midnight gloom of the Dark Ages, and the still profounder obscurity of the Alexandrian forgetting the sayings and doings of the more modern esoteric, theurgists and thau-maturgists, Eliphas Levi, Madame Lenormand, Alessandro di Cagliostro and Count St. Germain (unprincipled charlatans all, most probably) for a solution of the simple problems of modern Spiritual intercourse. These worthy gentry, it seems, are am-olitious, impatient of grasping ower, not only over things physical, but over the Spirit-World as well. Not content with permitting the spirits to communicate when and where they can and will, they (the spirit) having charge of the mode (the spirits) having charge of the mode manner and times of their manifestation, these Hermetic Occultists wish to grasp the reins of power over the spirits themselves, make them obedient to their mandates, to be invoked and summoned at their pleasure, by an imperious will, incapable of being reaisted by the spirits, evoking and con-trolling them, nolens colens, by magic spells, wind, incantations, mystical mummeries, cabalistic jargon, occult signs and figures, and unadulterated bosh generally; and this deluded "Mystricke Crewe," actually ap-pear to believe that they really possess the power, by such necromantic nonsense, hermetic humbug, occult orgies, magic mummerres, Roslerucian rhapsody, alchemic arts and cabalistic *charicari*, to make the spirits the hand-maids of their desires and pleasures, absolutely the creatures of, their will, performing all kinds of supernatural feats and marvelous miracles at the dictation of their masters, Olcott, Blavatsky & Co. Can there possibly be any thing more degrading to human reason, more insulting to common sense than this belief in the wild vagaries and crude speculations of the ancient mystagogues and alchemists? Can it be possible that the enlightened reason and common sense of the great body of Spiri-tualists in America and England, will suffer tuanses in America and England, will suffer themselves to be helplessly led. by the noise, by these blind guides, into the quagmires and bogholes of these exploded superstitions and long forgotten dreams of our "igno-rant forefathers?" Never let it be, but let the thinking, reasoning Spiritualists of the land rise en masse, and placing the seal of their condemnation, at once and forever, upon the whole movement in all its ramif. upon the whole movement, in all its ramifications and departments, utterly grush the hideous monster to death, relegating it to that mausoleum of buried follies and medisval extravagancies out of which it has been resurrected, but from which it should never have been exhumed. We are told by the Hermetic Philosopher, Olcott, and other careful wiseacres of the occult, hermetico, cabalistico, magico, al-chemico, ansaiterico, sub-mundane, element tary Bosicrucian Brotherhood, that by a study of the works of the ancient alche-mists and occultists the key will be ob-tained that will amock the mysteries of spirit intercourse, the secrets of alchemy, and the mysteries of universal nature; in fact, all power, all knowledge. We thus see that these deluded mystics of the Dark Ages, acquired universal knowledge of all the powers of nature, all ccience, all art, all

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imparted any of their wondrous knowledge to the world, or benefited either themselves or the earth by their prodigious wisdom. Although possessed of the philosopher's stone, transmuting all metals into gold, and of the Elixir Vitze, endowing them with perpetual youth and immortal life on earth, they never made use of either one or the other, so far as we can learn, but provided for their wants by their regular incomes or their daily earnings, (chiefly obtained, doubtless by their supposed possession of magical power and sorcerous skill,) and died at length, precisely like other men, of old age or disease. To be sure, they wrote fluge folio volumes full of the most incomprehensible nonsense, the wildest vagaries, dreary speculations and foolish rhapsodies, that nobody nowadays ever hears of or cares for, except these erudite savans and learned pundits, Olcott, Blavatsky, Sotheran, Lex et Lux, M. A. Oxen, the Brotherhood of Luxor, et hoc genus omne.

philosophy, yet, strange to say; they never

omne. One of the hermetic philosophers, writing over the signalure of Lux (Light; Nox Night, I think would have been a more appropriate nom de plume) in the Spiritual Scientist, of October 7, 1875, informs us that he who is in possession of the key to the Hermetic Mystery, "possesses the knowledge that will enable him to raise the Veil of Isis and penetrate into the "Unknowable," as Herbert Spencer terms it, and grasp the hidden secrets of Nature.

and grasp the hidden secrets of Nature. • A knowledge of the Hermetic Secrets will not only enable the recipient to make the universal medicine and the Lopis (La-pis?) philosophorum, but gives him also a knowledge of universal nature? Lux also informs us that the world at present is not prepared to receive the secrets possessed by the ancient magi, is not sufficiently ad-vanced in purity and harmony to make a good use of them, yet, strange to say, the world was sufficiently advanced in the times of ancient barbarism, and the black-ness of the Middle Ages to receive these ness of the Middle Ages to receive these same wonderful truths. All our knowledge of the occult secrets is derived from the Dark Ages, the recipients of which, in that age, having no scruples about giving them to the world, elaborating them in ponderous unwieldy volumes, now never referred to, having been long since laid on the shelf. there's consistency for you! In the Bark Ages the world was sufficiently advanced to receive the Hermetic Mystery, which was then scattered broadcast over the earth through the works of the Hermetic Philosophers, but now, in this enlightened age, in the full giary of the dazzling lights of the Science and Philosophy of the nineteenth century, the world is not pure enough forsooth, to receive these sublime mysteries! Further comment on that point is unnecessary. Lux also tells us that a true initiate into these mysteries, "is a man of silence, for one of the fundamental laws of Occultism is SILENCE!" Then, for heaven's sake, why don't they keep silent? If they would obey this fundamental law, and be forever hereafter silent, mum, what a blessing it would be to the world. Let the Hermetic Philosophers henceforth keep their months and their books hermetically sealed, and our heartfelt thanks will be eternally their Let us entreat our worthy Rosicrucian brothers to observe strictly, in future, their fundamental law, never saying another word about their hidden secrets and their occuft mysteries, but keep it all to themselves, letting it die with them, and thus the world be forever free, it is hoped. from this degrading superstition and delusive mockery. We are told by Col. Olcott and other that a large majority of the phenomena at tributed to disembodied human spirits ar produced by an entirely different class of beings, that he denominates "elementary" spirits, these spirits being similar, it is presumed, to the "submundane" spirits of an-other author; said elementary spirits being the results of the abortive attempts of nature to produce human spirits, and they having failed to reach the human standard, are consequently non-immortal in their nature. Although non-immortal, yet they are, he says, rudimentary men, fostness of the fu-ture human being, waiting to be born into human life, from whence their onward progressinto microcosmic perfection comment es. If this be so they are, most assuredly, immortal intelligences now; their being has already begun, which being will never end. If these elementary spirits are the embryos of future men and women, who will, be im-mortal, then these embryos are now immor-tal, as much as they ever will be. If they, continue in their present rudimentary con-dition till born into this world, and from thence they continue on in possession of never-ending life, they must have possessed this never-ending life from the moment of their first emanation from matter by Mother Nature, which was the mode of their origin. If this be so they are, most assuredly, Nature, which was the mode of their origin. As Olcott informs us; hence, by his own showing his elementary spirits are both in-mortal and non-immortal at the same time! These elementary spirits, says Olcott, are emanations of matter "thrown off in the ef-fort of Mother Nature to produce the senti-ent human being." Will the learned occult-ist please enlighten us benighted mortals as to the modus operandi of Nature in throw-ing off these material emanations, thereby producing these undeveloped embryonic hu-man foctuses. Being emanations of matter, they must be material in their nature, yet they are not material, but "spiritual." How Nature, which was the mode of their origin

can this be explained? Besides, what causes these emanations to be made from spatter, and how does it happen that Mother Nature makes so many failures in the attempt to evolve human intelligence; for since such a large majority of all the spiritual manifestations occurring in the world, are produced by these semi-human foctuses, there must be myriads of them in existence? Please tell us, likewise, where they live when "at home;" being "spirits," we should think they must have a place somewhere in the spiritual aniverse; and do they in their spirit home ever verse; and do they in their spirit home ever come- in contact with the purely human epirits of those who have lived in the body here on earth? As you say, a residuum of the spiritual phenomena are occasioned by these human spirits, once resident on this planet, these two classes of spiritual beings must sometimes meet in connection with their respective mediumistic manifesta-tion, and if so, the human spirits communi-cating with us must be well aware of the cating with us must be well aware of the existence of these other semi-human spirits, and the deceptions they prac-tice on mediums, passing themselves off for human spirits, as assuming to be histor-ic characters, departed worthles, as well as our friends and relatives; and if this be true, why have none of the real human spirits, who have communicated with us, nevergiven us the slightest hint of their existence or warned us of the wholesale deception these elementary spirits were practicing up-on us; why have they not told their medi-um's to beware of submitting themselves to the evil influences of these rudimentary men and women, who "play with them as a monkey with an accordeon ?"

Why, also, have none of the seers, claim voyants and mediums, in their many won-drous revelations of the Arcana of Nature, ever vouchations of the Arcana of Nature, ever vouchated us a glimpse' even of these arch-deceivers? In Davis' "Nature's Di-vine Revelations," Tuttle's "Arcana of Na-ture," and Mrs. King's "Principles of Na-ture," we have, in each, detailed accounts of the philosophy and laws of existence, both material and spiritual, but not a word of these mighty magicians, these intellectual non-entities, so to speak. How is this-were these undiscovered votencies in na-ture, so vast, so transcendent in their scope and nature, that neither Davis' clairvoyance, nor the highly enlightened spirits communicating through Tuttle and Mrs. King, to say nothing of the thousands of others communicating through the hosts of mediums in all parts of the world, including Allan Kardec's band of spiritual instructors,-were they so vast, so exalted, that none of these were able to catch even the first conception of their existence; or are they so minute, so infinitesimal, so microscopic in form and function, that the extended sweep of the clairvoyant, and the searching ken of the purely human spirit, are utterly -unable to detect, in the wide pealms of infinity such animalcular exis-These spirits, we are informed, though

and spiritual chemistry and the accurate application thereof, as reported by Col. Olcott himself, in the materialization, by them, of numerous human forms appropriately clothed and endowed with humai intelligence, at Chittenden, Vt., and in the case of the manifestations in the presence of Mrs. Thayer, where flowers, fruits and living animals are brought into rooms through solid walls, without injury either to the walls or the flowers, animals, etc.? To vio these things must require not only an extensive knowledge of chemical law, but wondrous skill in the application offthose laws, yet all this superhuman knowledge is lost forever by these supermundane spirits when born into this world, and this Col. Olcott calls progression!

These spirits, although beneath the human, can yet surpass immeasurably, all that the most exalted human intellect and genius ever accomplished. No man that ever lived has ever had the remotest conception how it was possible for such things, or analagous ones, to be performed by man; yet these half-human beings, imperfect men and women, (I suppose they are of both sexes. Query—Do they marry and have targe families?) know more, and can do more than all the human intellects that ever tived on this planet, and still they are beneath humanity!

These spirits must be as much inferior to us as we are inferior to the denizens of the Spirit-World; in fact, should be much more inferior, as the inhabitants of the Spirit-World are like ourselves, immortal intelligences, similar in kind and degree to us, while these elementary spirits are non-hu-man, non-immortals of a totally different kind and degree of existence from us, yet the intelligence and power ascribed to these rudimentary embryonic spirits, is similar to that we should possess, if we were enabled, whenever we pleased, to go to the Spirit-World, and there pretending to be arch-angels from the higher sphere, counterfeit the arch-angels so perfectly that the spirits' were really convinced we were in reality what we purported to be-arch-an-gels. Have we any such power? Cer-tainly not. Did any man ever have such power? Certainly not; how, then, can beings below man, counterfeit to man beings above man? They can do so just as much as man, a being below angels, can counter-feit to angels, beings above angels, that is, not at all. Will Colonel Olcott, or someother Hermetic Mystic, please answer the above query. I repeat, how can a being below man, counterfeit to man, a being above man? I pause for a reply. Consult Hermes, Trismagistus, Agrippa, Paracelsus, Tully, Eliphas, Levi, and P. B. Randolph, and see what they say on the subject, or if they sail in the solution, try the "Chaldean Ain-Soph," a knowledge of which is vouch-safed all initiates into the Rosicrucian Fraternity. Can Bro. Olcott tell us the exact size and shape of these "peculiar people;" what they look like; how they are dressed; whence they obtain their clothing; whether they eat and drink, and if so, in what their food and drink consists, and whence obtained ? I hardly think they, are compalled to earn a subsistence by daily toil as we are, or they would not have so much time to spend on earth, cheating and deceiving poor medi-They have, it must be confessed, an ums. easy time of it; with unbounded intellec-tuality, wonderful scientific skill, and no liyelihood to be earned; nothing to do, except to exercise their power and their craft, upon poor defenseless man. Having no rudiments of a conscience, no moral sense, as Olcott plainly states, they are perfectly free to run riot over, the minds and hearts of men, to lie, cheat, deceive, to their heart's content, (that is if they have any hearts,) and never feel the first pang, the faintest remorse of conscience. Strange beings these for Mother Nature to elaborate with superhuman, angelic intelligence, and not the slightest conception of a mora sense! Can not Nature do better than that? If not, she must possess, in her inmost es-sence, the elements of deceit, fraud and lying, else these rudimentary men and wo men would not be such a band of trick sters, cheats and frauds. If Nature, attempting to produce man, can only give birth to liars, cheats and knaves, then Na-ture must be in a bad way. I think then, the human race had better try and elevate Nature in the moral scale, for certainly the human race, as imperfect and undeveloped as man now is, does better in that respect than Nature. From whence do the elementary spirits derive their knowledge of the Spirit-World, of which they are not inhabitants, and about which they tell us so much? Although of which they are not inhabitants, and about which they tell us so much? Although they are below the human, yet they know all about the Spiritual spheres, which are higher than the human, and per consequence, still farther separated from the elementary condition, and, concerning which, the hu-man, unassisted, knows nothing. How can that which is *beneath* the human, *tell* the human, concerning that which is above the human, soncerning that which is above the human, and of which the human knows nothing? If these "spirits" know all about the Spirit-World and the condition of things there, besides being fully conver-sant with the history of our globe, the lives of our deceased friends and relatives, as well as our own past and future lives, details, all of which are often fold by them, they certainly must be a long way ahead of man on this planet, and therefore have no need of being born into physical life, being already existent in a spiritual state, without

the trouble of being born here and living a physical life. As they are in constant communication with the earth, and are so well posted about its history, what need of there being born into it and living in it? They already know all that can be acquired in it, hence their incarnation in a fleshly body is utterly useless. They would be going backward instead of forward.

nence their incarnation in a fleshly body is utterly useless. They would be going back-ward instead of forward. These elementary spirits, they tell us, however, occupy a lower position in life than that occupied by man, while the inhab-itantà of the Spirit-World, (second sphere,) occupy a higher, man holding a kind of middle ground between the two. There must then he a wide divergence betweet must, then, be a wide divergence between the elementary spirits and those of our de-parted spirit friends. The inhabitants of the Spirit-World proper, being the spirits of men and women once assidents of earth, must have a greater affinity for and be much nearer to men in the body than these rudimentary spirits, who have not yet reached the human plane. The one con-sists of our fathers, mothers, relatives and friends, purely human intelligences like ourselves, the other of intelligences less than human. There are these three planes of existence, elementary spiritual, human physical on earth, and the human spiritual in the spirit spheres: If, then, the elementary spirits occupy a grade of existence as much lower than man, as man is lower than the purely spiritual or an-gelic, how is it possible for these widely separated grades of existence, the elementary and angelic, to both communicate with tary and angelic, to both communicate with man, in precisely the same manner, con-trolling-mediums and seers precisely alike, using the same spiritual and magnetic forces in communicating, entrancing, ma-terializing, etc., etc.? It is admitted that purely human spirits do communicate with earth as well as the elementary spirits, through precisely the same channels, by the same laws, and with the use of the same eléments and forces; how is this possible? elements and forces; how is this possible? Here we have one grade of intelligence, (the lower) who have never ver attained the hu-man type of character, have not progressed sufficiently to take on the physical life of man, and passing through that, emerge into the spiritual hence must be much farther off from the spiritual condition than we are, yet marvelous to relate, although less man, they possess all the knowledge of the spiritual sphere, can control mediums, entrance seers, dictate lengthy moral and religious discourses, (although eptirely destitute of any moral or religious sense,) materialize full forms of persons in the Spirit-World, of which persons, they being so much farther removed from the spiritual than we should not have the remotest con-ception. How can two separate and dis-tinct grades of beings so widely divergent as the elementary and the spiritual-one below the human material, and the other above it-have a knowledge of the same spiritual laws, understand spiritual chema istry alike, know how to preduce physical manifestations alike, how to control mediums alike, possess a perfect knowledge of the English and other languages, alike, and, strangest of all, the inferior grade personate the superior grade so well, as to successfully deceive, for a term of years, those far superior to themselves-non-immortal, conscienceless intelligences, personating immortal intelligences of a superior grade to other immortal intelligences of a lesser grade. We, human intelligences, have a very in-definite idea of spirit, it being impossible for the material to sense or discern the ppiritual, yet a race of beings much less advanced than we are, have clear, definite and precise knowledge of the spiritual, its laws, principles, modes of existence, etc., etc. Placing the difference in degree be-tween the material immortal human and thé spiritual immortal human at one hundred (100) the difference between the nonimmortal, semi-human, and the immortal spiritual human, must be at least five hun-dred (500), for the human immortal and the pirifual immortal are the same being, in different relations, whereas the non-immortal semi-humans are an entirely different grade of beings from either of the other two, hence must be much farther separated two, hence must be much farther separated from either of the two, than they are from each other. Bearing this in mind, we thus see, by she Olcottian hypothesis, that those separated from the spiritual by five hup-dred degrees have a full and comprehensive knowledge of said spiritual, while those only separated from the spiritual by one hundred degrees, knew really nothing about it; and at the same time, bear in mind, those most elevated in this according scale (the spirit at the same time, bear in mind, those most elevated in this ascending scale (the spirit-inal) have no knowledge of the existence of these inferior beings who are constantly as-suming their names and garb, passing them-selves off for the highest. In other words, the lesser (elementary) fully comprehends the greater (human and spiritual), while the greater are in perfect ignorance of the lesser. Is not the whole of this monstrous theory a self-evident absurdity, palpable to the simplest mind? Yet we have the strange Spectacle of educated, intelligent men and women, greedily swallowing down this rub-bish, deeming it of the most vital import-ance—a key to the sublime mysteries of na-ture. ture.

they have never been born, have never or cupied a human body, yet are possessed of wondrous intelligence, which they must possess, if they produce nearly all the modern spiritual manifestations; whence do mind? Being emanations of matter, ruliments of human beings spolled in making, how is it that they possess so much more intelligence, skill and cunning than has the fully developed man? When first demanated from matter, are they, infantile in form, and gradually grow to maturity, the same as if they had not been spolled in the making and were fully human, possessing also an infantile mind, but gradually growing in knowledge and skill, like we do on earth; or are they when ess "throws off" by nature fully endowed with all the intelligence they are capable of acquiring in that embryonic tits for into this world, which, by their own showing, is higher in the scale of his hermetic, cabalistic friends please exspirit is born into this world, which, by their own showing, is higher in the scale of his possessed of no intelligence, whereas a possessed of no intelligence, whereas heas imperfectly evolved, semi-human formethy and scientific knowledge, as is evidite intelligence, and the faculties, through which the germinal intelligence, whereas hease imperfectly, evolved, semi-human formethys, waiting to be born into his life. If they possess all this transcendent wisdom and knowledge, prior to being born into this world, how is it that these same transcendently wise, skilled and scientific spirit, when progressed sufficiently to be worthy of becoming human infants and ity on this earth, have no knowledge, no skill, on scientific attainments whatever. Sciencehas proved, through the correlation and it should rather be super-human) epirits, prior to their birth into his world, can not be minhilating anything in nature, hence the intelligence possessed by these sub-human fit should rather be super-human) epirits, prior to their birth into his world, can not be minhilated. It is as impossibility of an

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As the lily growing, from a heap of manure, accidentally cast upon the high way, delights the soul with its fine perfume, so the wise shine among the foolish and are grateful to the gods.

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THE OLD WORLD. My Experiences and Development in Paris. A Great Inspirational Composer-French Spiritism versus American Spiritualism.

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In writing concerning musical and other inspirational gifts, my friends everywhere, and the Marge number who read the JOURNAL, will be pleased to know some-thing of the most remarkable and gifted female musician living, and one of the most noted women of the second Empire: I allude to the Countess Antoinette Luigi de Sievers. Mention was made about this de Sievers. Mention was made about this great woman in a previous article published in the JOURNAL from any pen, and I shall now enter into some account of my experience with her, as a guide, friend, and inspira-tional teacher. Many persons imagine it an easy thing to bound at one leap into a gift or an art for which they may have some preconceived notion or fixed intent of action, but few, if any, ever dream of the great difficulty of obtaining even a mediocre compliment of reward, when, after having spent years of service in the pursuit of its requirements, they are faced by critics, be-set with difficulties, and surrounded by an exacting public. However easy may be the gift of speaking in public on divers sub-jects, that of making music in a classical form is not so, nor can the gift of speaking be classed in the category with masic, for we are all taught to speak our mother's tongue, but music is taught as an art, and not as an every-day necessity. When we take into consideration the technical difficulties, the complicated rules, and the profound science, which must be practical, learned and overcome before one can even make of themselves a first-class imitator, not to mention the high office of classical composition, we may form an idea of the patience, the labor, and the time it requires to climb the Mount Olympus of inspirational results, or to surround one's self with a just balance of that creative power-which the world calls genius. When the time came for me to go to Paris, I went, with a view of being criticized, and of having judgment passed upon my mode of using my gifts, for I knew that the French critics would not listen in silence, to any one possessing talent who was not on the right road to the most desirable ends. I knew that France was not a place to convince people of a truth by the force of mere skill, without real art, and the qualifications of true merit, so I chose to accept the kind offers of friends, at the hands of so bril-liant and great a musician as Madame de Sievers, and I began, not by taking lessons in the rudiments of mysic and its composition, but by taking lessons in the first principles of inspiration. The last line will strike many persons

with surprise, nevertheless it is true that forms of mental action and modes of thought. I soon found that I was being gui-ded and advised by a truly great and highly inspirational genius, and, as I wrote in a pre-viously published article, my progress be-came rapid, my conceptions more vivid, and my inspirations clearer and more perfectly balanced in all that pertains to the inner, or hidden cause of soul music in its highest form. It was while under the guidance of Madame de Sievers, that the idea was made plain to me of there being several degrees or kinds of musical inspiration, just as there exist several kinds of music. I discovered that, although musicians may compose under an inspirational influence, their music may be on a plane with their faculties of sublimity and ideality, and if these last be not of a high order, their com-positions, considered in a spiritual sense, will not be worth much, either to harmonize the nervous forces of the brain or to elevate the soul.

Never shall I forget the influence of di-vine exchantment that pervaded the at-mosphere of the Salon of the Countess de

sirictly artistic genius is worth more than all the lectures in Paris on art, or all the monuments made by immortal hands in old Rome. In all my experiences throughout Europe, nothing would so in-spire me as the direct influence of a great mind. After spending much time in the presence of a great musician like Madame, de Sievers, 1 could not fail to have this proved to me beyond a doubt, and once we really feel the developing influence of a powerful mind, it will remain with us, no matter how brief a time is spent with them. I have sat in the beautiful chateau of the distinguished Madame Garcia and listened, rapt in an ecstacy of delight, to her superb voice; I have heard the most accomplished and gifted singers of Paris during the Empire; I have feasted on the divine strains of Titjens, Francelli, Conneau, and the brilliant galaxy of talent which are brought together every season in London, but have never been inspired by any of these great stars in the firma-ment of musical glory, so much as by Madame de Sievers, who, although a graduate of the two first musical colleges in the world, is not bound by their science, nor mentally contracted by their rigid training. Other musicians never move out of the beaten path which those of the past have trodden, and although they may sing and compose in an elevated style, they mill compose the style of the style. will' remain great artists, but never make great musicians. No wonder that the Greeks made music the basis of all things, and made the nine muses the foundation of all forms of art. It is the only real enjoyment of the people of Vienna, Paris aud St. Petersburg: of Germany, France and Russia; and without it, the world would soon become barbaric. In Paris no one can give a reception or a soirce of any kind without having good music, and sometimes there are a number of the best artists selected for the occasion, not as they do in America, rely wholly upon persons, who very often can not tell whether they are singing in or out of time, or whether their voices be sweet or disagreeable to the ears of their audience. I also discov-ered while in Baden Baden that the great triumph of the Catholic Church has been, and is, sublime music, both vocal and ing strumental. The Catholic Church has always had, and always cultivated the most elevated and holy form of vocal worship; they have taught it to the multitudes, and instilled it into their schools; they have tept it before the ignorant masses until their crude ears have become mellowed to noble sounds, and their hard hearts softened by continual contact with wave tones of sublime melody. Perhaps I have never experienced a more thrilling power of inspi-ration as when singing at high mass in some of those old Catholic cathedrals in France and Germany, and notably the church at Baden Baden, where every one in the vast edifice, from peasant to noble, felt the inspired strains of sacred song, as they filled the place from organ to altar. As love begets love, so reverence begets reverence, and if men grow like what they feed on, they will think in the strain of that which moves them. The grand music of the Catholic Church moves its people to devotion, and that in turn causes a spirit of reverence. Many liberalists of Paris still remain in the church, and perhaps for the best of reasons; they can find nothing better outside; music inspires them; why should they go to the Diakka of Kardac, to be beset with materialism, discord, and inharmony? Mozart composed his greatest works for the Catholic Church; his inspi-rations were simply sublime under its in-fluence; Hayden and a host of others, all were moved by a spirit of holy reverence

were moved by a spirit of holy reverence to pour out the sacred fire within them, of love, devotion, ecstacy and religion when composing their great masses and oratorios. There would be no lofty and divine music in the Roman Church if there were none qualified by the endowments of ideality, sublimity and reverence to listen to it. After all we must go there to hear it and we can hear it no where else. Beeit, and we can hear it no where else. Bee thoven's symphonies must be classed with the most sacred works of Mozart, for they are of the highest known order of, inspira-tional religious music. Notwithstanding the materialism of France and Germany, they can, if it be a high form of classical music more readily discover and appreciate it, than perhaps the people of other coun-tries. I have proved this after spending years in Paris, St. Petersburg and Germany. It is not an easy matter to become developed as an inspirational singer and composer, when surrounded on all sides with people who are little disposed, and not at all qualified to appreciate the lofty tones of sublime music, with all its varied and manifold modes of utterance, and forms of set And in the present when forms of effect. And in the present, when the masses of the people are carried away, body and soul, with every new sensation which makes its appearance among them, it is perhaps as difficult to make progress in a strictly artistic and spiritual sense, as it was for the early Christians to outlive the materialism of the dark ages. The facts appear plain enough to the minds of all who reason with any definite' degree of thought, and to those who are always harping against the churches, let me say that I for one, have found ample justice and appreciation within its walls; I have been feted and honored in some of the most ancient and time-consecrated cathedrals of the world, and I can not, after being thus served, but speak with reverence of those who have reverenced the musical inspirations which have come to the world through me. In America it has been the same as in Europe, Catholics and Baptists in Washington; Jesuits of the eld churches of New Orleans and California, besides nu-merous other denominations, have opened their doors to me with warm welcomes and praise and appreciation in their hearts, some of the priests themselves donating large sums out of their own pockets, to de-fray professional expenses. The facts are, fray professional expenses. The facts are, they hold a mighty power of harmony, rev-erence and inspiration, and will stand just so long as these principles exist among them. The most beautiful and classical compositions of Madame de Sievers were also inspired by a religious element; but although one may be inspired to create new harmonies in composition, and new melo-dies in song, it does not always follow that their faculties of conception in other va-rieties of form will be on a parallel plane; and the fact that musicians generally, are not fitted for business purpulate constants. and the fact, that musicians generally, are not fitted for business pursuits, goes to prove that they live in a world of their own, and not in the false excitement of perpetual bustle, sensation and pleasure. Schopenhauer says: "They speak the highest wisdom in a language which their reason does not understand." There is rea-son in all phases of art, and not less in mu-sic than in philosophy. Of anbline music sic than in phases of art, and not less in mu-sic than in philosophy. Of sublime music we have had less since the days when Pales-trina's inspired works were brought forth in all their beauty and grandeur in the old cathedrals of Vienna, and when Mozart wrote for priests and Beethoven for the

people. The ancient Greeks have left the world the purest form of classical inspira-tions in words; but it has been allotted to the Germans to give all of the people of the earth the purest of all languages, the most sublime of all harmony, the most powerful of all consolations. When we think of the vast variety of musical compositions, it is no wonder that the masses are bred upon a vulgar style of effeminate music. The Germans have done this much: raised the standard of this art from a diverting sphere of emotional pleasure to a higher aim and more useful end; not only placing the ear but satisfying the soul; not only diverting the thoughts, but elevating the mind. But they have inmany instances risen above the mere conventional forms which speak only of the melodious, the beautiful and the esthetic, into that of the sublime, whose subtle power of incomprehensible force baffles the thinkers, and which reveals new complica-tions of reason in as strong a light as the propositions and expositions of great phi-losophers. Not alone in music have the Germans gone beyond the dreary waste left by the conventional phases of society in the past; they have given the world Goethe, Schiller and Lessing, who were in their sphere, of poetry and literature, what Beethoven, Bach and Mozart were in music. They cut the cord which before their day had held German scholars and philosophers in a cramped and conventional bond-age, and were the first to give the literary world a form of thought which knew no teacher but inspiration, no guide but reason, no judge but nature, no reward but the justice of time. Goethe truly says of him-self in a beautiful sonnet: "I sing as the birds sing, there in the highest branches. Me was not taught, as most poets are, but sang like the birds, the purest and most beautiful themes, without troubling his thoughts concerning the rules of men, or the customs of scholars. While the music of Germany is inspirational, that of France is conventional; the one caused by the impromtu of nature's forces: the other, by the law of the present custom. Hence the triumph gained by Madame de Sievers over so many apposing forces, over existing rules, regulations and restrictions in French society was so much the greater, and when we think of the ridicule with which the French oppose all new innovations of reform, it is surprising that a great genius of so pronounced a type as Madame de Sievers should have spent twenty years in a city of frivolity, prejudice and traditional custom, and during all that time held legal sway over the fickle and inconstant people who regaled themselves on the superb creations of her inspirations. Paradox as it may seem, the French people possess a spirit of refinement, culture and spirituality which does not quite harmonize with their sense of materialism and antiquated customs. I saw many persons in Paris, who, if they were living in England or America, I should have expected better things from. It is not at all materialism that seems such; people are affected more by surroundings than they imagine, and those who are possessed of great will power are often influenced by the conditions around them, as much as those of weaker minds. There are some things which none can escape, and a life in Paris or St. Petersburg must always bring with it customs, rules, modes and etiquette which all are obliged to conform to, and which in a greater or lesser degree puts out the fire of inspiration and kindles that of imitational

form, sensational pleasure, sensual art, and luxurious enjoyments. Strange that a man like Allan Kardac should influence so many of a people who are known everywhere as a nation which ridicules with profound contempt everything bordering on the absurd. I was astonished to see so many persons of good understand-ing possessed of his queer mental derangements, well informed on many subjects and well meaning people, but so carried away by their peculiar beliefs that many were not qualified to hold an ordinary conversation in a polite circle of society after having been under the influence of their leader for a short time. Yet these are a tribe which frowns on the religious rites and ceremonies of the church and pretends to give the world a new system of æsthetic culture, a new code of ethics, a new form of religion, and a higher and more elevated inspiration. If we are to return to a period in the world's history when religion, philosophy and science were in their infancy, let us go back to that of Greece when the people made Gods out of the ideal creations of their vivid and peetical imaginations, and when their greatest error lay in extravagant splendor and luxurious ease, and not in their system of worship, for in that they gave to the world the first and most beauti-ful ideas of art in all its phases, which is something beyond the power of Kardac's followers. We predicted the downfall of this acceleration which had an this system, and the society which had an existence when we were living in Paris. A year had not passed when inharmony, dis-cord and disgrace fell among them, the soiety separated in two, and confusión baffled their attempts to arouse the disgusted and genteel portion of them to return to the barbaric ways of the selfish and am-bitious ring-leaders. Not. all the orchestras in the world headed by Beethoven could in-still into the hearts of such people the ele-ments of true harmony. They must be left alone to destroy themselves in their strife, as others have before them. It is is with feelings of thankfulness and appreciation that I look back upon those brilliant scenes of music, inspiration and song, which I witnessed in the presence of the elite of France, when my guide and friend Madame de Sievers held so many souls spell-bound by the power and charm vocal and instrumental music was rapid and more satisfying after I quitted Paris; the reason of this was, that while I was un-dergoing a process of first development I could not notice all those, little phases of talent and gapius, which came to my mind more clearly after I had passed the different experiences with the crucial critics and the great composers. After my success in Germany a marked change took place, and inspiration was no longer dependent on the surroundings of the moment.

me. My dear wife and children, meet me in Heaven."

GOOD! GOOD!!

A Seance Under Test Conditions.

BRO: S. S. JONES:—About six weeks ago Bro. Frank M. Baker of this place, opened up a communication with Messrs. Barnes & Little, which resulted in their visiting us during the holidays. They gave four-seafces. The room occupied was a family parlon and the cabinet a small chamber con-nected by a door. Each night the medium was but under test conditions. The room was entirely empty and the windows were fastened down with screws and sealed. The medium was stripped of all his clothnig and furnished with a full suit, then securely sewed in his chair and also to the carpet in such a manner that any move on his part would have broken the test threads. The sewing was done partly, with a peculiar-kind of thread that could not be matched. On two successive evenings the curtain was son of the medium was seen rocking in his chair, and before the curtain was down the bell was rung, which was six feet from the medium.

There is for the skeptic only one possible theory, that he could get out of his coat, and right there is where the best test was made. All admitted that impossible. During the four sceances near lifty faces were seen at the aperture, in ages apparently from new-ly born babes to very aged persons, over two-thirds of which were recognized. A large number of hands were shown, from the tiny babe to that of the huge blacksmith.

At a private sceame Sunday evening an arm of immense length and size was thrust out to the shoulder with fist clinched, and then opened the index finger and pointed at me in a playful manner. The stamp of features were not the same on any two evenings, except those who failed to be recognized the first time. Many of the faces were so dis-tinct you could tell the color of the eyes, and when recognized would smile and bow. wife recognized her brother when so near to him that he laid his hand in hers. Almost all our hands were touched.

They took a silver guarter from the pocket of the medium and put it in the hand of one of my daughters. They showed a brill-jant light, similar to the John King's spirit lamp. Although I have been tedious F-can not close without giving two striking in-stances of spirit power: One in thrusting out the bell until the hand was distinctly seen holding it, and shaking it vigorously without ringing it, then making it tap be fore taking it in. Let some of our skeptical friends try the feat. The other instance was in moving a common round table across the room while we were waiting for some persons to arrive. I told those being driven back by the table to stop it if they could. My son, a stout active young man, braced his feet against the wall with his breast against the table, while the weight of two large men were crushing it into the carpet; and had the table been able to withstand the force they would have been pinned against the wall. All stood with the tips of their fingers on the table except those trying to stop it. After breaking off two legs the table was held up level with a hundred and fifty pounds weight pressing on the projecting side. The force exerted must have been equal to the draft of two horses. Will our skeptical friends tell us where it comes from? JAS. K. MCGINNIS.

Moline, Ill.

The Parsees of India.

In walking the streets of Bombay, you would not fail to observe certain men of an aspect very different from the mass of turbaned Mohammedans and half-clad Hindus

pitalities are famous and the best native society is that which gathers in their houses. They are full of public spirit and enter into public affairs with a zeal and intelligence which have been of the greatest service not only to the English, but to the good weal of the native populations of Bombay.

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Among themselves they are rather a Among themselves they are rather a brotherhood than a class or race. There is a genuine freemasonry among the Parsees, each being alwars at hand ready to help his fellow; and, this knit together, they possess that wide and strong influence which is the result of unity. It is no empty boast of theirs that throughout their community there is not a shards nauner or a single prostheirs that turoughout their community there is not a single pauper or a single pros-titute. Their schemes of benevolence are so comprehensive and systematic that a poor Parsee is never in want of aid or employ-ment; while a size Parsee has always a hos-pital, amply provided with every comfort to which to recert. If is your product that pital, amply provided with every comfort to which to resort. It is very rarely that a Parsee is ever brought into court, either on a criminal or civil charge. Prompt in the payment of their debts, almost invariably true to their engagements, they are also quiet, orderly, and law abiding. Centuries ago they abandoned the Persian tongue of their ancestors and adouted that of the their ancestors, and adopted that of the Guzerat, which was the place of their first settlement in Hindustan. Gradually the higher ranks of the Parsees have adopted English as their language, and in many Parsee households English is spoken more fre-quently than Guzerati. Their interest in human affairs is not limited to their trade'or their immediate vicinity. The more intelli-gent Parsee is familiar with events not only in England, but America. It is a very sug-gestive fact that during our Rehellion some gestive fact that during our Rebellion some of the leading Parsees sent generous gifts to the Sanitary Commission, as evidence of their sympathy with the Union. In the list of those who contributed to the relief funds raised to help the sufferers in the Boston and Chicago fires appeared the names of some of the wealthy Parsee merchants of Bombay.—Appleton's Journal.

Simon Stringer's Religion. .

Simon Stringer was a bluff old farmer. Heprided himself. on bying a plain matter-of fact man, about whom there was no foolishdess or sentiment. On more than one occasion he has mortified his wife and daughters by hustling them out of religious meetings when they had begun to show signs of emo-tion. He said he didn't blieve in "mirak-erious conversions," and that he who cried and yelped over getting religion, "wasn't gettin' it by a durned sight." He believed that genuine article was soothing and calm-ing and not avoiting in its influence.

Once the Campbelites held a protracted meeting in his neighborhood, and as it was carried on without any sudden outbursts of feeling, Simon took kindly to it and attended regularly. One Sunday morning lie told his wife to lay him out two suits of clothes. "Why, Simon!" exclaimed she in her shrill tones. " whatever do you want with two

"Why, Simon' exclaimed she in her shrill tongs, "whatever do you want with two suits of clothes?" "That's my business— not yours," he replied gruffly. "You lay out my black suit for me to put on, and wrap the brown one up in a bundle, and don't ask any foolish questions." His wife wonderingly but silently com-nied and Simon donned one suit and with

plied, and Simon donned one suit, and with the other under his arm, mounted his horse and rode away, followed by the anxious eyes of the big and little Stringers, who marvelled greatly; and said one to another, " What dad goin' to do with his tother clothes ?"

Simon didn't return till supper time. He, took his place at the supper table, which was the usual signal for the family to begin an onslaught on the victuals, but upon this occasion his voice arrested every arm in its descent, and for the second time that day as-tonished the Stringers. Glancing around the startled circle he thus addressed himself: .

Sievers. It was like a perpetual spring of music, song and flowers. So great was the charm exercised on the fastidious French Nobles, by her rare gifts, that her salons were always filled with the creme de la creme of the Foubourg Saint Germain, whenever she gave a soirce musicale. No artist in Paris, not even the great Rossini, could command greater respect or take more liberties in the name of the "divine right" of genius. Her name alone, at the head of a subscription list for a great charity concert, was enough to fill the roll, and her compositions were played in every fashionable salon, and her songs sung by grandees at the French court. Never have I witnessed a greater result of the influence classical inspiration than that which I have often seen, on a select audience of the most crucial critics in the world after having listened a few moments to the sublime strains which this wonderful woman would call forth from the piano or organ without apparent effort, and without the least affectation. Yet these were the kind of minds over whom the eccentric man Kardac shook his ambitious rod of defiance and command. It was such inspirational lights as Madame de Sievers, over whom Kardac aspired to rule and judge, and no one can be surprised at the shame-ful turn the spiritual affairs of Paris have taken, after knowing what he did, what he taught, and his modus operandi in general. No wonder that Kardac failed to develop any one in a true and beautiful phase of in-spiration. No wonder that he left behind him nothing but a system of barbarous rites, absurd stuff, and a set of ignorant nonentities, more disgraceful to the cause of progress in Europe than are the free-lovers and other pretenders to the spiritual cause in America. It is sincerely to be hoped that the Americans have a sufficient load to carry in combating all sorts of non-mense and error here, without importing Monsieur Allan Kardacs' Diakka works to retard their progress, no one can tell how long. The materialism of Parisian society is a queer conglomeration of rarisian society is a queer conglomeration of artistic refine-ment and sensual pleasure, hence it is diffi-cult, indeed, to meet with any one possessed of sufficient-individuality and ideality, to live down the frowns which are cast on the first inspirational efforts of a young begin-ner. For this reason I relied altogether upon the first advice of my counselor, and sang only when in company with her and sang only when in company with her, and on such occasions as were harmoniously suited to the task which she would impose suited to the task which she would impose upon me. In this manner my progress was not rapid but it was sure, for I made no mistakes, and rarely, if ever met with any severe criticism. At first I found great difficulty in singing the complicated and classical duets which she would make me sing with her, but after a certain time spent in her presence I began to sing and play in a new and more elevated style, yet I did not fully develop in the conception of the high phase of this supreme art until a long time after I had left Paris; for, as I said in a previous article, the influence of a

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A GOOD-BYE AT THE GATE .-- On election day William Chestnut, of Lewistown, in company with two sons, went to the mountain to hunt. About noon the boys left for home. On their departure the father requested them to state to their mother that he might be expected home by five o'clock that evening. Not arriving at home on Wednesday morning, 200 men went to the mountain to look for him, and in the afternoon he was found dead with a bullet hole in his left side. The following note in his own handwriting was found by his side:

who were passing to and fror Tall, erect, with fair complexions attired in long white robes reaching to the calves of their legs; with sleeves twice as long as their arms folded back upon them; short, white pantaloons; and vests of colored and embroidered silk, these men would strike you as having an air of superior intelligence and activity. Upon their heads you could see a singular, miter-shaped cap, made of an immense quantity of dark calico, carefully pinned to-gether, while their feet were encased in curious sandals.

These are the famous Parsees of India, in many respects the most estimable and civil-ized of the peoples who are settled in the great peninsula. They are only to be found in Bombay and its vicinity and in all number about two hundred thousand. Alike in their history their appearance, their relig-ion, and their customs, the Parsees are in very striking contrast with their Hindu and Mussulman neighbors. Of Persian descent, the disciples of the great prophet Zoroaster, whose faith was once that of all Persia, their ancestors were driven from their native land by the Mohammedan conquest of Persia, under the Caliph Omar, in the 7th century. A small remnant of the Zoroastrians, indeed, still cleaved to the Persian soil, and were permitted to occupy one of the most barren portions of the kingdom, where a small body of them still lin-gers; but the mass passed across the Per-sian Gulf into Hindustan, where they received welcome and protection from the Rajah of Guzerat.

A small territory on the coast of Korkan was granted to them by a Hindu prince, on condition that they should adopt an Indian style of costume, and should always ab-stain from partaking of the flesh of the ox --a condition which they have faithfully obeyed ever since. When the Mussulmans-invaded Eastern Hindustan, the Parsees fought on the side of the Hindus, and thus subjected themselves to the vengeance of the fierce followers of the prophet.

When the English acquired their domin-ion in Hindustan, they were not slow to discover the virtues of the Parsees, and the value of which the support of so peaceable, intelligent, and energetic a race would be to them. The good understanding between the Parsees and the English has continued ever since; and, of all the Indian races, the Parsees are at onge the most loyal to the English rule and have the most readily ac-cepted and followed in the grooves of Eng-lish civilization.

The Parsees of Bombay are the richest most prosperous, and most active class of merchants in India, the English of Cal-cutta and Madras alone excepted. It is father requested them to state to their mother that he might be expected home by five o'clock that evening. Not arriving at home on Wednesday morning, 200 men in the afternoon he was found dead with a bullet hole in his left side. The following note in his own handwriting was found by his side: "I fell, and my gun fiew back and shot

I want it understood that the head of this house has this day been baptized. - He is a follower of the meek and lowly Jesus, and the first critter at this table that dips in to anything before a blessin is asked, 'll get snatched baldheaded. Drop your eyes, e heathens.

The blessing was asked, and that meal eaten in silence.

After the chores were done, the Stringers were stringing off to bed, when the stern voice of the old man arrested them and filled their minds with grave forebodings as to what was coming next. He addressed them as follows:

"Come into this room every devil of you, and flop down on your knees. It is my duty as a devout Christian, to have a family worship, and I'll have it too, and have respectful attention, or I'll bust some domestic ties asunder. This mansion must resound with praises to the Most High, or. it will resound with some one gittin' a h-ll of a thrashin' -I mean being severely chastised. The first one who snickers or makes any onseemy noise, I'll get up and throw a cheer through him, or her, as the case may be. Let us pray." The prayer was prayed, and never was

there a more attentive audience.

This sort of thing continued about two weeks, and the Stringer family was kept in a state of extreme misery. The younger members had been severely whipped for, conduct unbecoming the children of a true believer, and the oldest ones had received such harsh rentiments for foiling to fall in such harsh reprimands for failing to fall in-to the new order of things and comport themselves with due dignity.

Then one morning Simon came in with a bad limp, a battered milk pail and the knee of his pants torn. Dropping into a chair at the table, he plunged his fork into the near-est dish. The children looked up from the backs of their plates questioningly, and their mother squeaked out, "Why, Simon!" "This blessing and prayer business is sus-pended for awhile. I don't furgit my obli-cations an' duties as a Christian an' Ul re-

gations an' duties as a Christian, an' I'll resoom 'em arter I've conquered that doldinged red heifer. The 'tarnal critter pressons too much on my Christian forbearance. Durn a hypocrite. I won't pray when my soul ain't into it; it's too great a strain. Fur the time bein' I hey descended from grace. Pass the tomattusses."

Pass the tomattussed." A sigh of relief went around the circle, and, if the red helfer had known how she had risen in esteem of a majority of the Stringers, her fractious soul would have leaped for joy. That was several years ago, and now the red helfer is a cow, and the worst one in the neighborhood. The Stringers say, as they punch and plague her, "S'long's we keep old Red wild, dad won't get any more o' that 'awful relijun."--Kx.

WE can not be too careful how we play with the English language. One day a married lady of Trenton, while. admiring the falls from Watertown Avenue Bridge, remarked :- " Isn't that dam nice 2"

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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE RATIONAL JUDAISM. Interesting Jewish Beliefs. Reviewed by Hudson Tuttle.

Dr. Aaron Hahn, Rabbi of the Tifereth Israel Congregation, of Cleveland, Ohio, has recently published a book entitled, "The Rational Judaism." As Judaism is the As Judaism is the foundation of Christianity it is of interest to know how the Jew's themselves understand the Old Testament, the Law and its requirements. Rabbi Hahn may be consid-ered as authority in this matter, and his book gives in condensed form the views of the thinking portion of his people.

He says:

"Religion is the consciousness and the adoration of a Supreme Being, and the science of things divine and human."

The Bible, written by men as every othe er book, is of human and natural origin. It is the product of the religious genius of the Jewish nation of old.

God has never spoken to men in any human or vocal language. The efficacy of the laws of nature the urging force of the truth, of justice, of liberty, of beauty, of goodness and generosity, is God's voice, and he who appreciates and practices them conscientiously, hears the voice of God, just as loud and distinctly and in the same manner as Moses or the prophets of old dis.

"The reason, the conscience, the ideas of truth, of justice, of liberty, of goodness, are called angels. The same are called benefac-

tors, the prophets, the honest priests, and the teachers, angels of God." "What is Satan? The obstructors to a good cause, and the evil propensities of man are called Satan.".

In our religious life we shall be actuated neither by the expectations of reward, nor by the fear of punishment, only the consciousness, the preservation and the exhibition of our dignity as men and Israelites ought to be the motive, the higher aim, and the sweetest reward, for any of our religious works ever so hard or difficult."

"God is the eternal being, the space and the soul of the Universe. Immutable and above any resemblance to men, it is the wisdom, the will, the life and might, in perfect unity.

"Between God's and man's attributes there is no equality whatever, only a simi-larity of names, therefore is silence recommended as the most becoming praise to

" God can not do anything; God's might would not be in unity and conformity with his wisdom if he could do anything."

As God's might is restricted by his wisdom we shall play only for things that are not foolish to ask him, neither shall we expect or believe in miracles. God has work-ed marvelous things, but has never worked miracles."

" The miracles of the Bible, Talmud, and other books, which are absolutely against reason, against historical course and against the natural laws, we may consider as fables, as traditions and fictions of the Jews of But we may believe in them, if they are to be interpreted in a rational or natural way, or if we can suppose that they were effected by lost arts, or natural forces unknown to us yet.

Judaism can always be reconciled to science for "knowledge is the main principle of Judaism," the Rabbis never " refusing to acknowledge facts and real knowledge; whenever facts contradicted their traditional or subjective views, they abandoned their personal views and tried by any way or mode to make the result of science ac-ceptable and to give it in the Bible a point of support.

Destrious Rabbis have maintained "The eternity of matter, and variation of species," is taught in the Talmud, as is also the " rise of life from inorganic matter."

' Man's body has no resemblance to God whatever.

Man, composed of a body and soul, has

other gems not less admirable. "By and gity, on December 9th, 1841, the ceremony is even more beautiful, because more, By

hopeful. M. W. Cobb's ringing song, "The World Would be the Better for It," is here. James G. Clark's grand and enchanting songs, "The Beautiful Hills," "The Mountains of Life," and others by the same author glow in un-equaled beauty. Mrs. Mary F. Tucker's "Invocation" is so sweet we are sure God must have leaned and listened to it. Here are "The Children," and "The Drummer Boy" by Charles M. Dickenson, and some exquisite things by Margaret E. Sangster, and "Are the Children at Home." We can not mention more. There are a few least not mention more. There are a few less than one hundred and fifty poems and not one poor one in the collection.

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There is a large class in every community who have been any called "anti-hellers." They have seen enough of the false pretens; es, of the so-called Christians and their priesthood, to convince them (though very ordinary observers) that their religion is a sham-a mere cloak, to cover up their iniquity and maintain caste with religious sects.

Becoming disgusted with such false pretenses, they set the whole religious institution at naught, and come to the general conclusion that when man dies, that is the last of him, or that if he is to survive the death of the body, it is in accordance with a universal law of nature, and a matter that he can not change for better or worse, and end with the inquiry, "Supposing Spiritualism is true, what of it?"

The last named class do not make the inquiry because they wish to know "what of it," but as a sort of ultimatum response, as much as to say, if it be true, it is of nor moment, it don't interest us enough to make us take any interest in the subject.

The fact is, this class do not receive the dogmas of theology, nor do they believe in anithing that does not present itself exclusively upon the material plane of life. They see objects in the vegetable and animal kingdoms leaping forth into life-they see the same mature, die and decompose, and as regards the question,-Whence came it, and whither has it gone? their minds are not exercised, they care not. There are millions upon millions who mentally, if not audibly, when addressed upon the subject, say, "What of it?" with that indifference that is indicative that they don't wish to talk about It. But there is a very large and a rapidly increasing class whose souls, on the contrary, yearn to know of the hereafter. They have a hope that there is an after-life, and that the loved ones gone before have now a conscious existence; but of the nature of that life-where the spirits' home is, if they have such, and what may be their occupations, if occupations they have, they have not the last conception. Indeed, their theological teachers leave the subject, (after saying that the spirit has not a body-neither has it length, breadth nor thickness.) with the enunciation-"Great is the mystery of Godliness."

It is its dogmatic creeds-it is that which makes men hate each other-it is that which inflicts torture-it is that which oppresses the poor-it is that which builds up caste in society-it is that which aims at making the rich richer, and the poor poorer-it is that which imposes fear upon the credulous and keeps the common people in ignorance and servitude, which we deprecate, and hope to cast overboard and sink deep beneath the pool of oblivion.

The sweetest scented and most fragrant rose has a thorn just beneath it, and while we would pluck the rose and preserve it in its loveliness, we would avoid the thorn. So while we would save all that is good in the bearts of religious devotees, we would avoid taking to our bosom the old skeleton of past religious dogmas, which has held the world in bondage for untold centuries. We would receive the good of the past

just as we would all that is good in the sciences of Chemistry and Astronomy, though it comes to us through the devotees of Alchemy and Astrology.

It is the good and truthful of the past, present and future, that now is developing, and will continue to develop the Philosophy of Life.

We propose to save the meat . whenever we crack the nut, and when the meat is not worth preserving, we spend no time pecking away at the shell.

.When our Spiritualist brethren find a nut that has a meat in it worth their time and patience, it is well to secure it, but when not, spend no time with such, but look further until those be found that were not blighted by early frosts.

Old theology has been the receptacle, and yet is, of millions who can not see anything beyond the sensuous plane of life. To her, such legitimately belong, until the time comes that they can appreciate and desire truth.

The work of Spiritualism thus far has been iconoclastic. It has been well done in that direction. The better classes of thinking people have been made to see the fallacy of "a plan of salvation." With that, necatonement, by the blood of Christ! That gone, the whole; list of past and present systems of religion, appears in its mythological nakedness.

Upon Spiritualiats devolves the task now of building up the great pantheon of progress-the development of the Philosophy of Life!

This can not be done single handed and alone. It requires a united effort. It calls upon every man and woman who appreciates the truth of Spiritualities to unite together for the purpose of going to the very foundation of visible things, and there search out the moving causes-the fountain of all life. As we see progress from an intelligent use of things in every department of life, we may safely judge that by the same rule and parity of reasoning, we shall make progress in all that appertains to our spiritual being, by like culture.

We see the progress made in our domestic animals by culture-in tha fruits of the soil, in the mechanic arts, indeed in everything! We look down the long line between the most enlightened of our race to the savage,

THE KEY! THE KEY!

Give us the Key that Opens the Doors to the Temple of Nature.

NUMBER V.

SUICIDE! SUICIDE!! SUICIDE!!! QUESTION .- Does a suicide rebel against the Di-

Ine law? vine law? Answer.—If there were not a law that permitted suicide, he could not do it. This is what he does: By willfully taking his own life into his own/hands and passing into the Spirit.world, he cuts off the avenue of physical experiences, but he also invites those of spiritual experiences. The only difference between the sudden suicide and that which is brought on by continuous diseases, is that it is rather the more course out of the two: because we brought on by continuous diseases, is that it is rather the more courageous of the two; because we know of plenty of people, indeed, we scarcely know of one, who is not guilty every day of adding to the suicide which they will eventually commit; and then it is called a discensation of Providence when they die. There is, however, this to be con-sidered, that every condition which is in violation of the man's conscience, brings about a correspond-ing penalty. If he thinks it is wrong to take his own life, and then does it, he must, of course, suf-fer it; if he think it is right, it is not our province fer II; If he think it is right, it is not our province to judge - Extract from Address of Mrs. C. L. V. Richmond, Jan. 7th, 1877.

There seems to be a constant desire on the part of mortals for keys that will open doors that lead to greater felicities, grander scenes, and more varied enjoyments than they are at present having. The counterfeiter tries to invent a key that will enable him to imitate our currency, and thereby be enabled to purchase that which caters to his sensual enjoyment. The midnight thief tries to invent a key that leads to your money vaults, or to your vase of jewelry, and when his object is attained, he feels as triumphant as a general does after murdering 10,000 of the enemy. Others try to reach your wealth through that key known as blackmail, or through the agency of libel suits, on charges that have no foundation in fact. The heartless assassin seeks a key to future emoluments and happiness by murdering some one who obstructs the workings of his ambitious designs. Booth shot Lincoln, Brutus stabbed Cæser, and the Catholics beheaded De La Barre in 1776, after having first cut out his tongue and tortured him on the rack, for insulting a wooden cross. They were all seeking keys that would accomplish their own nefarious deessarily, has gone the doctrine of a vicarious/ signs of self-aggrandizement, and shall we say of each one above alluded to, "If he think it is right, it is not our province to judge?" That declaration, though it emanated from a spirit, and was transmitted through the brain of one of our most gifted trance-speakers, receives our unqualified condemnation. Criminals of all grades, after a time feel they are right in becoming murderers, in stealing from those who, in their opinion, have something to spare, and if all should say, "It is not our province to judge them," what pernicious results would follow!

> Some unlock the doors of the Spirit-world through suicide, enter there unbidden and unwished for, the same as the freebooter stealthily enters your back door or window, seeking greater happiness by appropriating your silver ware. Dr. P. B. Randolph, not content with this sphere of existence, fought his way to spirit-life with a revolver in his hand. Hume boldly contends that each human being had a perfect right to dispose of his own life, and even Pliny, the naturalist, asserted that the power of committing suicide, is an advantage which men possess above the Deity himself. One French enthuslast killed himself, and quaintly ordered the fat of his body to be made into a candle for his mistress to read by. Saul, believing it right to take his own life, fell upon his own sword, and thereby forced an entrance into spirit-life. A man lately committed suicide fearing that his family would be left in destitute circumstances, his deserting them, of course, hastening the event. We say, then, that no doctrine as perpieious as this could be inculcated, justifying the action of the miserable, self-murderer, and endorsing the idea that a life of happiness immediately awaits him in spirit-life. If a belief that suicide is right justifies different ones in the act, then a belief on the part of any disreputable character, that to steal, lie and murder is right, in order to carry out schemes for plundering the wealthy, would justify him in so doing. The midnight thief seeks greater, happiness by planning and executing a bold robbery, and so enthusiastic does he become in his nefarious' undertaking that he verily "thinks" that he is justified in his course. On a distinct parallel with him is the miserable adventurer, the suicide, who forces anentrance into spirit-life, with the same daredevil recklessness. That wise and beneficent power-whatever it is-that forces you into the world, forces you to maturity and old age, needs no special assistance to force you to the grave. Speaking of suicides, A. J. Davis says,-"In this some of the guardians, (spirits) rescue unhappy men and women, ho are about to shoot, or poison, or otherwise destroy themselves. A guardian angel may save some sad, lone one, who is about to drown herself in the stream. Many suicidal charasters are thus saved. Many are not because they can not be approached." Thus we find that there are those in spirit-life using every effort to prevent the suicide from committing the rash act, even if he "thinks" it is right. It is rarely the case that animals commit suicide. A forlorn dog once systematically drowned himself in a pool of water. In case dogs could entertain "belief" on the subject, suicide on the part of the canine race might become more frequent. If however, suicide is right, it should be encouraged, and . the old and infirm parents, who have through years of hard struggle gained a competence, should be induced to get out of the way as speedily as possible by taking the short route to Paradise, thereby leaving Young Americas to step, gracefully into

their shoes, and have a general time of rejolcing. They may not consider it right to commit self-murder, bat a little gentle persuasion would finally induce them to "think," it is right, and they will thereby be induced to take the final step, and all parties would be greatly benefited thereby. This shert route to the Spirit-world, is the very one all should shun. The short road to amass riches, is to burst open the vaults of a bank, and equally as disreputable a method to find at once a better home, and more soul-enchanting bliss, is to destroy the vital spark of your body. Nature is never hasty in her growth, development and decay. Men are hasty to become wealthy, and they steal; hasty to attain a high position, and they use corrupt means to at once accomplish their object; hasty to secure greater happiness and more enchanting scenes of enjoyment, hence "thinking" it is right, commit suicide ; in all these cases, however, bad effects follow, and in the end less happiness is realized. It is not strange that spirits occasionally endorse suicide. What damnable vagary and contemptible nonsense have they not endorsed? The Spirit-world is inhabited by those who once lived on earth, and if not better informed, still entertain the same opinion as they did here. It will not do to endorse suicide by even a faint shadow of justification. This world is enough of a charnal house already without having selfbutchering adopted for the various ills of life. It is an insult to every law, human and divine, for a man, woman or child, to deliberately commit suicide. In New Jersey, not long since, a little girl attempted to take her life, because she had been naughty and felt bad aboutst, and another because her little companion had died and she would be lonesome without her. The application of a little birch in these cases, might have been useful, and acted as a counter-irritant. But when we consider that nine-tenths of the adult human family are merely grown-up babies (they "feel badly" over something real or imaginary, and straightway take the suicide's route to the Spirit-world), we can readily see the pernicious effects that would follow from a general belief that to commit suicide is right. You who are contemplating suicide, pause

before you take the fatal step. Your "belief" does not justify you in immolating yourself and shocking the serves of humanity generally. If you hasten the blooming of a bud, by picking off the delicate leaves that envelop it, you retard its future growth and development, and it is true, too, that if you force the spirit from its casket of clay, by self-butchery, you seriously retard its natural unfoldment for the body performs as sacred a mission to the spirit, as the bud to the beautiful blossom it holds in embryo. (To be continued.)

Why are Mediums Neglected and Kept in Poverty?

A Lecturer makes the above inquiry. One cause is the inability of mediums to see the proper steps to be taken to accumulate wealth.

Good financiering appertains almost exclusively to the physical plane of life. Mediums are negative, hence every sharper

the shallow pretenses of men and women, whose interests are foreign to that of the medium and the cause ha is an exponent of. There is scarcely one that has not been broken up and had their business ruined time and time again, by these shallow, selfish pretenders and whilom friends.

It is a solemn fact that both mediums and Spiritualism, have from the day of the first tiny raps at Hydesville, been beset by vampires and knaves, as mean and unprincipled as ever disgraced any of the oldreligious secta-Methodism not excepted.

The remedy, is by the united fostering care of the better class of Spiritualists, organically exerted.

Presumptuous Ignorance.

A specimen of which the Orthodox revivalist furnishes; and with truth it may be ? said the priesthood of all ages of the world. not excepting our own, enlightened as it is, have arrogated to themselves the place and position of dictators to man and to God.

Now, there is Bro. Moody, who is not a Spiritualist; oh, no! and has no knowledge upon the subject of the condition of the soul or spirit in spiritual life-he would resent with scorn and contempt the accusation that he did have the least bit of knowledge about it, especially if it were said that he had gained that knowledge through investigation of natural phenomena; yet he has taken it upon himself to say that "No unregenerate son will ever after death see the face of his godly and praying mother" (Times report Jan. 1st, 1877), which is a conclusion of fact involving eternity, and which, to be established, requires proof, first: that some sons of godly and praying mothers remain in a state of "unregeneracy" for all eternity to come after death ; and, secondly, that there is an insuperable barrier between all unregenerate sons and their godly and praying mothers, which is to remain throughout all eternity.

Now we venture to say that to sustain these statements, this self-appointed apostle of the Most High, can not vring a scintilla of proof; and as bald assertions merely, they can have no lodgment-as truth in the thinking mind. ~ But Mr. Moody does not think; that is not his business, and besides, if he did think he would be in danger of losing his own soul and also be unqualified to save others-from thinking. No doubt he has been, told at some time in his earlier life, while laboring under great mental excitement and the subject of 'a psychologic epidemic, that one Jesus Christ was sent into this world to be killed and sent out of it again, because God had been wicked and foolish enough to make man in such a bungling manner, that he was unfit to live in any place in the universe after death, except a lake of liquid fire, a bottomless pit, or some other congenial (?) abode; and the poor fellow has been laboring under the hallucination ever since. Let us pray for his salvation from this blighting thralldom. Had it F not been for his high comprehension and insight (?), or something about him that enabled him to be " influenced " by the spirit of the Lord, be would have been an "unregenerate son " to-day, and then his " godly and praying mother" would have been pleased to know that her once innocent babe should never be permitted to look upon her serene and tranquil 'countenance again, and the happy thought no doubt would have thrilled the very center of her mother's heart. The great wonder is that every mother's heart in that vast audience, who were insulted by the blasphemous and ungodly thought, did not give united expression to their true and natural impulse and brand the assertion as it deserves-a monstrous libel on humanity! But there is hope for Bro. Moody, as there is for every human being. It may take untold ages for his soul to get out from under . the cloud, but so sure as the sun shines an all-wise Parent has placed man in a realm of unceasing progress and linked him with a long line of onward marching ,souls, and if he but do his duty while in this timebound sphere he may rest assured that he shall not be cut off from a glorious life hereafter.

And yet they will tell the people about God-that he is seated on a great white throne, surrounded with angels-flatterers, wearing crowns and playing upon golden harps, who, like the inmates of a Turkish harem in the presence of their Sultan, bow and scrape.

A fair specimen of all religious twaddle, simmered down to its quintessence, can be got at any one of Moody and Sankey's meeting-go and listen to him for one hour, and you will get just as much sound sense as you will by attending upon Orthodex preaching for a lifetime; just as much, we say, because good common sense is not an ingredient of the theological compound!

But what of Spiritualism? Is not that a phase of religion ? says the inquirer. I thought it was a new religion. I have heard Spiritualists talk about its being a religion-a new religion. I hope you are not going to deprive the world of its religion!

Oh! no, we shall not try to deprive the world of all that is good in religion by any. means. The world is full of good things and always has been. It is full of fragrant, levely. flowers, whose perfume is delicious to the senses-so with religion. The good that it has done for the world is worthy of all commendation. All of that we would by no means discard.

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and we see the grand results that spring forth from the development of knowledge in the minds of individuals. We behold knowledge as the Savior. Personify it if you choose wherever you find it developed, and yet it remains a thought, and not an individual.

Now a new avenue of thought is opened up to mortals. Spiritualists appreciate the great truth that the spiritual spheres are en ropport with that of earth. They know that the avenues are open, not only for the reception of knowledge of things of this life, but for the revealment of truths appertaining to the after-life.

This, combat it as the skeptical world may, is the great all-engrossing thought of mortals in the still calm hours, when the daily toils appertaining to the physical plane of life are closed. This is the subject that engrosses the mind when the loved ones have passed the shores of mortal life, and when each individual feels that his own soul is soon to pass the turbid waters where darkness impenetrable overshadows the nether shore!

It is the subject of all subjects, sooner or later to every mortal, deny .it as they may, or though in contempt they exclaim, " Well, what of it?" " Well, what of it?" is a subject we will further consider in the future.

Fontenville, Neb.

·A correspondent asks several questions in regard to what would be the effect of certain conditions in dark circles. Our reply is that if you would get satisfactory results confine your circles to a few individuals, and such as can preserve the utmost harmony. It is neither time nor place to convince skeptics. As a band of receptive believers, meet regularly-persevere and maintain patience if you would have good results.

THE Russian authorities would not allow the circulation of the number of the Psychische Studien, a monthly published at Leipsic, containing Hudson Tuttle's Scientific Aspect of Spiritualism, although its editor and publisher is Alex Aksakow, Councilor of State to the Czar.

MRS. H. MORSE is now st' South Bend, Ind., and goes to Canada the last of January to lecture for several weeks,

ALBERT PEACE has been released from the Auburn Penitentiary, and is now at Elmira, N. Y.

takes advantage of them, and to that end will when a good medium is well situated, tell him or her how much better it would be to follow his advice. Such mediums lend a willing ear, supposing the lachrymose new found friend to be capable of doing all that he makes pretensions to.

We have often done our very best to bring good mediums before the public, in a manner to be of great benefit to the medium as well as to the public at large. But no sooner had we done so than some one-a sapient friend to such a medium, stepped in and got a listening ear, and not until it was too late to retrace his steps did he see that the whilen friend was a knave, who cared really only for himself. .

This is not our experience alone, but it is the experience of thousands of people who have done their very best to promote Spiritualism by providing for mediums.

It is not the fault of mediums-they are psychological subjects, who are easily nitaled, especially by the soft words of a long or short haired, slick tongued knave-just such characters as a man of ordinary common sense would set down as a villain on sight.

If good mediums could be protected from the influence of such psychologizing vampires, be they in the garb of men or women, the erratic and disgraceful results would not follow from the development of mediumship, that often now does.

Mediums above all others need the sympathy of intelligent people. They are now like the ripe thistle seed, inclosed in its fragile baloon, that is wafted hither and thither by every wind that blows. They are the easy prey of the soulless of foth sexes.

And do you ask when and what is the remedy 2 We answer the remedy exists in well organized societies of Spiritualists.

Such Societies will throw a magnetic shield around good mediums, and shut out the influence of the vile vampires that care not for the ruin that follows in the slimy wake they leave wherever they travel.

. Let mediums be cared for-give them good homes-the best your houses afford,give them a compensation worthy of their heaven-born calling, and drive the vampires away from your doors, and you will receive through such mediums, communications, fresh from the loved ones in Spirit-life, instead of the insipid twaddle from the unprincipled Diakka, who is a fit companion of Mr. or Mrs. Slick who are ever boasting of their influence and ability.

Our best spirit artists are alike subject to

We do wish that Bro. Moody and all mankind would get converted to Spiritualism and the beautiful truths it gives us.

A RELIGIOUS ENDORSEMENT

"One of the Handsomest Papers in the Country.'

"The RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOUR-NAL, the organ of the Spiritualists, published in this city, marked the first issue of the new year by appearing in new handsome type. The present " dress " is a decided improvement over the old one, and makes of the JOURNAL one of the handsomest papers in the country. It is otherwise also improv-ed.—Sunday Times, Chicago, Jan. 7th.

Bro. Storey spends much money and employs the best talent, to make his Sunday edition a truthful organ for all sects and societies. During the earlier years of his undertaking the elergy and priesthood endeavored to injure his paperbecause it not 'only "never told a lie," but also ferreted out and informed their heretofore confiding parishoners of many truths supposed to be forever hidden. Now, with the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL to take these pious (?) fellows after the Times has scored them into contrition, and kindly teach them the grand truths of the Philosophy of Life, they feel differently. The leaders of Orthodoxy while still regarding the Times with more fear than love, have learned that it is better to submit to fate and the genius of the age. They now -seldom deal in invective and vituperation when speaking of this lancet which though cutting to

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the quick renders them receptive to the beautiful and true. We trust that in a few years they will be able to still more fully comprehend the great truths taught by the RELTOIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, and will do good and live uprightly for the very love of it rather than through fear of the consequences of exposure.

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AUTOMATIC WRITING.

A New Theory by Dr. Collyer.

We have received a pamphlet from the author printed in London, Eng., entitled "Automatic Writing, The Slade Prosecu-tion, Vindication of the Truth," by Robert H. Collyer, M. D.

The author says: " I do not believe in the spiritualistic explanation of the mental phe-nomena presented during certain abnormal states of the brain. I am as satisfied of the genuineness of the automatic writing pre-sented by Henry Slade, of the United States, as I am of my own existence, or that the sun gives light, or is the cause of light, or of any physical phenomenon, universally admitted. I do not find fault with the learned magis-trate, who defined "palmistry" to be analagous to these new recondite mental phenom-ena. Nor do I blame Mr. Henry Slade for believing that the phenomena are produced by his deceased wife's spirit. I am firmly convinced that if he had not this belief the phenomena would not be produced. Blind faith is essential to the exercise, or will power.

"It is the will power, during an abnormal or exalted state of brain which produces all these varied phenomena, no matter how diversified or apparently complicated. Abso-lute blind faith hot exercisable during the normal state of existence is necessary to the full development of will power. Doubt your own capacity and it ceases to exist. Doubt Conviction of power is the surest road to success—he who hesitates is lost." On page 6, he says: "In 1862 I published an article in the *Spiritual Magazine* entitled, 'Phren-ography; or Mind Writing." The embodi-ment of thought, or the formation of men-tal network of the same same and a loss tal pictures, as a consequence of mental op-erations during an abnormal or exalted state of brain, is corroborated by many curious phenomena which accompany a dis eased condition of that organ. The nervous fluid is so ethereal that it pervades all things; it is the vital element. It is the accumula-tion of this organized vital element which produces all the varied phenomena incidental to cerebral function, when embodied during a condition of semi-mesmeric or trance There is then in the ' medium ' the state. power of guidance and direction under the will power. The image of an object powerfully impressed on the brain through the sense, may be projected from the brain on to a sensitive surface, as in the case of the unborn child. Now if the projection from the brain of an embodied idea is produced without any immediate nervous connection, where is the limit of the brain's power of projecting under conditions favorable and under the guidance of absolute blind faith and will power?"

We have endeavored to present the theory clearly, but it seems to us that it is much more sample and logical to suppose the intervention of spirits than this automatic action of a blind will. The rule in regard to all supposed spiritual phenomena is that if they can be satisfactorily explained by any other process, to accept that explanation and discount all such evidence from the spirit-ual. We have the assertion of the author that, in certain "abnormal," mediumistic conditions the author that in certain "abnormal," mediumistic conditions the mental and psycological powars of the individual, can be accumulated end brought to act so as not only to pro-duce writing, but to materialize individual forms of animals and human beings, and to produce all the phenomena which have been attributed to spirits during all past time, and especially since the advent of Modern Spiritualism. The Doctor admits all the phe-nomena, but denies their spiritual origin; supposing that the automatic and unconsci-We understand that the Doctor is prepar-ing for the press " a full explanation of the brain during abnormal states of that organ." We shall be glad to see what he can present on this subject. We have always been inclined to give considerable weight to the statements which have come through the various phenomena; thus when the raps at Hydesville were found to convey intelligence, they at once proclaimed that they were of spiritual ori-gin, and from that time to this they have endeavored to tell from whom they came, and the universal testimony has been that they were the result of the action of depart-ed human beings. The same testimony has been given in regard to the automatic writ-ing, and it has been observed by many persons that if one hand be lifted from the ta-ble when the writing is going on, so as to break the current, the writing instantly ceases, and that it will commence again just as soon as the connection is formed and a current established. The most serious ob-jection we see to Dr. Collyer's theory is that it makes intelligence proceed from a "blind ાજાંધી. Admitting that the phenomena require Admitting that the phenomena require the emanations from the physical and men-tal organism of the medium, we are not ready to believe that intelligent communi-cations or results of any kind can occur without some guiding mind, and this we be-lieve is furnished by departed spirits, and not by the unconscious will of the medium. The fact that the spirit in the human body controls and directs the physical or-ganism, is just as great a mystery as that the spirit out of the body, having learned more of the laws of life, can control the el-ements to produce the various phenomena ements to produce the various phenomena which characterize Spiritualism. The point we make is that it is not blind impulse, and unconscious action, but wisely directed and unconscious action, but wisely directed and intelligent movements on the part of indi-vidual spirits acting upon and by means of elements which are to be found in certain human beings who are mediums. The char acter of the evidence furnished by Spirit-ualism in all its forms depends very much upon the condition of the human being who receives it. There is in each human self-a-demand for spiritual truth, and we have re-boload to see how beautifully spirits have joloed to see how beautifully spirits have adapted their communications to meet the wants of all the various classes. This is to us the very best evidence that it is not hu-man alone, but that higher spiritual agencies, than any that exist in material forms are in the work the work. Our knowledge of spiritual truths will

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ever keep pace with our advancement, and the unfoldment of our spiritual natures. Let us then

"Reach after heavenly things," ÷., and by living true to the divine within us draw around us those who have advanced beyond the conditions of error that so often mark our earthly experiences. Spiritualism has not reached its highest point, it moves onward and upward just in propor-tion as man progresses, and if we would have manifestations of high and holy spiritual truths we must come up on to that plane where they can be manifested to and comprehended by us; then shall Spiritual-ism put on her beautiful garments, and come forth in all her loveliness, and be in-

deed a blessing to humanity, and we shall feel that: "The angel hosts are near, Lifting us up to a higher sphere, Drawing our souls away from the earth,

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How many of us when suffering from chronic diseases on being recommenden to try some for eign remedy almost exclaim with the sick king eign remedy almost exclaim with the slek king "are not Abana and Pharphar rivers of Damascua equal to all the waters of Jordan ?" and we fail to accomplish a vure. The Turkish Bath, medicated Vapor and Electric agencies used by Dr. G. C. Som-ers and Mrs. Somers, at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, have been instrumental in restoring to health thousands of people, who had they followed the usual course, would be to day in their grave. Those are the finest baths in the West, and for the treatment of chronic and nervous disorders, and reatment of chronic and nervous disorders, and the diseases of females, have no equal.

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and postage. S.R.-Mrs. Romission will give no private attribute to any one. If privary is required, it must be by letter, with the questions plainly written, and accompanied with the naux) fee, to which reliable answersin writing will be promptly returned. The terms above stated, must be attrictly compiled with, or we multiple will be taken of letters sent.

Spirits do Visit and Nurse the Sick. Do the Spirits of Mortals Leave the Body while the latter Sleeps? Read the Following and then Judge.

It is a well verified fact that spirits do treat the, sick in person, and that when they through a healing medium succeed in magnetizing papers, so as to form a battery of such papers, the latter may be sent to a sick person by mail, and when properly applied to the person of such patient, the spirits who magnetized the papers can follow the same, and get en rapport with such sick person, and infuse their life elements into them, as a means of cure. Indeed, it is well verified that the band of spirits controlling Mas. A. II. Roatsson, the justly celebrated Healing Medium of Chicago, do not

By What Power Is It Done"?

Mrs. A. H. Robinson the healing medium re-ceived the folloying letter and made the diagona appended, pronouncing the patient already dead, and transmitted a diagnosts immediately to the writer of the letter, and the next day received a confirmation of the truth of the statement of the spirit that the patient was dead, all of which appears in the following correspondence

ABINODON, KNOX CO., Lt., Dec. 18th, 1876. Mas. A. H. ROBINSON-Dear Madam: I have just returned from visiting a sick friend in this neighborhood, who seems to be growing weaker It seems his disease is not very well understood, and while in his presence I thought of your wonder. ful sitks to describe disease of your wonder. and while in his presence i thought of your wonder, ful gifts to describe disease, and prescribe proper remedies for the same. I had a tork of hair clipped from his head, which I incluse to you, hoping you will be able to inform me precisely what disease be is affected with, and the remedy therefor. His age is bowerp 55 and 60 years perhaps about 58 years. His name is William Campbell. He has been units feelble for two or three months, has not been quite feeble for two or three months; has not been able to leave his room for the last month I can not give you any symptoms further than he seems to have no appetite, and breathes burriedly. will you please give this case your early attention and if he can be helped or cured, make out the pre-scription and write to me at Abingdon, Knox Co., Ills. Inclosed and 16. Yours truly, DENNIS CLARE.

The following letter verifies the truth of the medium's statement that the patient was already dead

MRS. A. H. ROBINSON, Chicago, Ill., Dear Mad-Yours truly. DESVIS CLARK

Abingdon, Ill., Dec. 18, 1876.

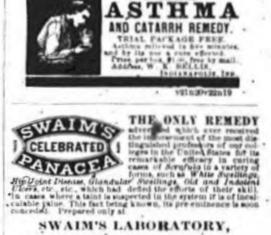
The Regular Doctors Could not Cure Him-The Spirits Could, and Did.

A FRISICIAN'S TESTIMONIAL.

Max A. H. Rommon, 204 Dearborn St. Chicago. -After a long persuasion, by my wife, and a lon spell of suffesing, I write, not in confidence of re spell of suffering, I write, not in confidence or re-ceiving any benefit, but as an experiment and al-most as a last resort. I am a physician of many years' practice and extensive experience in the treatment of all manner of diseases, among which I have treated many similar to my own, and near-ly or entirely with perfect success But in my ON or entirely with perfect success But in my ON case that I ought to know most about I have must signally failed. The case is one of a sore leg, the left, one-third of the way from the ankle-joint to the knee on the inside-not on the skin-bone, as is so common. It is immediately over the artery. It now is a hard red-looking uleer-not much sore to the touch; does not bleed very readily, but has the appearance in every other respect of gangreen or proud flesh, and around it is attended with a scorch gangreen or g, burping sections pain, sometimes quite section at the section of so bad, yet is never sutirely easy. The uber has been formed about four or five months. And now I want you to diagnose my case monthis. And now I want you te diagnose my case and send me the same and I will send you your fees, if you feel so inclined, if not, I am only out a couple of stamps, and you the trouble of reading this. I send you lock of hair I chaim to be honest, if I am poor, and wish to be cured. Direct to Dr. W. W. Hall, Shiloh Hill, III. Your friend, W. W. Hall.

Mrs. A. H. Robinson, under spirit control diagnosed the case and prescribed remedies. and here follows the patient's reply:

Mas. A. H. Rominson :- At your request, I write a report of my condition on this the teath day since I commenced using the alterative; but you since I commenced using the alterative; but you remember it has been about three weeks since I commenced using the salve and wearing the mag-nethed papers. I commenced at once to wear them, and the result was, I rested and slept well the first night, which I could not do before for sev-eral months, and in a few days I prepared the salve, and my leg commenced mending immedi-ately; in fact, the change the first night was be-yond all reason. On the night I commenced, one half of the leg from near the knee down, was as red as fire, and burned just as bad as any barn, and red as fire, and burned just as bad as any barn, and was so painful that I could not have one moment's was so painful that I could not have one moment's peace in any way; the next morning it was white, soft and pleasant, and in fact it has not been much painful since, so far as the ulcer is concerned, but I have suffered some from the ankle joint, but not much, as it is mostly weakness. Now at this writ-ing the ulcer is bot much larger than the thumb nail, and is healing just as fast as it can, and my general health has improved fifty per cent. I feel like another man. I do notknow whether it is you or spirits that do the work but Ling the ulcer is in the superor spirits that do the work, but I know it is bein done, and I further know and hereby frankly so knowledge that I nor my associate doctors could not do the work. We all done our best for six months and what we accomplished did not amount to anything. I have not used one-fourth of the alterative, but I wore my magnetized papers entirely out, and would have worn more if I had them I send a lock of hair, one dollar and a stamp. Please send fayther directions and your bill, and I will comply to the letter with your directions, if in my power.



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She declares that she has no knowledge of the matter, and if she has been on such missions, itwas while her external consciousness was closed in sleep or trance.

But here follows the letters, and as is always done, the name and residence of the patients are given, so that the investigator can write or call upon them for a verification of the terrs of the

Spirit Materialization.

Next A. II. Rowitshow, Medium, 394 Dearborn at., Chicago: I hought I would let you know that my health is improving that than I even thought it would. When I commenced mains you preservision my body was so diseased that I thought there was no relief for it only by being consigned to mother each there were hour strict of the other shows a solution of the strict of

Spirit Visitants.

Mas. A. H. Bonstraw, 394 Dearborn St., Chicago-Dear Massan, --Lhave been taking your medicine, as prescribed, for the past ion days, and write you again according to your request. For the first four or fire days the medicine made me-a fittin size, and I had a great deal of headache. My,beed seemed very hot on top nisely all of the films, but for the past fire days have fait very much better-have had but ittle head-acte, and I field much stronger un appective is good and com-plexion greet so much clearer that before I took your medi-time, have rested well agains had not seen nor foil any spirits around me usual last might when I was awakened by what seemed to me like a person laying a cold hand or hands upon adpected to have done every night with your linimest. Too of course having seen and known of seen fahing, can under-stand me muth better than I can describe it. Their much en-nouring with better than I can describe it. Their much en-souring with better than I can describe it. Their much en-nouring with better than I can describe it. Their much en-souring with better than I can describe it. Their much en-souring with better than I can describe it. Their much en-souring with better than I can describe it. Their much en-souring with better than I can describe it. Their much en-souring with your treatment, and ensil follow it up until best from you spain. Your friend, BisLis Pourras.

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The Old Year.

A Rhythmical Verse.

Poices from the People.

Let the flowing life-tide flow With its freight of grief and woe, And tho' adverse winds may blow While the dask clouds hover low With their rain and hall and snow, Murmur not that it is so; Tread your pathway to and fro, Through the thick weeds prune your row! Stand ye up and onward go Beyond the gloomy past! Bid the smould ring embers glow? Move ye not with action slow, Gird ye up to reap and mow, Bless ye always friend of the With all kindness bend your bow Ere ye one first arrow throw, Of the seed ye plant and sow How divinely it shall grow For your souls at last!

-D. Ambrose Davis,

South Camden, Mich."R. G. Bramen writes:-I see by No. 16 of your paper that the "germane" element has been driven to h-1; if so, I wish you a Merry Christmas" on it. If the place is what Mr. Wesley described it, a boundless, fathomless abyss, without a bottom or a shore. I think it is the only appropriate place for the filth. May kind angels ever protect you in your battles for the right.

That Filthy Habit.-W. H. Short, Sr., of Russellville, Mo., writes:-1 sent for a package of Mrs. Robinson's Tobacco Antidote about 20th of Area hours and used it, and have not tasted of any tobacco since; have gained about fifteen pounds in weight. I had been an inveterate user of the weed for about fifty years, but I did quit, and hope never to pollute my mouth with the filthy stuff any more.

Pre-natal Influence,-There are influences that aid in forming the foundations of a hife for good or evil, inhering in the law of motherhood. The attractions of material substances begin, and the influence of the mother attracting to herself, the influence of the mother attracting to hersell, according to her nature, leaves an impress on the child, and through this influence, inharmonious or vile natures are brought into the world. Still, prankind, having the power within themselves, can, if properly taught, resist these influences and attract others; for according to the aspirations in the soul, will influences be attracted. The strug-gles of mankind with influences that seem deter-mined to drag them down to degradation, are seen on every hand. A few have mind force sufficient on every hand. A few have mind force sufficient to resist, and cast them off; others are seen yielding willing obtedience to whatever influence seems to desire control.-Joan D'Art, a Spirit.

Pre-natal influences were vividly illustrated in the case of Adele Donehue, of Horicon, Wis., as related in a previous number of the JOURNAL. Previous to her birth her more was attacked by a cross cow and badly hurt. When the poor child was born, she was a frightful object to behold. She had eyes just like an enraged cow; they look as if they were starting from her head. When she as if they were starting from her head. When she is agitated or angry the muscles on her neck swell out, and her eyes look-more like an angry cow's than a girl's. Such are nature's laws, and it would be well for humanity if mothers more thoroughly understood them. When the physical organiza-tion of the mother is perfectly healthy, and her mind tranquil, she is in a proper condition to im-part healthy material to her embryotic child; but it a storm take place in her nature, caused by an If a storm take place in her nature, caused by an-ger, fright, hate, jealousy, etc., the effects thereof are impressed at once upon the child in embryo, and becomes, as it were, a part of its nature. If and becomes, as it were, a part of its nature. If mothers fully understood this law, there would be far less crime and misery in the world in the future, than in the past.

Washington, D. C.-N. Frank White writes: -By the enclosed card you will see I have after thirty years of public life as a medium settled down, for a time at least, in Washington, at the request of the invisible, to practice my healing gifts, which have developed to a remarkable de-gree. I am receiving letters from western friends who are readers of your solid years. I have the who are readers of your solid paper, inquiring in regard to my intentions for the future. I have not entirely retired from the lecture field, and I trust, that my old friends West and East will not drop me out of their memories, but let me hear from them often in a friendly way, in the future as in the past. I shall do all I can for your good taunch sheet.

Bro. White is one of the best mediums and lecturers in the seld. Old Spiritualists in almost

The old year dies, the fire is low; The flame is out, the embers glow, And in their rosy depths I trace Full-many a pictured form and face. While through the silence of the room That's half alight, and half in gloom, Low music, shadowy as the light, Floats around me like a spell to night. The trailing bloom of early Spring. The robin and the blue bird's wing. The Summer's winds whose woodland speech Repeats the murmurs of the beech, Remember words whose friendly tone Comes back to cheer me, as alone Comes back to cheer me, as alone I sit among the treasures dear That blessed me in the vanished year. I sit and dream, till pictures rare Fill all the charmed and haunted air; While from the embérs, growing dim, There steals a holy Christmas hymn, And through the darkness, Bethlehem's Star Its huins and mean and a for Its living radiance sends afar, And crowns the Old Year as it dies With light and music from the skies. London Spiritual Magazine.

Prescott, Arizona.-Winslow J. Howard writes:-The JOURNAL is so interesting to me that I can hardly wait for the day to come around for it to appear. I would sooner go without my cl. gars for a month than miss the JOURNAL.

Mediumship.-J. Chine, M. D., of Howard City, Kansas, speaks in high terms of the Medium-ship of J. B. Jennings of same place. It appears that Mr. Jennings would like to move to some place where there are more Spiritualists.

Good Advice.-Don't talk about or abuse each other, and be charitable towards all. But, above all, be true to truth, and let earnestness, honesty, and nobility of soul ever lead the way!-W. A. Brice.

Pertinent Question .- We read, Mr. Editor, of God's goodness, mercy, love, etc., and that not a sparrow falls to the ground without his notice! But how about that cyclone in India, when about 300,000 men, women and children were killed. Are son, our men, women and children were knied. Are not the wars that humanity wage, thebattles they fight, the cold blooded butcheries they perpetrate sufficiently appalling without sending such a ca-lamity on the people of India? One may form some conception of the awful scene by imagining some terrible whirlwind lifting up a wave on Lake Wichings, trents, feat block, stretching from the some terrible whiriwind lifting up a wave on Lake Michigan twenty feet high, stretching from the north to the south limits of the city, and in an in-stast of time, engulfing Chicago and drowning over two-thirds of its people, a calamity compared with which our fiery visitation would appear. In-significant. Is there not some one who has control of the forces of nature that needs reforming ! Inquirer.

That was a terriple calamity that took place in India. It appears from an exchange, that on the night of October 31st mb danger was feared, although the storm was raging with great severity, but one hour later a huge wave twenty feet in height and miles in length, followed by smaller wayes, came tearing in from the sea with the swiftness of a race-horse. Every human being who could not escape to the; tops of the trees, was drowned. The houses, which were low; one story structures, were smashed like egg-shells and swept away. Cattle and all othes animals were drowned. away. Cattle and all other animals were drowned. Nothing was left that the large tidal-wave struck, except trees here and there. We can only conclude that "Nature," or the forces of "Nature," and hu-man beings are on an exact parallel, both only partially civilized. When mankind were sav-ages, nature was then more violent in her mani-tation, where was then more violent in her manifestations-volcanges, earthquakes, tornadoes, etc., were more numerous than now. Nature is grad were more numerous than now. Nature is grad-ually improving, and probably within the next 250,000 years violence on her part will nearly cease. Mankind will advance in like ratio, and the millennium will be ushered in. Until then, the forces of nature, like the base passions in man, will continue to cause serious trouble.

Practical Spiritualism. – If our glorious Philosophy of Life can not be made available for the every day affairs of life, then it is rot worth entertaining. We want communications on our bread and butter affairs and our business matters and on mundane matters generally. We were led to this train of thought by reading and reflecting over those articles on travels to the different plan-cts and stars as spirit homes. No two stories on ets and stars, as spirit homes. No two stories on this subject agree. So where is the practical value of such communications and speculations? As we do not write to cast reflections, but to instruct, we wish to give a few practical hints to investiga-tors, and in fact all who consult mediums, on con-ditions considered from a common-sense stand-point and borne out by our own experience as a medium. Now comes a gentleman and wants a sit-ting. Presently we describe a spirit and generally with his name. The recognize the spirit and generally give his name; the recognize the spirit and the name, everything goes on nicely; but from caus-es to us unknown, he does not recognize the spirit, and immediately says: "I never knew such a man in all my life; what does he want around me? want to hear from my father or mother." We be-ing very independent, generally close our sitting right then and there, and tell the investigator to find another medium, and hereafter take what is given him and feel very glad and thankful if any spirit of any kind talks to him at all. As regards my feelings when such a remark like the above is thrown at us—we get a shock, and it seems as though a huge block of ice had been pushed beween me and the audience. When we were investigating and visiting mediums all over the coun-try, and paying them too for occupying their time, it was our custom to keep minutes of our sittings in a little book we called our probation. When a spirit manifested whom we did not know, we ques-tioned him and got all we possibly could out of him, and it was remarkable how many singular and beautiful tests of identity and value were found in our little book of probation in the course of time. We wish everybody kept a book of pro-bation—we still keep ours and consider it a prime necessity. This law of letting the spirits conduct their own business, applies to all forms of mediumship. Spirits are anxious to communicate, and those that can come, will come, and it is our duty to receive them that come to communicate kindly, politely, respectfully, but make the most of it-ask questions.-F. Vogl.

Imposture .- This tidal wave of imposture and sensationalism is seeking to overwhelm us, and there must be an effort made to beat it back. We must point out that all the sin-cloaking doc-trines of the present day are widely apart from the Spiritualism we believe in. The brazen-faced covards who deceive and then cast the blame of their decention on "spirit controls." are pelther to their deception on "spirit controls," are neither to be credited or tolerated. When impostors are caught red-handed let them bear the blame, incaught red-handed let them bear the biame, in-stead of a manufactory of "evil spirita" being in-atiluted. When we are aware of pitfalls in the pathway, lef us securely bridge them over or kin-dle a danger light to warn the unwary. Let us, who love the simple truth, be united in this great object. If A have red hair and B have black, why seek to ruin each other because this is so? It is seek to ruin each other because this is so? It is impossible that perfect harmony should exist on minor points; but the question is Spiritualism, and our idlosyncracles should be kept in abeyance. We seek to solve a mighty problem the solution of which regards the identity of our souls, and our immortality.—D. D. Home, in London Spiritual Macazine. Magarine.

The above is from D. D. Home, of England, one of the most remarkable mediums of the present age. He speaks to the point on the present wave of imposture sweeping over the country. There are many physical mediums, who if placed under strict test conditions, would not get a single materialization. They advertise their seances and manage to rope in enough green ones, who accept the bogus-spirit forms as their grandmother, sister, or some one else. The time is not far distant when rascally mediums will be treated to a dose of law, the same as any other frauds

Minneapolis, Kan.-E. W. Branch writes -We look forward with pleasure. for the dear old JOURNAL from time to time, and consider it as good a bible as one needs to peruse, although & contains sentiments we do not fully endorse for we consider we are free from any imaginary deity. When man learns that Nature's God is the only true one to worship, then he can say and feel that he is free, and-not a slave to any deity.

Debased Mediumship.—It appears un-fortunately that mediumship does not require moral elevation, and is therefore susceptible of very great abuses. There is no better illustration of this than the way in which persons of mediumis-tic capacities have endeavored to earn a few dol-hare be arresting that our newsres arginst the relars by arraying their own powers against the re-alities of Spiritalism, and imposing on the stolid credulity of orthodox bigots. The card-of the Lex-ington clorgy in behalf of C. W. Starr is a happy illustration in point. Starr professes to Spiritual-ists to be a medium, under divine guidance for some real end, he does not understand. He even claims to have brought forth materialized spirits on the stage before large audiences. To the pub-lic generally, he discards any claim to spiritual power, leaving them to regard his performances as jugglery for the exposure of Spiritualism. Ac-cording to his own story, he is a mercenary impostor, Alming solely at money matting, but has con-siderable mediumistic power. According to phrenology, Mr. Starr has a very small endowment of the moral faculties, and a half hour's conversation with him would impress even the most charitable with the opinion that he is as unprincipled as he is coarse and vulgar in manners. As mediumship is thus liable to become associated with depravity, and mediates who have not strong moral senti-ments are liable of becoming thus debased, it be comes the urgent duty of Spiritualists to sustain the honorable representatives of their cause in a generous manner, and to drive into obscurity the tricky, mercenary and dishonorable -R

A Remarkable Man.-Dr. J. M. Peebles, who will be here to deliver, a course of lectures in January, is one of the most remarkable men of the century—as a traveler, lecturer and scientist. He travels with his eyes and ears wide open, and hears and sees everything, and has the ability to write about what he sees in beautiful language, and to speak of what he sees and experiences in tones of sweetness and eloquence. Around and around he goes. To every clime, to every people, to every locality that has a peculiar religion, or a belief in a creed, or a dogma, or a superstition, he makes his a creed, or a dogma, or a superstition, he makes his way, and gathers up and gives forth to all the "Truth that will make you Free." Big-brained, broad-minded, far-reaching in mental grasp, with the surface of the whole globe as a field for his life work; unselfish to a degree that the parsimonious and money-grasping have called him weak and foolish; untiring in his search after Truth; deternonlish; untiring in his search after truth, deter-mined in his world-wide efforts to expose error, wrong, falsehood and superstition, he may called, without blasphemy-a Savior-a Messiah. He is now lecturing in San Francisco to crowded houses. -Santa Barbara (Cal.) Index.

Glad to know that Bro. Peebles has met with

can regenerate this side the next centennial. If my doubting friend will follow, we will go still further Southwest, crossing the strait of Malacca, and "beach our boat" on the coast of Sumatra. There "beach our beat" on the coast of Sumatra. There is one race, Ourang-outangs, that I have never seen walk but on two legs, carrying a club or piece of branch in one or both of their hands—ex-cuse the aggression—feet, I mean. With the as-sistance of a cute native Malay, a small party of us visited their den or home in their absence, which had nearly cost us our mass. It was almost us visited their den or home in their absence, which had nearly cost us our mess. It was almost as ingeniously constructed as a beaver's winter quarters—by appearance made as a shelter from the sun's rays, as their habitation was not far from the equator. These are termed "animals," while masculing gender of the former are designated as "lords of creation." How long is, then, the span that must reach from the animal to man? An-swer. Not one-fourth as long as the one necessary to reach from savage to enlightened man! to reach from savage to enlightened man!

Lake Mills, Wis.-E. H. Stiles writes: While you continue to publish the JOURNAL in the present spirit of truth and advancement, I hope there will be paying subscribers enough to assure its future, and make its present easy.

Organization.-R. B. Kaufmen, of Paris, Ill To the Spiritualists and Liberalists of Edgar Co., Ill., greeting: Belleving that the time has fully III., greeting: Believing that the, time has fully come to organize our scattered forces and to take a more decided stand in opposition to the elements. I of bigotry and intolerance, and to maintain the rights of conscience guaranteed to us by the Con-stitution, we therefore invite all liberal minds to unite with us in perfecting an organization on a financial basis of such a cl racter as shall not con-flict with the private opinions or individual rights of any. To all who may be favorably impressed with this movement we invite to & press their views by addressing me by letter. Post Office Box riews by addressing me by letter. Post Office Box

The Slade Persecution. - The London papersistate that the Government, intends to under-take the costs of the prosecution in connection with Dr. Slade's appeal. The defendant's solicitors have not yet received any official information to that effect, but if the announcement proves true they will appeal to the American Minister to take part in the defense of Dr. Slade on behalf of the American Government Sector Pollation on part in the defense of Dr. Single on behalf of the American Government. Sergeant Ballantine and Mr. Massey will appear for Dr. Slade, and the former will get 500 guineas for his brief and 70 guineas a day. The Defense Fund Committee an-nounce that they have about £700, or \$3,600 and declara their intention to obtain in the courts a hold "bold, outspoken avowal that spirit action is a fact in the knowledge of thousands of persons in the upper ranks of society throughout the British Em-pire and hundreds of persons in the Metropolis." The case will be carried before the Court of Queen's Bench, this month, where the appeal for the quashing of the magisterial sentence will be argued. Boston Herald.

Joseph Hong's Vision .- J. B. Hoag, M. D., of Knox, Ind., writes: In your issue bearing date Jan. 6th, 1877, I see a statement relative to the residence of Joseph Hoag, the author of "Hoag's Vishon," in which there were some errors. The statement alluded to was made by P. F. Smith. The venerable author of that remarkable vision was my paternal grandfather. He was born in Dutchess County, in the State of New York, in the year 1762. About the year 1792 he emigrated to the then wilds of Vermont, and made his home there until the time of his death, which occurred in 1846, at my father's house. None of the family ever lived in Columbiana County, or in any other part of Ohio to my knowledge. Some of his descendents still reside in the New England States, the majority are living or lie in their graves in Indiana or lowa. The remark made by Mr. Smith that "He was a Quaker, and a strict adherent to the Friends' oball who knew him as strictly honest and in every way above reproach," is strictly true. Mr. Smith, says he has little or no faith in the fulfiliment of the Hoag prophecy. Let us see. The first predic-tion is, "This division began in the church on tion is, "This division began in the church on points of doctrine. It commenced in the Presby-terian society and went through the various relig-ous denominations." What are the facts? In 1815-1816 the Presbyterian society divided into "Old School" and "New School." The division was caused almost entirely by difference of epsion relating to the doctrines of election, free grace, limited atonement, etc. About 1822 the Methodist church divided by the Protestant Methodists se-ceeding from the M. E. Church. In 1826-8 the So-ciety of Friends split, one party being styled Or-thodox. 2d other Hicksites, from their leader Elia-flicks. The latter are Unitarians in belief, deny the divide authenticity of the Scriptures; and deny the divine authenticity of the Scriptures; and in other respects differ from the Orthodox party. Numerous divisions have taken place in other churches. The next prediction is, "It next ap-peared in the lodges of Free Masons and broke out like a volcano until it set the county in an uproar for a length of time." Well do I remember the excitement produced throughout the coustry prior to and subsequent to the year 1800, in consequence of the alleged murder of Morgan. Masonic lodges of the alleged minder of Morgan." Masonic lodges gave up their charters, and in many a household masonary was a forbidden word for decades of years. The vision next states: "It entered politics throughout the United States, and produced a civ-il war, and an abundance of human blood was shed in the combat. The Southern States lost their power and shaver was diver from their bodges." ower and slavery was driven from their borders." This was done as all well know in the late war of the rebellion. The remainder, if true, is yet in the future. I have heard it stated that that part of the prophecy was not penned by my grandfather, but added without his knowledge or consent; relative to this I can not certainly say. I have noticed but one error of any amount in the vision as copied in your paper. The original states that the division in the churches began in the Presbyterian church on points of doctrine, and went through the varidenominations. Rufus W. Flint .- It is probably that this most excellent medium will soon be released from sustody, as he has no means to pay plaintiff's alimony and counsel fees. To be confined in jail un der those circumstances, is no diegrace to him, but should make the cheeks of those who caused his arrest and confinement, to tingle with shame. **Convincing Tests.**—At a recent scance at Keightley, a slate that I did not touch, was cleahed, a piece of pencil placed on it, and a board securely nailed over its upper surface, the slate-frame being marked in ink, with the initials of all present. A well known highly respected local gentleman placed his hands over the slate, covering the edges and so almost hiding it from view. Mr. Claphand opened a book at a venture, noted the page (133) and without reading a word thereon, requested the spirit to write on the secured slate a few words from that page. Immediately all heard, and the gentleman who held the slate felt, the movement of the pencil, as it rapidly wrote a long quotation (as it afterwards proved) from page 153 of the book in question. The board was removed with difficul ty and then all saw and read the writing, and com-pared it with the paragraph in the book. I had not touched the slate from first to last. This phenomenon has often been giving of late through my médiumship. I have also got the writing on a piece of paper, initialed by all present, and then nailed up in a box. Sentences given by the com-pany have been written on the marked paper.— Dr. Monck, in Medium and Daybreak.

dark stained banner that has drenched , the earth with the blood of heretics and infidels, that we may learn charity, and love one to another? Do you see love and kindness emblazoned on that banner to-day? Do you not hear the muttering thunders that por-tend the storm? Why cling to this distincfive name, that hides a hand that is silently forging the fetters to bind your soul and padlock your lips? Why not stand out on the merits of your faith, free from the con-taminating names of the past that are red with human blood? Why not unfurl the banner that is employed with truth and banner that is emplazoned with truth, and illumed with the white light of supernal worlds as a rallying point? 'Do not seek distinctive names, they will prove fetters that will hinder your progress, and be the pall that obscures your soul vision. Let your life actions be in accord with your highest aspirations, and the angel world will bless you; not as Christian Spiritualists but as true men and women seeking the highest attainable conditions. Then why should we fear to stand on the intrinsic merits of our philosophy, independent of party names? Why tack on the name of Christian to the heaven born philosophy of life? Do we not know that the philosophy whereof we teach is true, and that we grow better, higher, and happier as we reach out into the right that proceeds from the ethereals worlds?

Intellectual Mediumship.—Allow me the opportunity of obtruding a few remarks concerning the advice so wisely given by ou to the Lancashire Spiritualists. That there is a higher inspiration than that of trance I feel assured, and I believe, if mediumistic individuals would give vent to the inspiration of the moment, spirits would gradually attain the power of using them as conscious and voluntary instruments, instead of making them mere automatons and machines for their purposes. We have com-menced developing this phase of medium-ship, and have lately been blessed with very encouraging results. Four subjects have been handled by us, as follows-each ad-dress, as a rule, lasting about half an hour: dress, as a rule, lasting about hair an nour: --"Life's Journey and its .Destination;" "Fatherhood of God;" "Millennium, or the Golden Age;""Light: Whence cometh it, and how can we get i??"-Medium and Daybreak, London.

Trance mediumship has its mission, and so far as high or low are concerned, we don't know how it can well apply to any useful phase of mediumship. J. Davis' "Divine Revelations," given to the world through his entranced organism, have not been excelled by any book subsequently written by him while in his normal or clairavoyant conditions. Advanced spirits often place themselves in rapport with the embryotic child, and thoroughly maintain that rapport while it is being developed, and also all through life .. All advanced thinkers, authors, inventors and orators, have such a familiar spirit; but if the rapport is not fully established when the child is in embryo, it can never afterwards be fully secured. Mozart was a medium, completely in rapport with a spirit, established while he was in embryo, and maintained all through his life.

Poor Adele .- Some weeks ago we publishd a communication in reference to this unfortunate girl Adele, who was a subject of unfavorble pre-natal influences and disfig-ured for life. Mrs. Julia H. Cleveland of Horicon, Wis., writing again, says: I lift my hands and heart in thankfulness and trating to you and the angel world for gratitude to you and the angel world, for your great kindness to my unfortunate pro-tege. I wish you could have seen her when she received that gem of beauty, the LITTLE Bouques. She laughed and cried, to think that she should ever have such a book for her own. You can hardly think how much she has improved since she came to me. She has lost that wild frightened stare that made her look so much like an animal. She appears as intelligent as most the girls of her age. She has a fair rosy complexion and beautiful hair. People thought me very foolish for keeping her. After I had got the poor body dressed like other girls, one woman said to me, "You are as quixotic as ever. You think to make a fine lady of that thing." "No," said I, "not a fine lady, but a true hearted useful woman." She laugh-ed at me saying, "I was never so happy as when I was doing something impracticable." That same lady was here a few days ago, and as Adele left the room, she asked me, "What girl I had got now?" On being told, she could scarcely believe it possible that such a change could take place in her looks. If some kind hearts would send her a few dollars to buy some such books as wish her to read, O I should be so glad! find it very difficult to obtain money to buy such books. I am an old woman sixty-five years of age, and my husband seventy-five. We are left in our old age nearly destitute: but the angels have been kind to us, they bave influenced many of the sons of God to send us books,-amongst them Mesars. Colby, Davis, Owens, and others, who are only a little lower than the angels. P. P. Bliss,-This popular musician was one of the victims of the Ashtabula disaster. Mr. Bliss possessed a powerful and sweet voice, which he cultivated carefully. He was a remarkably pleasing and effective singer. He had a rare fertility in the composition of airs, sweet, simple, and calculated to touch the popular heart. They were precisely what was wanted for Sunday schools and gospel meetings, and were sung not only in chapels and tabernacles, but in thousands of homes. He was a man of a very lovely character. Among those who saw much of him he inspired not only respect and esteem, but feelings of a very tender personal attachment. "He was a very good man; a very lovely man," said Mr. Frederick W. Root. "I knew him`only to love him," said Mr. Sankey.—Ex.

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every part of the country, have heard him lecture with unalloyed pleasure, and many have been inwith unanoyed picasure, and many nave occu in-terested with his fine phase of test mediumship. May he be as successful as a healing medium as he has been in the phase above alluded to, and may his patients not only be cured of their diseases but may they cheerfully open their, pocket books and reward the humble instrument through which they are made whole.

Cremation .- On the 6th of December last, Palm was cremated at Washington, Pa. Col. Olcott had charge of his remains and delivered an address appropriate to the occasion. The sav-age Indians practice this peculiar method of disage Indiana practice this peculiar method of dis-posing of the dead. It appears from the Denser (Colf News, that H. S. Thompson, who returned from a trip to Hardyville, Arizona, a few days ago, reports the death and cremation of the mother of Macadow, a noted captain of the Mohave tribe. The wake was kept up for several days, during which fourtaen fine horses, the property of the rel-itives of the dead woman, were burned. It is the custom of the tribe to burn all the effects of the relatives of the dead at the time of death. In this relatives of the dead at the time of death. In this instance a large amount of property was con-sumed, as the Macadow family for some years past had been unusually healthy, and consequently ac-cumulated considerable wealth. Beside the four-teen horses mentioned, several tons of mescal, a large quantity of seeds, a considerable sum in sil-ver coin, and all the provisions and clothing of the relatives of the dead were consumed. Even the relatives, or the dead were consumed. Even the clothing they were wearing when they began their march around the funeral pyre helped to feed the fames, and the mourners returned to their homes as naked as when they came into the world. It is not at all difficult to burn the flesh of the human beds. The beds of formation burned to the body. The body of Servetus burned easily, while the diabolical Calvin was experimenting with him. He died, however, during the cremation; so did John Huss, and thousands of others.

Washington's Vision .- C. J. Johnson, Ogden, Utah, writes:-At the present day when men in general are not afraid of their own shad-dows, the enclosed vision of Washington is well worthy of perusal, if for no other reason than for its singularity.

As a novel production of an imaginary brain it will pay perusal; but as Washington never had the vision alluded to, it would not be well for us to give it to the readers of the JOURNAL.

The East India Horror .- The details of the cyclone, with its accompanying tidal-wave, which recently ravaged the coast of India, are al-most too horrible for belief. No such slaughter of human beings by the elements has ever been In one night, and in the twinkling of an eye, 300,000 human beings were swept out of existence. The localities which were ravaged appear to be three large islands—Hattiah, Sunpeep and Dukhan Shahabozhare, some smaller islands, and a portion of the main land in or near the estuary of the river Megus, on the sonthern shore of India the submerged territory contained about 340,000 people, of whom 500,000 were drowned.—Chicage Tribune.

Of course there are some who will ascribe this terrible calamity to the direct intervention of God. When Chicago was burnt, certain ministers of the Gespel attributed it to a visitation from God, the Grispel attributed it to a visitation from God, on account of the sins of the people. Even the burning of the Brooklyn theatre was regarded by certain Orthodox ministers as an example of the vengeance of God. Those ministers who' enter-tained the idea that Delty caused the Chicago fre, could never explain, however, why nearly all the churches were burned, and the principal houses of prestitution saved. Missady, N. X.-O. Jillson writes:-I am wed-ded to most of the principles of the JournAL and have taken it so long, I should lament to part with it.

Lightning .- The difference in the effects of lightning in various countries is remarkable. It is believed to be more dangerous in England than here. From statistics collected it appears that or an average seventy seven persons are killed by it each year in France, and the annual list of killed wounded there by this cause amounts to 250. The low-lying departments are tess subjected to it. Fighty were wounded and nine killed in one thun-derstorm at Chateauneuf-les-Miutiers in 1861, and within one week, when the air was highly charged with electricity, thirty three fearful flashes of light. ning were observed, each bringing death to some victims. Twenty-two people are killed by light-ning every year in England, nine in Switzerland, and three in Belgium.

If Chicago was burned through the instrumentality of God, if he cruelly sacrificed the lives of three hundred men, women and children at the Brooklyn theatre, if his hand cruelly lit the torch that burned Peshtigo, Wis ; if his power set in motion the cyclone that devastated India, we can then conclude that he so directs the lightning that it brutally kills the children of earth. Would it not be well to confider, however, that the forces of na-quite unusual."

quite unusual." **Mediumship.**—W. J. McGown, of Bushnell, III., writes.—Swedenborg said that—"In the next life, spirits. Deling able to converse by direct im-pression, lose the memory of words, and when they converse with us, use the words stored away in the memory of the medium." If those who seek to investigate spiritual phenomena would remember that they work with the most exquis-italy sensitive instrument the world knows, an in-strument under will control, more perfectly than the magnetized subject in the hands of the mes-merist, they would obtain more reliable results. We shield the thermometer from our own breath whan we wish to obtain reliable readings of tem-perature. persture. 1212

such a warm reception in California. He is worthy of it.

Inquiry?-Dr. H. Woodburn, of Oregon, Ill., writes:-What has become of James, the man who completed "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." I am very anxious to hear that he is writing more of the same kind, and hope there will be no end on earth to the works of Charles Dickens.

Re-incarnation .- The Re-in arnationists of France are greatly excited over the opinions of German Baron C. D. Holmfeld, who with humorous severity criticises not only the work recently translated by Miss Maskwell but the lady herael The Paris Review quotes from the Baron thus: "But after all, Miss B. is only secondarily respon-sible for the errors she indosees, for she is only a woman, and women ofter err, whilst man alone (resting upon his sphere, firm as a rock, as per V Hugo) knows how to reason without going astray. Baron, too, claims that re-incarnation is Jesuit origin, traitorously put in circulation to be enabled the more easily to combat Spiritualism on its own proper grounds.—Boston Herald.

There are but few among American Spiritualists who believe in re-incarnation. It seems absurd that a wise sage in Spirit-life should blot out all of his vast knowledge in order to pass through a changeablelife on earth again. Re-incarnation is an unnatural doctrine; it has no basis on which to stand, and was no doubt presented to the world by funloving spirits. The majestic oak can as easily assume the dimensions of a stalk of grain as Plato could again become a sniveling infant. The shanghi rooster could as easily become an egg again, as Demosthenes could assume the dimensions of a petulant baby.

Glen Haven, Michigan.-Mre. W. Goff writes:--We want a good lecturer and test medi-um to come here, and shake up the dry bones of Old Orthodoxy, and if the Devil is not dead, show them at least, that he has lost some of his power to do evil. He has been ruling the people here in this place long enough, and it is time he was driv-en away or subdued for a season.

Darwinism.-C. J. Johnson, of Ogden, Utah writes -Having had about fourteen years' experience of travel, on nearly every sea coast in the known world. I do admit that travel in conjunction with available literature of the day, is a great help to nature's study, but far less than the claims made for it. Mr. Peebles admits that races of the present civilized man sprang from the "hairy Britons." Well, why not trace the races-further back in time? The giants of old left no history back id time? The giants of oid left no history but their skulis, bones, spears, etc., exhumed in 1854, less than one mile distant from my birth-place in Denmark; they write their own record, that they were savages (the Patagonians) who have successfully defeated every republic or confedera-cy who have endeavored to conquer their domin-ion. As the difference existing between the mon-key species and their more favored posterity seem to be the greatest bone of contention, let us see how great a difference there does exist. On the to be the greatest bone of contention, let us see how great a difference there does exist. On the southern coast of Formora (Taivan) island, I have seen a race of people (whom we named Tartars, not knowing their race) in their native state, who fed mainly on mussels and roots, and not until the srrival of shipwrecked sailors did they use fire but for the burning of captives; nor did they wear clothes or build shelter for themselves, but took refure under bushes and trees in rainy season; Go refuge under bushes and trees in rainy season: Go a few degrees further south, on the south coast of Borneo, there is also another race still more indolent and deprayed than the former, but the climate does not require much of them, as, at places, fruit is in abundance. These are men-really human beings, whom no missionary or spiritual pligrim

The above was certainly a convincing test. This Dr. Monck has also been arrested, on the same charge, we believe, that Slade was, and will have his trial soon.

Christian Spiritualism.-J. H. Foreman of Manchester, Ill., writes:-" Christian Spirit-What is it? Is it something betualism." will it lead man into higher states, and give him a greater breadth of mental power and comprehension? Christian is a distinctive term used to designate those who pro-fess to be the followers of Christ, and the theology outwrought from his teachings, and should not be applied to the teachings of "the Philosophy of Life" or Spiritualism, as it is now unfolded to the human family, as it is now unfolder to the human family, any more than the teachings of a host of other exemplars, who stood as teachers, em-bodying the highest unfolded thought of the age in which they lived. Why should we honor Christ above other grand exemplars by assuming the name of "Christian Spirit-ualist?" Is it talismanic? Will it open ways and means to the bicher habitudes of ways and means to the higher habitudes of life that can not be reached without its pre-fix? Is it necessary that we sail under the

Had every one on the train at the Ashtabula disaster, been Spiritualists, the accident would have been regarded by Mr. Bliss, had he been alive, as a wise dispensation of Providence. The very fact, however, that there were many Methodists among. those killed, prevents an infernal howl from being raised on the part of the Orthodox, and saves Delty from the charge of committing a horrible murder)

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Worcester, Mass .- Mrs. Z. A. Spalding writes: -The main difficulty with most of our great spiritualistic shining lights is their determination to outdo God and natural law. What with Henry Olcott's elementary spirits, and A. J. Davis' Diakkas, the Spiritualists have hedged themselves about with a more forbidding bugbear than the old Orthodox devil, because they are more numerous.

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Reply to J. M. Peebles on "Darwinism."

-BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

My long-time intimate and esteemed friend, J. M. Peebles, has thought himself called on to reply to my criticism on his pamphlet on "Darwinism." I should not write this rejoinder did he not demand it. He, as well as every reader of the JOURNAL, knew the authorship of the criticism, and it was not from any deairs to conceal it that was not from any desire to conceal it that I did not sign my name. It is best that the Review . Department temain impersonal, as it is more free and impartial, and only to certain articles have I been accustomed to sign my name. This will assure Brother Peebles that it was not from any desire to attack his position in secrecy, and in fact I wrote him previous to the publication that I had been compelled to dissent strongly from his views. My friend "demands" fur-ther a reply, and a discussion, assuring me that he is armed to the teeth and eaver for the that he is armed to the teeth and eager for the affray. As he is a "peace man," and a har-monial philosopher, 'and prides himself in being like the meek and loving John, will be first tell me wherein such a rencounter will differ in *principle* from a pugilistic combat! If one should propose to decide the truth or falsity of Darwinism by a fist fight, it would be considered ridiculous, but should I accept this gauge of battle, would the result cept this gauge of battle, would the result be more in evidence? In one case, one or the other might be physically weaker, and get-punished; in the other some mental de-fect might trip and vanquish. A theologi-cal question may be settled by words, but a question of science can only be disposed of by facts. Darwin has several large vol-umes, and Heekel and Huxly, and Lyell and Wallace, and Gray and a score of others, have written, and a newspaper column would be a narrow brena to discuss this question. be a narrow arena to discuss this question,

vast as the realm of life. Friend Peebles does not quite understand the province of a reviewer. This is not to enter into a discussion on the opinion the reviewer forms of the books underconsideration. If this was demanded, there would be no end to wrangling. He simply gives his opinion, which should be honest, just and impartial. It was in this manner I rewelcome task. The angels knew how much rather I would praise a book than censure. But unless honest, a review is worse than useless, it misleads the reader, and destroys the observator of the review or

the character of the reviewer. It was not because Mr. Peebles objected to Darwinism that I opposed him, but beto Darwinism that I opposed him, but be-cause he arrayed Spiritualism against sci-ence as er cessed by Darwinism, and in the latter I chought he had made a great vital mistake. It was like arraying theolo-gy against astronomy or geology. Hence I do not feel called on to discuss the objec-tions of feel called on to discuss the objections my friend makes to Darwinism. Those who are in anywise posted on the subject know wherein he speaks incorrectly, yet 1 would point to a few of his misstatements, simply because they somewhat impeach my criticism.

He says, "Darwinism is on the decline, is old and grayed with folly." Yes, Darwin-ism, or the Theory of Evolution, is not new. It first found scientific utterance through the immortal Gothe, Lamark, St. Hillaire, and its profound approach towards demon-stration through Darwin. It fought its way by its truth. Dr. Asá Gray, who since the death of Agassiz ranks first among the sa-cants of America, in his late work, "Dar-voiniana," says that the naturalists of Eng-land, Germany and the United States are to-day almost a unit for Darwinism, and Prof Morae's account address at Buffalo be-Prof. Morse's recent address at Buffalo before the American Association, shows how enthusiastically the theory is received. Agassiz bitterly opposed, but all his most promising pupils are now Darwinians. Lyell opposed at first, but is now a firm sup-

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porter. "The Evolutionists are successful along the whole line, as the absence of any chamons to resist the arguments of Spencer, Tyler, Tyndall, Huxley, Hooker and others, prove. Hackel, Buchner, and all German natural-ists, the leaders of the Royal Society, and of the American Association of Science, after a life-time study, have accepted the theory of creation by evolution, as expressed by Darwin. Mr. Peebles, after reading some of their writings, sets down to attack single handed the banded scientific world, and calls these leaders, after calm deliberation, "surface thinkers." It is certainly brave and daring, perhaps some might think quix-He states the theory, but we dare say Darwin would never recognize it as his own. Darwinism does not teach that "Ascidians or one-nostrilled lampreys," can "become men," nor that "Iron" is "intellect," or that "Phosphorus" can "think," or that "man proceeded from monkeys." proceeded from monkeys." Mr. Peebles has strongly misunderstood the theory. He makes a distinction between "evolution" and "Darwinism," and according to his definition of the former, there certainly is. He defines the same in his pamphlef, but I failed to understand, nor does the present definition make the subject less dark. "Evolution implies pre-existing God-atoms, soul-germs, cells, monads, types, physical matter and spritual substance, all these and more to be evolved from; and further, that a superior force, which I denominate divine spirit, acting upon, evolved therefrom the various forms and individualized entities that people worlds and measureless what are "God-atoms?" What are "Soul-germs"? "Evolved from"-from what? Did not the "Divine Spirit" act through laws, and is not Darwinism an attempt to indicate those laws?

(See Contributions of Natural Selection, by A. R. Wallace). What has the *character* of the Darwins to do, with the truthfulness of this theory? What weight has Carlyle's spleen in Science, wherein he knows next to archive? nothing?

nothing? "That prince of Scholars," says Mr. Pee-bles, proneunces them "atheist" all! That is like Mr. P's. reasoning in regard to the writer's dog. He is an ugly mean dog, hence he can't reason? But ugly mean men rea-son! Darwin is an "atheist," hence his theory is follow! theory is false!

But in the mention of these unimportant objections, I am filling space which should be devoted to the main subject. Darwinism as I said, was not the issue. This was the opposition of Spiritualism to its exposition creation.

We saw this with regret, for it was choos-ing an unfortunate battle ground. Spirit-ualism is already beset with difficulties. It has been dragged down by 'selfishness and rascality, and the rubbish of the past has been taught as its philosophy. It has been made to accept re-incarnation, and the vagaries of Occultism in the face of science, and now it is brought in direct antagonism.

Darwinism explains the process by which man was evolved, and Spiritualism should explain as a direct continuance of that theory, how spirit is evolved by and through humanity, and the laws of its existence. One complements the other. All in all becomes, as S. S. Jones has admirably express-ed it, the Philosophy of Life. There is no antagonism, no contradiction. Admit Spir-itualism and the evolutionists will have to correct their theory by the new light, but it will remain essentially the same. This is the only course for a scientific accurate study of spirit.

If this method is rejected, we drift into the fog of speculation, and sail a chartless sea. Does Mr. Peebles or any one else think this desirable? Creation is a unit; there is no change in the plan of causation, from "sea-slime" (amoaba) to spirit.

slime " (amoaba) to spirit. Mr. Peebles is an urbane gentleman, sin-cere, and we do not believe he would know-ingly make a misstatement. To us the tone of his reply is incomprehensible. Had he carefully read, it is not possible he, would have written: " Darwinism derives entity from non-entity—the unconditioned from the conditioned—motion from inertia— consciousness from unconsciousness—moral reason from blind instinct-spirit from matter, and 'Caucasian men and women from long tailed apes." Impossible, because ev-ery one of these statements are erroneous. I regret he demanded a reply, for other-wise we should have allowed him to have

presented his subject in silence on my part, That "Shepherd dog" lies tranquilly at my feet, never having been "brutally beaten" by me, and promises that whenever our friend sojoarns again with us from the fa-tigues of travel, he will under no provoca-tion "growl" at him. He says it is true that at the various times you have been here. that he now deeply regrets it, as he forgot the advantage you had of him, for you could write him up in the papers, and he can not reply on you.

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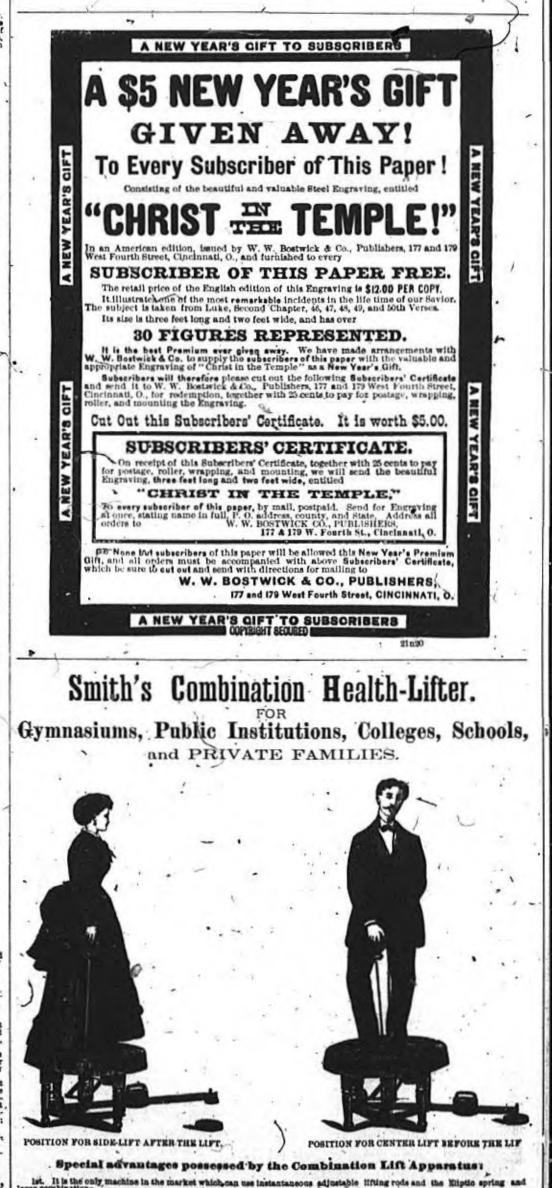
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This is not scientific language, my friend. It is cheap and unmeaning, while science is accurate in its statements.

"Precious little respect can I have for this Godless, Christless irreligious, I may add blatant Darwinism," says Mr. Peebles, wherein he shows that the virus of his early theological training still festers in his blood. Oh, my friend, if you seek the highlands of science, do not talk in the language of the priest. Do not suppose your prejudices will decide the least question, nor calling pet epithets lead to final decision.

Mr. Peebles says, "My reviewer's effort to press M. R. Wallace into his service, real-ly samuses me. I have the honor of that gentleman's acquaintance and friendship. He is an evolutionist, but not a Darwinian." Prof. Schmidt, in "Descent and Darwin-

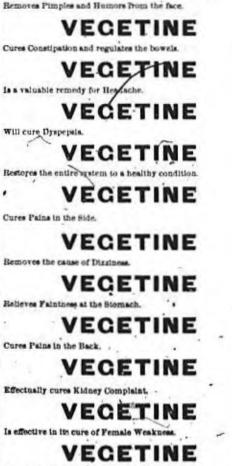
ism," one of the volumes of the International Scientific Series, says, p. 164, "We have al-ready incidentally mentioned a man who; although not so eminent as Darwin, has the glory of having independently discussed the law of natural selection, and of having, after Darwin had come forward with his fundamental work, supported the theory of selection by a profession of original observa-tions. This is Alfred Russel Wallace." Priority of discovery has always been claim-ed for him, and admitted by Darwin him-self, but he failed to publish his theory first

mine while in fail; one a spirit poem from a medium in 1872; one from Maria M. King, and one through Bro. Mansfield. Also through Bro. M., I was told that "the track was laid whose cars would convey mefrom place to place, to preach God's love to mankind." I don't know about this being realized, but I do know that if I had the whole world for an audience to-day, that I could deliver such a lecture in evidence of Will cure Dyspepsis. the reality of Spiritualism, as few mortals ever heard. I am devoted to the cause which has saved my life more than once; I feel that I must use my developing powers to unfold more mediums; and, oh, how I yearn to be able to publish my "Excur-sion to Heaven," and my "Descent into Hades," which the higher intelligences de-sign as a special "De Propaganda Fide" for Cures Pains in the Side. Spiritualism. Truly Yours, ALFRED PEACE. Auburn, N. Y. Appreciative. WHEREAS:-The course of Lectures, just concluded by Mrs. Rachel Walcott, have Cures Pains in the Back. been replete with interest and instruction, as well as with the ennobling truths and inspirations of true Spiritualism: therefore, Resolved, That we recognize in her Lectures, a force and power equal at least to any which have been delivered before the society, during the year which is now closing. Resolved, That our thanks are eminently due to her and her controlling influences for the able and eloquent manner in which they have discoursed to us during the cur-

rent month. Resolved, That the officers of the society. be requested to affix their signatures to this preamble and resolutions, and forward the same to the Spiritualist papers for publication.

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