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SPIRIT IMMORTALITY, AND THE RES-URRECTION

Considered From the Bible and Scientific Stand-point, In Two Lectures.

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No. 1.

"How are the dead raised up and with what body do they come?" Ist Cor. 15th chap. and part of 35th verse,

It is well to consider our title to immortality from every stand-point; to gather the proofs of it contained in the inspirathe proofs of it contained in the inspira-tions of the olden times; to add authority to the evidence of the same offered so abundantly by modern investigation and revelation. We strengthen our cause by every item of added testimony; and Bi-ble evidence, when it coincides with that of science and modern revelation, is of great importance, since it shows the identity of revelation, ancient and modern, and also that true inspiration is never at variance with true science.

Paul was undoubtedly a philosopher, who tempered his philosophy by his religion; but who, nevertheless, could interpret some of his religious opinions in strict accordance with sound principles and the revelations of nature.

tions of nature. His dissertation on the resurrection in the chapter above quoted, proves his deep in-sight into the subject and shows him to have been a student of nature, capable of understanding its intricate processes, and of utilizing his knowledge for the illustra-tion of an all important truth. The lan-guage with which he introduces his reply to his imaginary interrogator is by no means to his imaginary interrogator, is by no means complimentary to the intelligence of his interpreters in the Christian church, who, from age to age, since his time, have habitually misinterpreted his ideas of the sub-ject. "But some men will say: How are the dead raised up and with what body do they come? Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die;" thus on to the fiftieth verse inclusive, of the same chapter, the argument is continued. To the unprejudiced, intelligent investiga-tor, his words bear no doubtful meaning. His evident purpose was, to divest the subject of its mystery as far as possible, and death of its horrors. He would have men understand that Na ture's laws reach beyond the boundaries of the visible and material world, into the spiritual; ruling there as surely, as definite-ly, as comprehensibly, as in the physical world. Paul distinctly declared in the same chapter, that Christ's resurrection was noth-ing exceptional. The 13th, 15th and 16th verses read thus: "If there be no resurrec-tion of the dead then is Christ not risen. tion of the dead, then is Christ not risen; yea, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ; whom he raised not up if so it be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not then is Christ not raised." Christ was subject to the same law to which other men had ever been, according to this scripture. According to it his spiritual, not his natural body, was raised, and if he was seen after his resurrection, it was by the operation of another law of nature as fixed and sure in its operation under the proper conditions as any other. The law of immortality reveals itself in the very constitution of man, as well as in all nature below him; and they who study as carefully with the view of discovering it as Berl oridently did not be in doubt as Paul evidently did, need not be in doubt concerning it. But the great difficulty in the way of a comprehension of this law lies in this, that men are apt to look on the material side of nature alone, either discarding the idea of a spiritual side altogeth er, or leaving it out of their calculations in the consideration of physical phenomena. If it were possible to disconnect physical from spiritual phenomena, or God from His universe, then such a course might be consistent. So long as life, the persistence of force, the phenomena of mind and intelli-gence, and the relation of these with mat-ter are unaccounted for, physical phenome-na are unexplained, and physical science rests man an insecure basis rests upon an insecure basis. rests upon an insecure basis. Says one eminent in the field of scientific inquiry, Prof. Joseph LeConte: "The belief in spirit like the belief in matter, rests on its own basis of phenomena. The true do-main of philosophy is to reconcile these with each other.' This philosopher, from tracing physical force through its transfortracing physical force through its transfor mation to chemical and thence to vital force, and to the point where this latter force disappears from the physical plane at death, is forced to concede spirit. He says, previous to stating the above proposition: "Force and matter, or spirit and matter, or God and nature, these are the opposite poles of philosophy-they are the opposite poles of thought. There is no clear thinking without them. Not only religion and vir-tue, but science and philosophy cannot ex-ist without them." From this firm basis of philosophy we proceed to the discussion of our subject by first considering the question of spirit. The problem is wrought out before us on the face of nature, and we before us on the face of nature, and we have but to comprehend the elements of the proposition, to understand its solution. Physical life illustrates all life, and phys-ical phenomena involve all the forces op-erative in the Universe; and therefore they illustrate the operation of spirit and its functions in patients functions in nature.

The chief mystery which science has not solved, is the persistence of life--the origin of the force which co-operates with the physical forces in the organic world, to maintain the phenomena of life Living germs--whence are they, and where is the beginning of life? Force--where does it or-iginate, and how is its perpetuity fixed? The answer to these queries is to be found in nature's mode of action; at least so it ap-pears upon close observation of all the phe-nomena involved. Matter is graded and forces are graded in correspondence, the various grades of mat-ter serving as the vehicles of corresponding grades of force. From the fires on the sun's surface to the human brain, from heat, light and electricity, to human thought--the phenomena of mind, science traces this graduation. There is no life without it, for upon this arrangement the perpetuation of

upon this arrangement the perpetuation of life depends.

Correlation, interchangeability of forces, lies at the foundation of action in the material world, as is well understood. All natural processes that can be fully com-prehended are traced to the correlation of energy, the reciprocity of action between related elements, forms and forces. It is positive and negative—the actor and the positive and negative-the actor and the acted upon, interchangeably, as far as inves-tigation has reached; and men know posi-tively that without the action of this law there can be no reproduction, no life. By this law life in the physical universe is a perpetual round. Generations succeed each other, drawing their life from the well-spring that cannot fail while the natural order is maintained. But the real well-spring-what is it? Whence originates the impulse that is perpetual, that keeps the vast machinery of life in motion? To the lorder line of the material world forces can be traced and this correlation and re-ciprocity of action analyzed without diffi-culty. But here investigation is stayed, science, as yet, not recognizing immaterial science, as yet, not recognizing immaterial forces as within her domain. But why pause here? The ground is surveyed into

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ence of all varieties of forms on a planet's surface, and of all bodies of the solar sys-tem, indeed of all worlds; also by that of the different varieties of minds, of mental qualities and of the qualties of matter. Positive and negative forces acting upon each other are symbolic of the interaction of all forces and all forms, of all grades of matter and of force, and of the different planes of existence to which forms and forces, mater-

existence to which forms and forces, mater-ial and immaterial, reciprocally tend. As every form of whatever grade embod-ies the law of life, so every form corres-ponds to nature, or the universal form.— Man, however, standing at the head of the world of forms, embodying in its perfection the highest law of life that can be discover-ed, corresponds to nature, or to the embodi-ed life and intelligence which is the unied life and intelligence which is the uni-verse, as no other form does. He is fitly styled a microcosm, an epitome of the uni-verse, from the fact of this perfect corres-

pondence. Thus it appears that man illustrates na-ture outside of himself, while nature illus-trates man. As we have seen, interaction of diverse forces, originates and perpetuates life, the diversity being fixed as material and immaterial, or matter and spirit. The word spirit is only a name applied to a form of energy, which, in its functional capacity, is like any force. It is simply the positive pole of the universe, material substance be-ing the negative. Spirit, as superlative in-telligence, acting as the author of life, the oser or events--in line. itive force of the universe, the god of na ture, has been the idea of the ages; but this idea has been so obscured by ignorance that it has lost its significance in great part, in the superstitious dogmas of religious sects. Nevertheless, it is nature's idea, expressed in the law of man's life, and all inferior life. Spirit acting with matter, the immaterial with the material, the forces of the two interblended, the former the positive force, is nature's mode. The world of the ethereal; the spiritual forces, is co-extensive with the world of action, for no life, no motion can be where the neccessary diversity of forces is wanting. The physical ever presupposes the spiritual, as the brain presupposes mind, or as matter presupposes force. The forces that vitalize all matter, all forms, from man to the molecule, are in-stinctive with a spiritual life that is either intelligence or kindred to it. Law regulates their action, each being, form, and molecule, being a law unto itself, or developing a mode of action by the law of its organiza tion. Utility is this law. Germinal life holds gross matter in subjection, and its instinct is to bring about development and progress. From the crystal to the human brain, this instinct is apparent, and cannot be ignored. The philosopher gazes with amazement and awe at the phenomenon of crystallization. He sees atoms instinctive with a force that is almost intelligence, and knows that this is the starting-point of formation, that finds its climax in the recepta-cle of mind. What the force is that thus vitalizes atoms, giving them a power in themselves to aggregate obedient to the law of utility, while obeying that of polarity, is a mystery to him until he opens his mind to the con-ception of spirit. Until then, the perfect accord of all natural process, the adaptation of means to ends and all to a supremely great end, is to him automatic, and nature's harmonies are lost to him, or are but as au tomatic music. Mind rules matter for bringing order out of chaos. Mind alone adapts means to ends and coerces the forces of matter into the service of order and progress. In man's world this is the rule, and correspondingly, in the universal world, by the law of spirit which guides and governs all. Else why the universal order, the adaptation of means to ends, such as supreme intelligence alone could devise? Chaos is where form is not, where germinal life can not act upon matter for the evolu-tion of elements, forms and faces. Spirit is incarnated for the purposes of development. On the material plane, the forces of spirit act with those of matter for bringing order out of cheos. The stom, actuated by the inout of chaos. The atom, actuated by the in-stinctive force of spirit, is set in motion in the direction of the development of form. This force perpetually renewed, stimulates organic force, thus co-operating with the chemical forces for building up tissues and forms and continuing the phenomena of life. Attractive force has its origin from spir The impulse to motion is given to matter from the element or force nearest allied to it on the immaterial plane. Matter woul 1 be inert bereft of its forces-an inconceivable condition, and it follows that the high-er force is the basis of all action. Unity in diversity, is the law of spirit and matter, co-operating for the production of motion and life; diverse being on opposite planes, yet acting in unison in all the pro-cisses of nature. The laws governing all physical processes, are but the reflection of

the servant of the higher? Reciprocity of action between the higher and lower, or pos-itive and negative forces of an organization, is the condition upon which its life de-pends; or, in other words, is its mode of life. This being the known law, upon what other basis can be fixed the law of the orig-ination and maintenance of all life? Nature is an open book, which all may read, who learn the significance of its char-acters. By symbolism, by correspondence, easily studied and comprehended, its most intricate laws and process are revealed. The law of life is symbolized by the interdepend-ence of all varieties of forms on a planet's it appears that superlative intelligence not only conceived nature's laws, but keeps them in operation by established means. Thus nature, though it is a vost machine, is constructed intelligently, while at the same time intelligence is the power that moves it, and utility is the result of this intelligent foresight. Spirit is the breath of life that animates all living things, and mind moves upon the vasty deep of animated nature and the perfection of good is attained. Physicists in tracing the laws of decom-

position and growth, reach the spiritual in their researches, elucidating clearly to minds on the lookout for phenomena to prove the existence of spirit, the grand fact that the existence of spirit, the grand fact that such a force is operative here, and that it is correlated to the physical forces. Vital force is discovered to be more distinct from its nearest related forces on the physical plane, than the other correlated forces on this plane are from each other. This dis-tinctive quality is designated as a peculiari-ty, and it points the investigator to the im-portant fact that he is now on the border-line of the two worlds, material and spirit-ual; the force with which he deals marking that line, unmistakably. Vital force de-rives its marked peculiarity from the fact that it is the embodiment of spiritual with physical force as no other physical force is, it being peculiarly the vehicle of spiritual force. On each side of this line of demar-cation are located the distinctive planes. of cation are located the distinctive planes of action, and forces converging to this point, which is, in truth, a vital point in the phi-losphy of life. This force may originate in ll'ausionmed chemical forces c cent affinities, yetitembodies forbet harvirtually removes it from the plane of these to a higher. It is a constructive, a preserving force, acting in opposition to a destructive one. It is nature's builder, constructing after the most approved laws of inechanics, from material prepared by its agents on the lower plane. In its office, vital force illustrates the of-fice of spirit. It is life-giving, opposed to-death-dealing, conspicuously; reacting upon chemical forces so as to bring life out of death. It is the resurrecting power which annihilates death from the universe, mak-ing it only the servant of life. It is the con-server of form as well as of life, utilizing the affinities of matter for the production of like from like the universe. like from like the universe over. It bespeaks the indwelling intelligence that uses it as its instrument for reaching the physical world, and transforming primeval confusion into the order that is congenial to intelligent beings Organic matter alone develops vital force, since this is the first stage of matter where it evolves forces of grade to act with sufficient intensity with correlated spiritual force, to create vital energy. Chemical forces are vitalized by spiritual force, but on this low plane of action, the truly constructive processes of nature can not be carried on. Chemical compounds are forms vitalized by forces that may be compared to the tools of the builder-not to the builder. At the point of the initiation of life, thus it may be seen how, in universal nature, two distinctive forms of energy counterbalance and co-operate with each other as a positive and negative, and how this co-operation re-sults in life and the perpetuation of life. Formative action, traced to its ultimate, in every department, in every sphere of the universe, reveals no other origin, no other method of life. Matter is, and force is; these co-exist eternally, as far as man can dis-cern, and by the law of their diversity.

both are repaid in kind by the refined sub-stance yielded for food, and the variety and beauty that adorn the cultivated landscape, that are appreciated only by the refined and intelligent mind. The sun of a system gives of its forces to its dependent bodies, in such measure as is requisite for their uses, and receives through them as the or-gans of its own body, elements to help feed its glowing fires and hasten on its own devel-opment. The brain of man, the central or-gan of the body, and as such corresponding to the sun of a system, manufactures force for the body, but does this through the reciprocal action of all the other bodily or-gans.

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Thus the world of spirit and the world of matter interchange action and force. Thus, as matter yields up its spirit, its forms are in return vitalized by this life-giving essence.

"God over all, blessed forover," is a sun that shines for all nature, dispensing life and blessings through his connection with it. Enshrined in the "Inner Temple" the "Holy of Holies," it is his prerogative to give the first impulse of life, as Superior Spirit, and also to receive tribute of life de-veloped through the action of His own forces upon His universe.

"Thus the seer With vision clear,

Sees forms appear and disappear. In the perpetual round of strange,

Mysterious change. From birth to death, from death to birth. From earth to heaven, from heaven to

earth, Till glimpses more sublime Of things unseen before, Unto his wondering eyes reveal

The universe as an immeasurable wheel Turning forevermore In the rapid and rushing river of time."

TEST CONDITIONS.

Communication From Prof. Denton.

the domain o e immater al even to th very citadel of force, and it only remains for inquirers to occupy it-to build upon the data they already possess while search the data they already possess while search-ing for more. For investigation to pause where physical science merges into spirit-ual, is to abruptly break the chain of cor-related truths bearing upon the question of the origin of force, and to shut itself off from the solution of the problem.

To discover the correlation of nervous and mental energies, is to overleap the chasm that divides the physical from the spiritual plane, or the material world from that something that lies beyond it, that is correlated with it, standing in the relation to it of a promptor of its action, as a superior force on the physical plane does to an inferior. Indeed, as it appears, to discover that the master force of nature-mind, is directly related to the physical forces, acting with and upon them, as it is itself acted upon, is to find the clew to the mystery of life.

Mind is the great positive force of the universe, and it ever acts upon and through matter, being itself acted upon by physical nature as a negative. Intelligence, the flower and fruit of mind, is the highest positive man can discover; and this, he knows, is a positive that sways an absolute sceptre over matter, using it as its arm to do whatever it will, as it is unfolded to comprehend the uses of matter and itsown power and prerogative in the universe.

Mental forces are graded, as physical for-ces are; and it appears that this gradation is, as it were, a chain through which the forces of intelligences are communicated to the physical world, and thence through the chain of physical forces and elements, to every grade of matter. Mind acts upon matter through the means of its magnetic forces acting upon nervous force; this latter being the physical lever that moves the arm to do the will of the superior brain power.

Instinctive forces in the human constitution, and in the world of forms and matter below man, correspond to intelligence, being of an inferior grade, but perceptibly allied to this superior force. They are also as perceptibly allied to physical magnetic forces, which they directly act upon for carrying on the functions of life, reproduction, etc.

In man, co-operation between instinctive force and intelligence on the one side, and a physical force on the other, is as apparent as the interaction of any allied and interde-pendent forces. Mental emotions affect the involuntary action of the human system in a most marked manner, showing a direct re-lation between mental force and these involuntary forces. The mind has no recog-nizance of this relation more than of its relation to instinct, yet as it readily proves its control of the latter by the exercise of will, so it can of the former by the persistent effort to educate the will to control involuntary functions of the form. Consciousness is by no means a necessary condition for the exercise of mental force, as is shown by the phenomena of clairvoyance, somnambulism, the force of habit, emotional effects, etc. The will acts unconsciously in many ways, supplying thus additional evidence to that already deduced, of the superior func-tion of the intellectual force in the human economy.

Now what does this co-operation of the higher and lower forces signify? What, but that the impulse to the action which is life or reproduction, is communicated from the superior or positive force of the organization, through the chain of forces to the physical matter, the negative, which thus becomes "Above how high progressive life may go, Around how wide, how deep extend below,"

it is still God and nature, living and operated by the one law of life revealed in the molecule and the man.

The province of action on the physical plane is to evolve the energies of matter. The universe in chaos embodied all spirit, all matter, as it was the matrix from which issued force and form and form Spirit issued force, motion and form. Spirit was to be evolved in such form as to be made the effectual force to produce universal order in the place of chaos. Force dissemi-nated was less effectual than force concentrated and individualized, and thus intelligence conceived the plan of formation. Matter yielded up its forces only that they might be organized as effectual helpers in development and progress.

Spirit still co-operated with matter as its soul, its essence, interchanging forces with it for the vitalization of new forms. So, interchange was the law from eternity.

This law of interchange is symbolized ev-erywhere in the natural world. It is giving and receiving,-bestowing in one form to receive in similar, but not exactly the same form. "Love is the loan for love," and di-versity of sex, constitution of mind of individuals express the diversity of the senti-ment exchanged by the law of reciprocity. Diversity alone makes this reciprocity possible.

The earth yields her stores to man in exchange for whathe expends upon it. Labor is magnetic force, and intelligent supervision is a superior force still, and

I and try much pleased with the course that you have taken in demanding the most thorough evidence of the reality of professed materializing manifestations.

There are skeptics, it is true, whom no amount of evidence can satisfy, not even the repeated evidence of their own senses under the most favorable circumstances. It is their misfortune to have been born incapable of belief in the existence of certain classes of phenomena, as others are born incapable of perceiving certain colors or com-binations of sound. There are also prejudiced people who have made up their minds that all spiritual phenomena are the product of fraud, and who are determined to find it or make it whenever professed spiritual manifestations take place in their presence. These are, however, but few compared with the hosts who can appreciate facts, are willing to admit their significance, but demand that what are presented, shall be facts, and not frauds perpetrated by wretches whose only desire is gain or notoriety, and who would dupe their best friends for a paltry dollar. Unless that is done which trickery under

the circumstances cannot do, how are we to the circumstances cannot no, now are we to know that it was not done by trickery? Taking for granted what professed medi-ums say about their manifestations, they have palmed, and are now palming upon Spiritualists the grossest of frauds. We have four mediums who highly

We have flower mediums who nightly rain upon those who have duly paid their dollar, showers of roses, lilies, ferns and an occasional bottle of wine or bouncing gold fish, which are supposed to be brought by attendant spirits and dropped through the ceiling. But who knows? Has any oneever taken a locked box, set it on the table and had the flowers dropped through the closed lid? Have they ever been passed even through musquito netting, so fixed that it could not be tampered with ? The medium in this case has every shance for the practice of fraud. No one holds her hands, precautions are not taken against the admission of confederates, no one thoroughly examines her to see that articles are not secreted upon her person; yet, after the scance is over, the presence of flowers and other articles upon the table, placed there in absolute darkness, and while loud singing is taking place, is published as evidence of spirit presence and power. When this is shown to be a fraud, as I think it will be, and as I believe it to have been in every case that I have seen, then Spiritual-ism will have to bear the reproach. There must be more discrimination prac-

ticed by Spiritualists and by the editors of Spiritual papers than there has yet been, and I am glad to see that you are moving in what I regard as the right direction in this WILLIAM DENTON. respect. Denver, Col.

Music is the rod of Hormes. It calls up the spirits from below, or conducts them back again to Elysium. It not only excites the imagination, but invigorates eloquence and refreshes the memory. It is like besprinkling a tasselated pavement with odoriferous water, which brings out the images, cools the apartment, and gratifies the senses by its fragrance.-Walter Savage Landor.

There is one good-happiness. There is but one sin-selfishness. All law should be for the preservation of the one and the destruction of the other.-Ingersoll.

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THE GREAT SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT.

BY SELDEN J. FINNEY. [CONTINUED.]

What are we trying to do, for instance, in the domestic relation, the relation of the sexes? What is it necessary for us to do? What is the unuttered thought and purpose in the begom of each maiden and each young man when they seek companionship in the sacredest and the holiest of human relations? I ask if it is not simply the effort to so adjust themselves to the laws of Love as to secure not only happiness to themselves, but also such harmony and unity and social life as shall accumulate virtue and strength and sweetness and power for the life of the world. And the result of this non-adjustment, of this want of proper attitude and relations to eternal laws, is seen in the discords of homes, of societies of the nations. Look at your national institutions to-day; what is the great lack there? I answer, the presence and influence of the other half of the world-woman.

Now this nation is agitated, tortured, torn, and bleeding, because it has not yet learned what is the proper attitude in the state of man and woman; because it has sacrificed the interests, the powers, the saving forces of woman to the dominance of mere cocreive force in the state. Do you suppose that, had woman's voice been as distinctly heard in national affairs as man's has, had she been left with her soul untrammeled to lay her affectionate hand on the national authority, to modify the national laws, to attend to the national housekeeping, that this national housekeeping would have been in such a dilapidated, heterogeneous and anomalous state as it is to-day. Nay, verily. Ner will this nation or any other on the globe, have pormanent peace until it has learned the proper attitude of success in the national life itself. Now what is the Spiritual or Harmonial Philosophy trying to do in this world? It is working with all its energies on the question of attitudes. Our Harmonial Philosophy aims at univercal health. And what is health? It is that state of real harmony of body and soul, of individuals and of society, with the laws which build body and soul and true society. Obedience to the organic laws of physical, spiritual, and social nature, is the only safe attitude for the physical, spiritual and social man. To attain this attitude the world structions through creeds, science, and revolutions: "Our Father who art in Heaven, [in harmony] ** thy kingdom come," is the prayer, uttered and unuttered, of all races and all ages. To attain this whole-hearted relation to the univerce, is the great work of the centuries. And when

this kingdom comes, then comes peace, plenty, and happineso. How difficult it is to get the sexes into perfect relations to each other. For centuries the world has rushed headlong in its career, careless of the highest interests of marriage. On low and sensual planes have the sexes met.

with no knowledge of the true laws of marriage, until our pains and corrows have become too terrible to be ignored longer.

Marriage ought to be as much an object of science as mechanics; and yet, how many of us are engaged in this great business. And here must the work of adjustment begin. We may pull down all the mere external forms of wrong, but unless we guide the social vitality into purer and frecher channels, it is nearly null. It is a modern thought that marriage has its true laws, and may have its true science, as much as mathematics or chemistry.

Tree marriage is chemistry of hearts, and when its laws ere ones known and obeyed, all the departments of social life are rememerated; the perfection of individuals ultimotes itself in the grand Social Harmonics. It is ascertained, by scientific experiment, that the power generated by meanion of one pound of nyarogen with eight hound of oxygen, is equal to the task of lining forty-seven million pounds weight one foot high. But I think the proper union of man and woman in all the affairs of life would generate a power which would speedily lift the whole social world into the fair morning of an eternal millennium. Shall we apply science to the development of mechanics and the arts, and shall we not also to the development of social and conjugal life? Will we be told that marriage is too sacred for science? We may go to work at the pres. ent generation; we may pull down their old Dagone of superstition, knock off the fetters of political despotism; we may form and reform empires, but until we begin here, until we come up to the fountains of life, until we direct those streams in those channels that harmonize with the corresponding celestial currents, our efforts are comparatively abortive. Certainly it does not become me to complain of Iconoclasts, I who have been smiting idols for years, but 'certainly it does become me as well as the rest of us, after we have so smitten, after we have taken off these fetters, and cleared the rubbish from the path of men, that we do point the world directly to this great initiative step, necessary to the accomplishment of the harmonization of man and woman, of societies and nations. Take astronomy, for example: We are trying to discover the order and harmony of the skies. But wherefore? Shall we not also imitate that sublime geometry in the social order? And when astronomy shall have accomplished its purpose, what must be the result? The stars will pour themselves through space with no sublimer sweep than they do through our intelligence. We shall learn through astronomy not only to calculate the distances and densities, the latitudes and longitudes of these teeming circles of suns with their attending planets and satellites, but we shall have done a vastly sublimer thing. The laws that make this order and this harmony so visible in this flaming geometry of God will make themselves visible in the conscious harmony of the soul of the world--will announce themselves, repeat themselves, incarnate themselves in the attitude of the individuals and of the nations of the world. Of what use is it to know that stars swing orderly in their orbits? Of what practical utility is it to us to question them, to read them, to understand them, unless it is that we learn to apply, through our voluntary powers, those laws so discovered to the equal harmonization of the daily life of man-of the universal man?

in our action," and not till then. And in this high estate shall we be able to " cease from weaving a spotted life of shreds and patches, and live with a divine unity of purpose" that shall " calmly front the morrow in the negligency of that trust which carries God with it," and so have all the attitudes and beatitudes possible in the bottom of its heart, and on the throne of life.

"Holy and pure the thoughts that then will waken Within our spirit-depths---unmoved before,

High thoughts and strong, like those by which were shaken Strongholds of evil in the days of yore,

Which, trembling, tottering still, will fall to rise no more." (To be continued.) -

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In re Jesnitical Influence in Spiritualism.

BY WILLIAM EMMETTE COLEMAN.

For a number of years past, at almost regularly re-current intervals, we have been greeted with the cry of Jesuitical influence in Spiritualism, of attempts made to still further dissever the already loosely connected hosts of believers in super-terrestrial verifies, by the introduction of schisms and heresies into their ranks, through the wily schemes and arch designs of the So-ciety of Jesus; but in no case has the slightest proof been vouchsafed of the truth of these wild assertions. When the views of Allan Kardec and the spiritists of France upon re-incarnation first sought lodgment upon American and English shores, speedily were we informed by ultra-zealous and over-credulous non-re-incarnationists, that Kardec was an agent of the Jesuits, expressly employed by them to promote dissension and to introduce new and irrational dogmas in the rap-idly increasing spiritual brotherhood. These assertions are now universally acknowledged, by all fair-minded people conversant with the facts, to have been base slanders upon M. Kardec; and probably no one can at present be found who seriously thinks that they con-tained the least vestige of truth. As the files of the Banner of Light for 1874 will attest, I was then—as I am now—a vigorous and determined opponent of the failacies of re-incarnation; yet never for a moment was I so foolish as to doubt the sincerity of M. Kardee, Anne Blackwell, and the other able defenders and promulgators of that to me untenable and unreasonable dogma. M. Kardee was intellectually in error, that was all; and it was an outrage upon fruth, and a vile calumny against his reputation to characterize him as a paid agent of Jesuitical machinations.

When M. Buguet, the Parisian spirit photographer, consequent upon his arrest and the substantiation of fraudulent practices on his part, confessed the cheat and endeavored to establish the deceptive nature of the whole of his psychic photography, implicating as his co-conspirators innocent and worthy men like M. Leymarie, the shout at once went up: "Buguet is a conspirator with the Jesuits to aid in crushing Spiritualism?" Was any proof produced of this conspiracy? I fail to remember any. Buguet, as he has since acknowl-edged, confessed to much that was untrue, in order that the consequence of his guilt might be transferred from his own shoulders to those of guiltless Leymarie, in which endeavor, we are sorry to say, he succeeded. In 1875 the doctrines of Occultism and Magic were beautiful performance the Spiritualists of A mere brought prominently before the Spiritualists of Amer-ica by Mad. Blavatsky, Col. Olcott, Mrs. Hardinge-Brit-ten, and others; and in their furtherance the Theosophical Society was founded in New York. All no doubt remember the insensate howl of "Jesuitism!" "Jesuit-ism!" that resounded far and near. Mr. G. X. Felt, an Austrian gentleman prominent in the Theosophical Society, was denounced as a special emissary of the Jesuits, and the whole movement anathematized as a plot of the unconscionable society of Jesus to weaken and divide Spiritualism. In like manner as I had combated the sophistries of re-incarnation, so did I, with pen and voice, seek to evidence the nonsensical and purely fallacious character of the Occultic bombast and necromantic nescience with which we were being deluged; and, as in the former case, never a word did I whisper of Jesuitical influence being operative in the attempts to foist these vagaries upon pure Spirituallly of such puerile statemen to all clear-headed thinkers; and I, in common with many other more critical and discriminating anti-Occultists, regretted exceedingly that our fellow-oppo-nents of this wild and weird system of mediæval mysticism were so palpably demonstrating to the modern Magi--to speak plainly--what consummate blockheads they were making of themselves. It is now notorious that the loudest proclaimers of the Jesuitical theory of Occultism have since recanted, -acknowledged their Closely related to the outcries of Jesuitical impul-sion in Spiritualism, are the —if possible—more silly and more absurd attempts to fasten upon the Young Men's Christian Association sundry hypothetical plots and conspiracies in connection with certain mediumistic impostors. Whenever, now and then, some pretended medium is exposed in his nefarious practices, loud and lofty vociferations cleave the air, emanating from swindling pseudo-mediums and their credulous dupes, to the effect that the expose is part and parcel of a deep-laid plot by the Y. M. C. A., against Spiritualism in general and the aforesaid innocent, guileless medium (?) in particular; the ulterior purpose being to bring the phe-nomena of Spiritualism into total discredit, and to hasten the downfall of the entire spiritual movement. Not the faintest trace of any substantial evidence in attestation of these empty assertions is ever given; and no sensible person. Spiritualist or otherwise, ever heeds them for a moment. This senseless cry was raised in the case of those clearly demonstrated frauds, the Holmeses; and now, mirabile dictu, we again hear of it in defense of those self-confessed impostors, the Blisses. The "veteran vindicator" of so-called mediumistic frauds, humbugs, jugglers, impostors, and dead-beats, Mr. Thomas R. Hazard, has been holding sé-ances with the Blisses, in like manner as he did with the Holmeses not long since; and once more we are favored with the old familiar strain,-that is, the Blisses are genuine materializers, and are the victims of a foul conspiracy, despite the fact that they have openly avowed themselves to be tricksters and cheats. It therefore follows, that, if the Blisses' confession was untrue, they are deliberate falsifiers and consequently unworthy of confidence; and, if their confession be true, they must assuredly be unprincipled knaves and swindlers. Bro. Hazard is privileged to take either horn of the dilemma he may elect. Pity it is that a man like Bro. Hazard, one of kindly, generous nature and with broadly humanitarian instincts, should suffer himself to be so completely hoodwinked by these dextrous charlatans. In sorrow be it said, that Thomas R. Hazard is to-day probably doing more injury to the cause of pure, unadulterated Spiritualism than any other living man. Reverting to the suppositive Jesuitico-Spiritualism we discover that once again are our ears assailed with the cry of "Wolf! Wolf!" when in verity, no wolf is nigh save the wolf of superstition and credulity. In the Banner of Light of July 6th, Mr. Hazard caps the climax of pseudo-Jesuític vociferation. As absurd as have been the previous asseverations of the malign influence of the Loyolan Society in Spiritualism, the present instance is incomparably more absurd. Because certain prominent Spiritualists of Chicago and New York, in the due exercise of their reason and judgment being unwilling to lend their aid and influence to those cloaving their flagitious misdeeds under the masquerading mantle of Spiritualism, decline to recommend to public favor those failing to give decisive proof of the possession of genuine mediumship; because these champions of truth and honesty in spirit-phenomena, as earnest and devoted friends of Spiritualism as is Mr. Hazard, and as free from all taint of Jesuitic contamination as is Mr./ Hazard, decline to receive, as the di-rect utterances of wise and exalted minds in Spirit-life, ideas and language in the highest degree discreditable to those minds, and in the interest of fraud, dishones-ty, villainy and knavery; and because Mr. C. O. Poole, a Spiritualist of thirty years' standing, defends from unjust assault-said assault being due to the culpable ignorance of the assailant-the principles of the Harmonial Philosophy near and dear to his soul, and fur- While in this state the flattening of the poles oc- troubles, they, ch ther, demonstrates positively the utter absurdity of curred, after which its crust became solid, and most higher.-Beecher,

such childish fulminations, emanating as they do from the brain of the speaker while ing them, --because the enlightened reason and conscionce, the calm, inclused judgment and higher wisdom of these ardent, fraudulence-hating Spiritualists have all alike found argression in words and acts indicative of sound series, and of a true and worthy devotion to a rational and undistorted Spiritualism, and to honest truth free from superstitious entanglements and fanatical credulousness because of this we are sagely informed that these vig-ilant, far-seeing men and women, these sagacious think ers and logical reasoners, these stanch Spiritualists of many years' standing, are one and all the unconscious victims of Jeanitic snares and devices! Can folly and absurdity, in the guise of a credulous, superstitious and fanatical pseudo-Spiritualism, descend to a lower depth than that presented in Mr. Hazard's article in the Banner of July 6th ?

Take the case of Mr. Poole, for instance. Mr. Hazard tells us that the second article of that gentleman in the Banner thoroughly convinced him that Jesuitic machinations were undermining Spiritualism. This is equivalent to saying, that Mr. Poole's ideas, as broached in the Banner, were due to an influence exerted upon his mind by the Society of Jesus. The amazing per-spicacity and long-headed sagacity of Mr. Hazard in this instance is unmistakably manifest, when we re-member that Mr. Poole has in that article simply expressed views held by him for thirty years past. From the first enunciation of the Harmonial Philosophy by Mr. Davis, Mr. Poole has been its steadfast champion, and from that championship he has never wayered. The opinions set forth in hisseries of criticisms of Mrs. Richmond have not been hastily formed of late years, but from 1840 or 1850 to the present date they have been consistently cherished and persistently nourished; and this Mr. Hazard ought to know. Had Bro. Hazard paid less attention to marvel-seeking and "ghost"-hunt-ing, and devoted the time thus (much of it) uselessly spent to the intelligent study of the philosophy and lit-erature of Spiritualism, he would doublies here apon erature of Spiritualism, he would doubtless have seen at once the folly of attributing Mr. Poole's well-matured thoughts, so cogently and appositely propounded in his three essays, to the baleful influence, at this late day, of Roman Catholic intrigue.

Has Bro. Hazard ever seriously considered what a grave charge he is preferring against Mr. Poole and the other well-known Spiritualists so unjustly criticised by him? He is, in effect, asserting that they are all so weak-minded, so unstable in principle, so lacking in the essential qualities constituting a person of even mind and common sense, as to allow themselves to be approached by agents of the Romish church, who, obtaining their confidence instill into the minds and consciences of these whilom true-hearted Spiritualists false and pernicious ideas and principles, antagonistic of what Mr. Hazard considers genuine (?) Spiritualism and subversive of rational spiritual truth; which false ideas primarily derived from their crafty Jesuit preceptors, became so firmly lodged in their feebly de-veloped craniums that they bravely and heroically batthe for their validity and substantiality, despite the scorn and contempt, the prejudiced vilifications and undeserved detraction, inevitably awaiting them from such simon-pure Spiritualists as Mr. Hazard, J. M. Roberts, and the Chicago signers of the attempted vin-dication of Mrs. Biohmond from the ablenus cast prodication of Mrs. Richmond from the obloquy cast upon her in consequence of her recent defense-while under alleged spirit control-of those arrant tricksters, Bastian and Taylor.

Mr. Hazard having so basely slandered these gentlemen and ladies,—his insinuations against them being demonstrably untrue in toto, exact justice demands that he render them a due apology for his attacks upon their character, probity and common sense. Being, as I believe, a just man in intention,—not desirous of will-fully wronging man, woman or child,—it is to be hoped that seeing the error of his way, he may be impelled by a "quickened conscience" to retract the implications and innuendoes, the traducement and aspersions, he has seen fit, in haste and unadvisably, to hurl at the heads of these sturdy spiritual workers.

In conclusion, let us hear no more of these unfounded averments of Jesuitical influence in our ranks. Let this the latest and most absurd of these flimsy surmises be also the last. Let not an honest difference of opinion be assumed as due to the sinister tactics of a WHEN HIVERRI clash, as clash they must, when conflicting ideas in most points present themselves, let them be regarded as the inevitable outcome of the natural, inherent differences in the mental constitution of their respective advocates: which differences, owing to the strong individualizing tendencies of the Spiritual Philosophy are necessarily frequent and prominent,—such being the only rational manner of accounting for the many diversities of opinion both within and without Spirit-ualism's plethoric folds. Let the variations in views found among Spiritualists be discussed logically and candidly, yet withal vigorously if need be; but with no ascription of unworthy motives to those of opposing sentiments, and no attack upon their integrity or prob-ity, unless, indeed, conclusive proof be offered of their moral obliquity, and let the sole endeavor of each one of us be an eager searching after, a wise application of, and the enduring establishment of, truth pure and pristine, irrespective of all preconceived opinions, of all educational or circumstantial bias, and of our most deeply cherished, most tenderly nurtured preposses sions.

likely remained about its present size. To produce such a result these motions continued for cycles, the number of which it would be impossible to compute. During the cooling period changes were continually taking place upon the exterior in its growth towards the condition in which life was evolved upon it. These consisted in modifications of the solid or mineral elements upon its surface which were acted upon by internal and external forces. The crust of the earth, after being broken up by violence resulting from the internal fires, irregular shrinkage, and washed by the seething waters, was prepared for the reception and growth of the vegetable, and as a habitation for living beings. Chemistry recognizes sixty four separate and distinct

substances known in Science as primates or elementtary bodies, which are constituted of perfectly identical particles; so long as one of them is kept from contact with other bodies, it will retain unaltered its own essential properties. The material out of which these are composed, is a separation of the one elementary substance. They vary in density in proportion to the amount of force it required for their production and use. These primates enter into and are an essential part of all forms of matter; the mineral and vegetable appropriating as many as are necessary for their re-spective purposes, while the animal takes in, not only

all the other two possess, but a greater number. When the time had arrived for the evolution of life, forces similar to those which produced the earth itself, straight lines and circles of motion, evolved out of the plastic elements in the waters the first form of life, a simple cell or monad, the exact prototype of the world itself. The radiating lines deposited on the in-terior and exterior surfaces of the revolving ones, particles of matter, more crude on the external than the internal, being a prophecy of the shell, or cuticle, in the one case, and of the mucous membrane, or stomach, in the other. Forces of a similar character to those that produced the world, brought forth these first-born germs—the simple cell of a plant, and afterwards of an animal. These were multiplied in incal-culable numbers, but each one had its mission to perform. and accomplished something in changing, refining and progressing the elements which entered into its structure, and were modified by the forces which had been at work in them.

Thus far two forces only were called into use-straight lines and the circular; in process of time, under the law of continuity, a new series of beings were to be evolved. To accomplish this there was another development of power, which, when brought into ac-tion, produced a higher form of life; not by the miraculous addition of a new force, but by the natural expansion of an existing one, under common conditions. This force was the beginning of the spiral motions, which extend throughout the entire realm of life, and produce all the higher forms of living organisms. Chis motion uniting with the others, resulted in the formation of more complex organisms. It was not a descent, as Darwin has it, but an ascent. The elements which had already passed through countless organiza-tions were prepared for this evolution of higher forms of life when the new expansion of power came into bermenicus cotion harmonious action.

By this process the vegetable ascended from the min-eral, the animal from the vegetable, and man from these, each appropriating to itself as many of the primary elements as the law of nature required, in addition to those of its constituents.

Each primate or elementary substance necessarily opresents a new expansion of power, for the former is the result of the latter. It is probable that there was but one primary substance, the basis of all forms of matter, the result of the one central power which produced the various forms by a divergence into different

The elementary bodies or constituent qualities of nature, which are supposed to be constituted of per-fectly identical particles, together with the different forms of more gross matter, originated in this manner; their density is produced by the varied rates of motion

Whatever number of primates the first monads required, the first ascension needed more, each additional expansion bringing with it capacity for the reception of additional primates; and when this was fulfilled, and the primates taken into the organism, the point for a new departure was reached-the basis of a higher organism was laid, with the power to receive new elements, the vegetable appropriating as many distinct, forces as were necessary, with a capacity for the same number of primates. The animal rose higher in the scale, when primordial man came upon the earth. Not as a descent, as we have said, but as an ascent from the animal by the additional expansion of power, and the use of primates which the animal can never reach. It was not any of the higher order of animals, either in physical structure or intellectual manifestation, that laid the foundation for the evolution of man; it was the entire mass of mineral, vegetable and animal, which had preceded, that accomplished this grand work, and the time had come when by the law of progress a com-bination of all these could do no other than produce a human form; so low, indeed, that, we would scarcely recognize him as our ancestor, but endowed germinally not only with the capacities which are now manifested by the highest forms of the race, but with many which we are not cognizant of in our present unfoldment. Whatever degree of mentality the highest animal, or generation, reached in the scale, man takes in all that recedes together with his own endowment, and although he has been upon this earth tens of thousands of years, he is yet in his infancy, crude and imperfect. The very highest types that we find to-day appear to have appropriated comparatively few elements above the animal, while his entire capacity, we suppose, is to take in the whole sixty-four, and perhaps others not yet discovered.

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We study the laws of chemistry that we may relate ourselves properly to the elementary forces and spheres of the world. And when we do this, health is the consequence, so far as chemistry affects the life of man.

It advances the aris, the mechanical and the special industries of the world. And the first step is the discovery of the truth of these laws of chemistry. We wish also to incarnate the laws of science generally. We want a hierarchy of the science, and we want that hierarchy incarnated in the world arisen into the consciousness, taking possession of the daily life until it shall make life itself as spontaneously beautiful and sweet as it is in the universe around us.

If you light a jet of gas, putting over it a small cylinder of glass, and raise your voice through the various notes of the musical scale, and that, when you strike the key-note of that flame, it will sing responsive to your voice. So when the united souls of man and woman, when society, shall strike the key-note of God, the morning stars shall sing responsive to the hymn of a regenerated, harmonized and beautiful human world; the coming years shall catch the pitch of Divine heroisms and chant one to Deum laudamus forever.

Then shall we cease from all that is base and frivolous

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The Planet-Man Physically.

BY NORMAN LEANDER.

NATURE may be termed the aggregate of causes and effects. It consists of all that our senses can perceive or recognize, either directly or by results. Power, MATTER, INTELLIGENCE, appear to be the elementary parts, all of which are subject to LAW. These have their origin in the GREAT FOUNTAIN OF CAUSATION, the existence of which we can recognize, but in other respects to the human mind incomprehensible.

Power is invisible, imponderable, spiritual: it is cognizant to the senses only by its effects.

MATTER in its primary condition, is but one sub stance; it exists, however, in three forms: after leav-ing the first or gaseous state, it passes into a liquid, and from that to a solid. It contains properties through which power and intelligence manifest themselves.

INTELLIGENCE is that portion of the higher order of organization, which appears to have a controlling influence over the others.

The grand fact of the universality of natural law and its application to everything existing, is accepted by all advanced thinkers of the world; belief in its suspension under any circumstances or for any purpose, is passing away in proportion to the advance of science and dissemination of knowledge.

We recognize in power four different movements: first, straight lines, the shortest distance between two given points; second, undulations or waves; third, circles, and fourth, spirals. These different move-ments under primordial law, were all necessary to bring into their present shape suns, planets, stars and other material bodies; these with all the various forms of matter existing upon them, are the results of an expansion of power which has, does, and will continue to manifest itself in the production of the different organizations, animate and in-animate, existing in na-

In the formation of a planet under primordial law there were brought into regulation the straight-line movement and revolving currents.

The straight lines passed out from a positive or a central point to a certain distance, when their polarity became reversed, and they returned to experience a similar change at the centre, or starting point. The revolving currents were so arranged in their move-ments as to produce a globular or spheroidal form.

Thus, matter necessary to compose the planet by these movements passed out of a gaseous state, and by crossing the lines of force was deposited into a liquid mass, surrounded by an elastic covering. (Nebula and comets doubtless consist of matter in a semi-gaseous state.)

Mysteries of the Mind.

The following psychological incident, which was told to me by a gentleman of undoubted veracity, may prove of interest to those of your readers who are studying the occult phases of nervous phenomena. The narrator, a man of fine nervous organization, was taking his afternoon siesta; his daughter, a young lady of seventeen, sitting by his side, with her hand in his, and reading. As he passed from the wakeful state in-to the one of semi-slumber, he saw or seemed to see, appear at the foot of his bed a tall man, with a sorrowful expression upon his face, who, bending down tenderly, lifted up a coffin and disappeared. He was so disturbed by the vision, that after tossing restlessly for a few moments, he opened his eyes and said,---• Daughter, I believe I cannot sleep to day, and will get up." Looking up from her book, in which she was evi-dently deeply absorbed, she said, "Papa, this is a strange book I am reading." "What is it?" said he. "The Life of Marie Antoinette," she replied and then read from the pages before her a recital of the exact incident that had just compatibuted bid depart. had just constituted his dream.-Louisville Medical News.

How silent, how spacious is time, what room for aland yet not a place to insert an atom-in graceful succession, in equal fullness, in balanced beauty, the dance of the hours goes forward still. Like an odor of incense, like a strain of music, like a sleep, it is inexact and boundless. It will not be dissected, nor unraveled, nor shown.—Emerson.

According to Democritus, truth lies at the bottom of a well, the depth of which, alas! gives but little hope of release. To be sure, one advantage is derived from this, that the water serves for a mirror, in which truth may be reflected. I have heard, however, that some philosophers, in seeking for truth to pay homage to her, have seen their own image and adored it instead,--Richter.

You can imagine thistle-down so light that when you run after it your running motion would drive it away from you, and the more you would try to eatch it the farther it would fly from your grasp. And it should be with every man, that when he is chased by troubles, they, chasing, shall raise him higher and

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The Little Pilgrims.

Mrs. H. F. M. Brown sends the following exercise, for our Children's Progressive Lyceums.

Conductor; Hail! hail! Little pilgrims! Whence come ye? and whither going f Pilgrims: We are coming from Life's

brimming fountain, Coing onward to Life's rugged mountain. Con. Wait, my little ones, wait, the sky is

dark. Pilgrims. What if the sky be dark! wo'll

make a rift, By giving our comrades a hearty lift.

Con. But, little pilgrims, It will tire you

to lift and pull. Pilgrims. We will not stop to think how we feel :

But put full weight to the lagging wheel. Con. But my dears, your hearts will be sad and ache.

Pilgrims. What if our hearts are ead, and sick, and acho?

It is nothing new for hearts to break.

Con. And do you know what will bring relief?

Pilgrims. Helping others will bring the sure relief.

And to the brave and strong all pain is brief. Con. But you'll find threatening clouds and suffry sun.

Pilgrims. Let come the clouds, the storms and sultry sun.

We'll push together till our work is dong. Con. Do you work but for self? and what

is the motto that your banner bears? Pilgrims. We'll help each other so long

as we live, And this is our motto: LOVE AND FORGIVE!

MINNIE WARREN'S BURIAL.

The Little Mother and Her Babe Laid Away in a Child's Coffin.

[From the Middleboro, Mass., correspondent of the New York Sup.]

Minnie Warren was buried this afternoon with her baby in her arms. The funeral services were to begin at 2 o'clock, but long before that so many persons came from Middleboro and adjoining towns that it was impossible to accommodate more than a small portion of them in the house. Minnie and her husband, Maj. Newell, better known as Gen. Grant, Jr., have always made the old homestead here their home when not traveling. It is a plain country farm house, about two miles from Middleboro Centre, and has been made comfortable for Minnie's parents by Minnie's money. Across the way Tom Thumb's country seat, a pretty French-roofed cottage, stands on a smooth green lawn. Minnie Warren has always been loved by the people who knew her when she was little Huldah Bump, her real name, and many of those who came to the funeral to-day have had personal experiences of her kindness since she became famous and wealthy. Sweet-perfumed flow-ers, beautifully arranged as harps and wreaths were brought by those friends, and on a dellicate pillow of roses and passion-

on a defincate pillow of roses and passion-flowers Minnie's head lay in the casket. At 2 o'clock the family assembled in the parlor around the casket. This was of black-walnut, covered with blue silk velvet. and was lined with white satin. It was the casket of a child of 10 years, but as the friends looked within they saw the little mother with one arm embracing the girl mother with one arm embracing the girl baby, whose face lay nestled close to the mother's bosom. The mother's head was turned to the baby, and the two seemed quietly sleeping: The baby's face was a sweet one, a little dimple remaining in the chin that even death had not taken away. No one looked upon the little mother and her child without weeping. Gen. Tom Thumb sat near the head of the casket, and by him sat his wife, Lavinia Warren. On the other side sat Maj. Newell, and he made no effort to control his feelings. He wept bitterly, as he has almost without cessation since his wife died. Besides these, Minnie's father and mother and her brothers and father and mother and her brothers and sisters, all large men and women, were in the room. They remember Minnie as a daughter and sister who shared her wealth with them, rather than as a famous little woman. Mrs. P. T. Barnum and Mr. Bleeck-er and his wife, who have traveled with the Tom Thumb, party for differen years were Tom Thumb party for fifteen years, were also among the chief mourners. Soon after 2 o'clock, the house being uncomfortably filled, and fully a thousand persons on the lawn outside, a chant was sung by a choir, and the Rev. Dr. Dyer made a short prayer. He then spoke of Minnie's kindness and sweet disposition. Mrs. Tom Thumb, as she heard her sister's tenderness spoken of, fainted, and was car-ried from the room. There was not a dry eye in the house. After another hymn had eye in the house. After another hymn had been sung, six young ladies, old friends and mates of Minnie, took their places as pall-bearers, and then the family looked for the last time upon Minnie's face. Gen. Tom Thumb could not control his grief as he turned from the casket. The doors were then opened and the people passed through the parlor, looking for a few minutes at the the parlor, looking for a few minutes at the faces of the mother and child. It was two hours before the last friend had passed by and the casket closed. Borne by four young men, the casket was placed in the hearse, and, followed by many carriages, taken to the village cometery. Here, after the benediction, the casket was lowered into the little grave. Many stood near even after the clergyman had dismissed them. The death of Minnie Warren will probably end the appearance of the Tom Thumb party. Minnie's death was undoubtedly caused by her maternal love. Had she listened to the advice of her physician sconer, her own life might have been saved al-though her child would have been lost to her. But she would not, until it was too late. During her sickness she seemed to think of nothing but the baby she soon hoped to fold to her bosom. "I shall live," she said to hersister, Mrs. Southworth; and after her baby was born she said with a smile, "I knew I should live; she said with a smile, "I knew I should live; take me and rock me." The sister took Minnie in her arms, as she would an infant, and rocked her. "Don't cry," said Minnie, "I shall live through it. Then after a little she said: "Rock me on the other side, sis-ter." Mrs. Southworth did so and Minnie was quiet a little while. At length she said with a sigh, "I don't know whether I shall get through it after all. Please put me on the bed. I feel very badiy; I am afraid I can't live through it." The sister put her tenderly on the bed. In a few minutes, without another word and with only a gen-tle sigh, Minnie died, three hours after her baby was born. The baby was a beautiful child, robust, and weighed just one-seventh of Minnie's weight, six pounds.

THE ETHICS OF SPIRITUALISM;" A System of Moral Philosophy, founded on Evolution and the continuity of man's existence beyond the grave. By Hudson Tuttle, author of "Arenna of Nature," "Antiquity of Man," "Carcer of the God-Idea in History," etc. Chicago: Religio-Philosophical Publishing House. 160 pp. Price, in cloth, 60 cents: Pamphlet 40 cents.

We have carefully read "Ethics," and must say the subject has been admirably handled all the way through. Mr. Tuttle's style may be caned incisice, for he cuts hold ly into and clear through many errors, and unhesitatingly lays them open to view; then leaping the chasm thus caused, he conducts the reader into the fields of deductive truth with the hand of a ready master. Starting with the proposition, that "A

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correct system of morals must be founded, not on any supposed revelation or ancient form of faith, but on the constitution of man," he shows the fallacy of the dogmas that would attempt t contradict that state. ment, and reasoning from evolution as a demonstrates that "Man never havbasis. ing fallen, needs no redemption." Man is then considered as an individual, his susceptibility of infinite improvement is shown as residing in his moral faculties, and his position and destiny pointed out. The growth of the body and subsequent advance. ment of mind are presented, and matter and force defined as the foundation upon which Spiritualism is based. The doctrine of reincarnation is shown by logical deduction to be a fallacy; the origin of life traced to the primordial cell, and man is shown to be the outgrowth of the ages. The aim of the creative energy is shown to be the confer-ying of immortality-that the body was made to serve the mind, and not the mind the

body. The chapter on the Appetites shows the benefit of being natural, temperate and judicious, to insure happiness. The selfishish propensities are discussed somewhat at length, and it is shown that when held to their true sphere, they are pure and right perverted, or in excess, they lead to wrong doing and the injury of others. Love, Benevolence and Justice are examined in their different bearings, and their true relations are presented, in connection with Wisdom and Conscience.

The province of the Will is carefully examined, and shown to depend upon the action of all the faculties. The relations of labor and capital are torsely stated, and the rights of labor clearly, though briefly, laid down; the illustration of the mill is very happily presented. The rights of woman are shown to depend upon the question, "Is she a human being?" The duty of individ-uals, of parents to children, and children to

uas, of parents to condread, and confiden to parents, forms an interesting section. The duty and obligations of society to in-dividuals, are well presented in the "Fable of the Wheel." One of the very best chapters is on the duty of society to criminals; and although the ideas advanced may soon to although the ideas advanced may seem to be utopian, yet society can never be free from the depredations of criminals, until its efforts are directed to the reform of that class of persons, and through their radical cure, cease to bind upon the children the burdensome sins of the parents. The chapter on the duty of self-culture, presents more food for thought than many entire books, or even some whole libraries.

Monogamic marriage is presented as the only true domestic relation, and is viewed in its different hearings. Mr. Tuttle con-cludes the work with the idea, that what is possible to one is possible to all: that Spiritualism makes man the divine centre, and itualism makes man the divine centre, and and that he should purify the inner temple of his soul, in order to have healthy spirit-ual growth; that we are not living for our-selves alone, but for the good of all. The author grasps his ideas with a strong mind, and indites them with the pen of a ready writer. The book is replete through-ont with suggestive ideas calculated to stir out with suggestive ideas, calculated to stir. the minds and impart an impulse to the thoughts of the reader, and is a work every Spiritualist, and every opposer of Spiritual ism, should thoroughly read and ponder.

IF the spirit while in the body can influence the spirits of others in the body, at a distance of hundreds of miles, it is surely not unreasonable to suppose that when the spirit has dropped the body, it can still in-fluence them, and thus reveal its existence. Besides this, we have abundant evidence that the spirit does communicate with the living, thus establishing the third funda-mental principle of Spiritualism.-Denton

GENUINE religion is "our savior," no matter in whose name, or in what age it appears. It has even saved Christianity, made it popular and respectable in spite of the crimes of its misrepresenters and creed-inkers. It knows nothing of "substitution." Its "saving grace" acts through the natural laws of inspiration and growth, because it is only through these processes that souls are school. ed for higher life. Its "probationary period " never ends here nor hereafter, while there is a crocked path to make straight, a mistake to correct, an error to overcome, or an excellence to attain. It is justice itself. It says " with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again." It never shouts 'amen" when an honest man is scourged as a thief. It does not offer a premium on vice by telling sinners they may live selfishly and basely to the end of their days, and then make a sudden assignment of their load of wickedness to Jesus, and steal an inheritance in another world which they never appreciated much less earned here. -Clark.

I MUST confess, as the experience of my own soul, that the expectation of loving my friends in heaven principally kindles my love to them on earth. If I thought that I should never know, and consequently never love them after this life, I should number them with temporal things, and love them as such; but I now delightfully converse with my plous friends, in the firm persua-sion that I shall converse with them forever; and I take comfort in those that are dead or absent, believing that I shall shortly meet them in heaven, and love them with a heavenly love.-Baxter.

As to the power of holding intercourse with spirits emancipated from our present sphere, we see no reason why it should not exist; and do some reason why it should rarely be developed, but none why it should not sometimes. These spirits are, we all believe, existent somehow; and there seems to be no good reason why a person in spiritual nearness to them, whom such intercourse cannot agitate or engross so that he cannot walk steadily in his present path, should not enjoy it when of use to him. -- Fuller.

- ALL houses wherein men have lived and died
- Are haunted houses. Through the open doors.
- The harmless phantoms on their errands glide,
- With feet that make no sound upon the floors. [Longfellow.

THE CHINESE SOLOMON.-A version of the real Solomonaic story is to be found in China. As in the Hebrew tale, two women had each of them an infant, one of which died by misadventure, the bereaved mother claiming the surviving child. The official before whom they came, did not suggest so cruel a measure as the division of the infant, but simply ordered that it should be handed to a domestie in his yamen to be brought up for official life. He rightly surmised that the real mother would gladly accept so good a chance for her offspring, while the pretended mother, who only wanted the child in order to dispose of it, would demur." Judgment was accordingly given in favor of the tearful acceptor of the proposition, and the story, which is alleged to be histor-ical, is widely believed.—Folk Lore of China. One of those Sunday school teachers who are always desirious of drawing out the ideas of children, asked her class what they supposed Daniel said when he was placed in the lion's den. One of her scholars, who was of a practical turn of mind, answered: "Good-bye! I'm a goner!"--Norwich Bulletin.



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Revista Espiritista for July, published by R. Reynaud, Montevideo, is just at hand, containing articles of interest.

Items of Interest-Gems of Wit and Wisdom

A little child held a mirror, bright as burn-ished silver, and every thought of the child was written thereon, and every deed was pictured day by day. Day by day the pres-ent overshadowed the past, and the out-lines of the old became more dimly defined. At times the mirror was bright and heauti-At times the mirror was bright and beauti-ful when thoughts white as snow were written thereon, with pictures lovely as Eden. At others the black thunder-cloud overspread all its face, and only the demon eye of the fierce lightning of passion could be discerned.

There were pictures of joy, of misery, of pleasure, of pain, of duties done and neglected, of successes and defeats, of anticipations and regrets of wonderful kaledioscopic change. And the child thought and the man and the world that the new writing, with its sharply drawn images, ever blotted out the old, and that the fading outlines dis-appeared forever. But there came a day. when the child having ascended the path way of life, and descended, reached the head-lands over the mystic sea which laves with sullen waves theshores of death. Thedawn-ing light from the remote horizon was caught by the mirror, and it became a blaze. Every thought, every image which had beautified or darkened its fair face appeared in an ineffaceable panorama.

The recording angel had allowed no era-sure, and all the world read the open book. -Tuttle.

IMMORTALITY must be inferred from a resurrection of life quite independent of the corruptible body that is laid in the tomb to mingle, like other corporeal exuvia which we are all the time casting off, with the elements.--Sargent.

A little daughter of a Connecticut clergy-man was left one day to "tend door," and obeying a summons of the bell, she found a gentleman on the steps who wished to see her father. "Father isn't in," said she, "but if it is anything about your soul I can attend to you. I know the whole plan of salvation."

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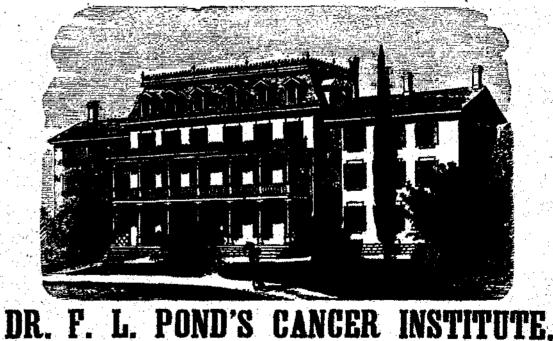
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OIRISTIAN (?) BARBARITY.

A White Girl Whipped by a Colored Minion of the Law.

Last week a young white woman was stripped naked to the waist and publicly whitped by a ne-gro constable, at Elizabeth Court House, Va This was done under a law passed by the recent Demo-cratic Legislature of Virginia. The principal provision of the new code in regard to the infliction of the stripes is as follows:

If any person steal from the person of another money, or cluer things, of the value of \$5 or more, he shall be guilty of grand larceny, and be confined in the period tentiary for a period commit simple larceny, not from the person of another, of goods and clusters, he shall, if they are of the value of \$50 more, he decimed guilty of grand larceny, and be confined in the period runt less than three nor more than ten years; and if they be of loss value than \$5 in the first case, or \$50 in the last, he shall be decimed guilty of petit larceny, and shall be punihed with stripes. neished with strip

The law does not say how the stripes are to be administered, but the barbarous custom of slave times was that the accused should be stripped to the waist, and modern Virginia follows the custom. The victim, man, woman, or child, is stripped and whipped. Nice way that to reform a criminal or to improve sensibilities.-Inter-Ocean.

A negro constable whipping a white woman in Virginia! Has Christian civilization in the nineteenth century again turned back to the barbarous practices of the unenlightened ages, and the slave driver's whip been placed by law in the hands of the former slave, to scourge the bare skin and lacerate the quivering flesh of the more delicate white woman, in that proud state? "Alas! Alasl How are the mighty fallen?" Without one word of apology for negro slavery, its crimes and its horrors, the picture becomes doubly revolting, when, after that curse has been removed, and the barbarities which were practiced under that system prevented by statutory laws of the United States, a white woman can be tied to the whipping post and lashed by a burly negro by Virginia law. What madness could have seized upon the legislature of that aristocratic state, to place the whip in the bands of the former slave, and bid him strip to the waist and lash and lacerate a white woman, whom some petty justice had adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor? What becomes of Virginia's boasted honor, and the chivalry of her nobles and knights, when in legislative conclave they can pass such demoralizing and degrading enactments? What a commentary apon the influence of the religious and political systems of the day l And this too, among the F. F. V.'s, the birthplace of presidents, the home of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe; and of John Randolph, and Patrick Henry! But, aside from this commentary, what must be the result of this law upon the criminal and the public? Upon the adjudged criminal its influence can be only bad. It will lessen her self-respect, arouse a hatred of mankind and of all human law, by stirring up all evil passions in her nature. Instead of reforming, such degrading punishment promotes increased viciousness. It makes an Ishmael of a person whose nature would have inclined to kindness under proper treatment. A system of laws that are vindictive in their character, will not only tend to feed the flames of vengeance in those whom they victimize, but will incite to the perpetration of still more heinous crimes. The effect of such a system will be, if possible, still worse upon the community than upon the criminal. Familiarity with such brutalizing punishment tends only in one direction-the hardening and brutalizing of all the natural sensibilities of the community; and in the end, lessening the kindlier affections, and conducts to the highway of crime. Spiritualism teaches another lesson in this matter. It discloses the effects which follow actions, shows that the law of compensation is so perfect that if a single individual is injured by the oppressive enactments of a community, the entire community will, directly or indirectly, be made to suffer therefor. It was said in Bible times: "The sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who do evil." Spiritual. ism teacher that wrong-doing can be transmitted by hereditary descent-that the feelings, emotions, impulses and excitements of the mother in the pre-natal period, become enduring mind-marks to shape the future of the child. If then, by the exhibitions of

public whippings, public executions and the general barbarities practiced upon the adjudged felon under cover of such inhuman laws, all the natural sensibilities become blunted and all the kindly maternal affections destroyed, what human monster would not that mother be likely to present to the world. Can it be possible that the first families

of Virginia desire such a state of things? That they would have their former proud history given to the world with an afterfame like this? That they desire to listen to the ringing crack of the whip or the thud of the lash, as it cuts into the quivering flesh, and hear the shriek of the white woman, whose back is being lacerated as the "stripes" are laid on by the hands of an unfeeling African?

Far better for Virginia, for the United States and for the world, if the teachings of Spiritualism were heeded, and legislative enactments and human actions made to conform thereto. Its cardinal principles instruct us to lead the erring by kindness and love into the ways of knowledge and goodness, and that instead of arousing the worst passions of their natures by vindictive punishment, though restraining sufficiently to protect community from their depredations, far more can be accomplished by arousing their better natures, awakening the purer emotions of the soul, and surrounding them with such loving influences and genial aids, as will prove a shield and bulwark to protect them against temptation in the future. Let them be made to realize, that while much of the real happiness of this life depends upon their growth in goodness and freedom from vice, they are at the same time making characters for another world, which will bear the stamp of their real worth there, according to their works of goodness here, and you will have done more to suppress crime, protect and benefit community and elevate humanity, than can be accomplished by all the barbarous and vindictive punishments that can be inflicted.

The Human Mind-Its Fallibility.

It is a well known fact that the senses through the instrumentality of which communication is established with the outer world, are often led astray in consequence of the mind not fully comprehending the nature of the impression made thereon. When a marble was placed in one of our hands, and two fingers of the other crossed and placed thereon, the movements made by the operator, led us to believe that there were two marbles instead of one,-the eyes of course not being directed to the hands while the experiment was being made. The only avenue of the mind to the outer world, being through the senses, of course, that alone judges of the impression received; many times it is misled in consequence of

calamity had occurred at sea. The sailing vessel, Loch Earn, had run down the Ville du Havre, and a thrill of horror pervaded the minds of the people as they read the account of the terrible accident, which resulted, as some claim, from mirage-the Loch Earn appearing to be in a position upon the waters where she was not, and the mind was not sagacious enough to determine the fact in time to prevent the terrible collision. Illusion of the senses is followed by a delusion of the mind, and the latter, no longer able to analyze or comprehend the character of the impression received, gropes in, darkness, is bewildered at the fantastic scenes and grotesque figures that are presented to it, leading a person to appear eccentric, producing unsoundness of mind and finally rendering him a fit subject for medical treatment.

Dreams.

A victim of the terrible railroad colli sion which occurred at Mingo Junction, on the Pan Handle railroad, where a dozen lives were lost, while eating his supper a few hours before, "fell asleep," the account says, and dreamed that he was killed by a railroad accident. On coming to consciousness, he told his "dream" to a number of persons, took his train and rode on to death and the Spirit-world, at the rate of forty miles an hour. The dream was undoubtedly induced by his spirit guardians who foresaw the impending danger.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican gives a remarkable incident connected with the murder of a colored woman, Mrs. Randolph, by her husband. He killed the woman with a wash-board during a quarrel, and probably did not intend to strike a fatal blow. After the murder, Randolph cut the body up and buried it in his garden, planting corn and beans over the spot. Several days after, Robert Coe, the father of the missing woman, related with great impressiveness, the particulars of a dream which he had had on three successive nights. He said that Mary Ann came to him crawling on her hands, and that when he asked her why she did not walk, she replied that she could not, for her legs had been cut off. Each night she appeared to him on the borders of a small brook which ran at the foot of the garden. At last the garden was examined, and the body was found.

The Rev. W. Stainton-Moses sets forth that many persons during sleep become clairvoyant; many are conscious of what transpires at a distance. Many receive spiritual impressions which they more or less perfectly recollect on waking. Manish, in his "Philosophy of Sleep," quotes a curious dream of his own, which bears on the question of clairvoyant or prophetic dreams. Being in Caithness, he dreamed that a near relation residing three hundred miles off had suddenly died. He awoke in a "state of inconceivable terror." He wrote to inquire, and, until he heard, was in a state of "most unpleasant suspense". Three days elapsed before an answer came, and then it was to the effect that the person in question had had a fatal attack of palsy the very day on the morning of which he dreamed his dream. He was in a perfect state of health before the stroke. It came on him like a thunderbolt.

A World's Convention.

Bro, S. M. Baldwin, of Washington, D. C. suggests that a world's convention of philanthropists be held at that city, in 1883. He claims that if there could be a general coming together among the nations of the earth, and if they should conclude, after due de liberation, to issue an address to the world, advising among other things, Stephen Girard's plan for training the young, a court of arbitration to settle all disputes among nations, and a universal religion or creed for all, by the dawn of the twentieth century all military establishments on the planet could be disbanded.

No doubt a convention of the character suggested, would ultimate in great good Let all the civilized nations of the earth come together through their respective rep resentatives, and by calmly considering the important issues of the day, establish a fraternal feeling, and therefrom will spring results that will bless the entire world!

Photographing Spirits in Daylight.

James Bowman, of Glasgow, Scotland writes the following to the London Medium and Daybreak:

I feel I have some intelligence which you should have to spread over the world at once, so without further talk you shall have t. On Tuesday last, June 25th, Miss Annie Fairlamb came to my house from Edin-burg, and brought with her two negatives of the spirit "George," and told me that three negatives had been taken by a gentleman in his garden at six o'clock that morning. I will send you copies of each negative The thing was hardly believable; yet there were the negatives. Now, I know it can be true, because six of us left St. Enoch Station at 1:05, and got out at the Bridge of Wier, walked up the hill to the old castle, and rigged up a little tent, and. Miss Fairlamb crept into it and sat upon the grass inside. In two minutes we were told by "Cissy" to go farther back. We went away about twenty-five feet, and sang about five to ten minutes, when "George" put out his head, and then his head and a good part of his body repeatedly, and spoke to us-this in bright sunshine, about five o'clock. Saturday afternoon, June 29th.

Dear Burns, this is the most wonderful manifestation 1 have yet seen. We tried to photograph "George" by the magnesium light in our little hall, but failed.

Laborers in the Spiritualistic Vineyard and other Items of Interest.

Mrs. H. B. Miller is having good success n holding private circles.

The Brooklyn Orbit is now devoting its columns to the interests of the laboring 188868.

Dr. Samuel Watson says: * * "I look for each number of the JOURNAL with increasing interest."

Mr. H. H. Crocker and lady, of Chicago, are at the Pequot House, in New London, and took part in a circle held at the Post Hill House, Tuesday Evoning, August 6th.

We are pleased to learn from Dr. Watson, that Mrs. Hawks is convalescing, and we hope this amiable lady and fine medium and lecturer, will soon be able to resume her public duties.

THE WATKINS CONVENTION bids fair to be an eminent success, under the efficient management of Mr. Green, aided by competent local committees, every thing has been well prepared for the gathering, which takes place on the 22nd—25th of August.

Mr. H. N. Wheeler, editor of the Elgin, (Ills.) Leader, reported at this office last week. Mr. Wheeler is a live newspaper man, and deserves every success in the profession which he honors. We have known him for thirty years, and have always found him upright, downright and straightforward.

S. M. Baldwin well suggests that as the States have received an invitation to put in marble at the Capitol, two of their most illustrious men, that the Watkin's convention make the preliminary movement to have the statue of Paine, among other great men, sent there from the District of Columbia. The suggestion is worthy of careful attention.

A telegram from Hudson Tuttle as we go to press informs us that he is to be in the city this week, accompanied by his daughter and son. The party will be guests of the editor of the JOURNAL and we have no doubs will be glad to see old friends and such Spiritualists and Liberals as may feel desirous of meeting Mr. Tuttle, who will only remain a couple of days.

Mrs. Maria M. King was known a few years ago as one of our ablest lecturers; she is also author of several books which have had a good sale. Though less before the public of late, she is still as deeply interested as ever. We have the pleasure of publishing one of her lectures in this issue, and hope the public may again receive the benefit of inspired teachings from her hps and pen.

E. V. Wilson will lecture and give tests at Lowell, Mich., on the eve of the 13th; at Fowler, on the 14th and 15th, if wanted as per his letter of advice; at the Hicksville Ohlo convention of Spiritualists, on the 17th and 18th. He will lecture and give tests in Hicksville on the evening of the 16th; at Saranac, Mich., on the 22nd, 23d, 24th and 25th. He will not be present at Lake Pleasant camp meeting this year.

T. BRIGHAM BISHOP is the alias under which some vacabond is traveling through Iowa, claiming to expose Spiritualism, and to have been the confederate of many well known mediums. That he is a miserable fraud and unconscionable trickster is cortain. Give him a good letting alone. He assumes his present name that he may be confounded with that chief of liars and pet of the elergy, W. Irving Bishop, who havng done most of the prominent clergymen in America, now seeks new game in Europe. The Friends of Progress will hold a picnic grove meeting at the head of Geneva Lake, Geneva, Wisconsin, Sunday, August 18th. Dr. D. P. Kayner, of St. Charles, Ills., has been engaged to address the meeting. The steamer will ply between Geneva and the grounds, and those desiring tickets at reduced rates, should apply to M. D. Cowdry, Geneva. Let the friends in Northern Illinois, and Southern Wisconsin, rally in their strength to greet this veteran speaker, and have a good time generally. Prof. Denton is prepared to give a course of lectures on "Geology." illustrated by hundreds of fine paintings and photographs, illuminated by the oxyhydrogen light. He also has illustrations for lectures on the Origin of Man. Deluge in the Light of Modern Science, Revelations of Geology regarding Man, Ancient America, its "Moundbuilders," and its Copper-workers, Ancient Egypt, its History, its Monuments, and its Religion. Prof. Denton stands high as a scientific lecturer, and wherever he holds forth, the people are enthusiastic in his praise. He is on his way East now, and those who wish to engage his services, should address him immediately at Denver, Col. CONUNDRUM .- How can "Bob" Ingersoll, from his hotel in Paris, work off his pyrotechnics at the Watkins convention? Possibly he has condensed his "wickedness" in a phonograph, and left it to console his brethren. Robert having been advertised far and wide as one of the attractions at Watkins. of course Mr. Green will have to fill the bill by machinery in the absence of the eloquent sinner. How liberalizing it will be, and so refreshing too, to sit a couple of hours on an August evening, and hear the burning iconoclasm of Ingersoll ground out of the machine by a perspiring African. O we are just longing for that "sweet by and by" to arrive. The editor of an alleged newspaper which is mainly interested in disproving the Bible, ridiculing Spiritualism, and begging for money to save the Paine brick pile, takes our late remarks about employing none but Spiritual speakers at Spiritualist camp-meetings, as a direct attempt to despoil him of his livelihood, and calls us bigoted. Really we had no thought of the old gentleman, and regret if we have deprived him of any stray coppers. Possibly if a certain "Lecture Fund"-a sacred trust-could be extracted from Paine Memorial Building and judiciously invested, the interest would recompense this vender of stale platitudes for his merchandise, and he would not have to figure for Spiritualists' money.

not correctly comprehending the nature of the sensations felt, seen or heard, although they are in every sense of the word real.

A recent phenomenon that occurred near Parkerburg, W. Va., as set forth by an exchange, illustrates the subject under consideration. About seven o'clock in the afternoon several persons glancing towards the sky, observed what appeared to be a solid substance, so moulded as to represent in minute details the beautiful and symmetrical form of a white horse-his whole body fully defined, the limbs in regular motion as if the animal was swimming in the clear atmosphere, endeavoring, apparently to reach some distant point in the heavens. The phantom horse was carefully watched until it disappeared in the distant sky.

The vision in this instance was not deceived; the eye discovered a horse, saw his movements, and witnessed the scene when he vanished in the distance; and to the untutored mind groping in darkness, the appearance so vividly presented would have been recognized as consisting of bones, flesh and blood, when in fact it was a mere reflection-or what is denominated in the scientific world as a mirage.

A person observing this strange phenomenon and considering the presentation as consisting of a tangible object-a horse, he would be as much mistaken in his conclusions, as many were who attended the exhibitions of Mrs. Bennett, who materialized spirits to order, in Boston, and deceived several erudite, but not very critical minds. Of course, the sudden presentation of this white horse in the heavens, was not an "optical illusion" in the sense in which the two words are generally used, for the phantom did appear-no mistake-but the minds of those observing it, did not carefully analyze its character, and did not understand that it was a mere reflection.

The true explanation of mirage, through the instrumentality of which many superstitious notions have been developed in the world, attributing to the gods or infernal beings that which was derived from natural causes alone, was first presented to the world by Monge, who accompanied Bonaparte's expedition to Egypt, he setting forth that the phenomenon was caused,--"By refraction of rays of light in strata of different densities, increasing or decreasing rapidly, and sometimes by refraction and reflection combined," Through his explanation the presentation in the heavens of mounted horsemen, of a beautiful landscape dotted with dwellings, of an army marching with solemn and stately steps, of a vast body of water scintillating like the diamond, a forest of majestic trees, and animals flerce and brutal, or a grotesque scene -are no longer regarded with superstition and awe, and do not excite the fears of the people.

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That good natured dealer in whitewash Mr. John Wetherbee, in speaking of Mrs Pickering, says he thinks "she will yet prove that the silly exposure will be qualified when the facts are known." Silly exposure! That's very good, indeed! How silly it was for the Gowards, the Fletchers and others to break up the profitable business of the Pickerings by showing the medium was a trickster. Old Spiritualists and reputable citizens as they were, Brother Wetherbee had a right to expect the medium was safe from exposure at their hands. And especially after he had pronounced her genuine. The Lowell and Westford people were, indeed, very silly if they expected that any sort of proof could be offered strong enough to affect such people as Brother Wetherbee and some others.

"When the facts are known," exclaims the veteran philanthropist. The statement of the facts as they were witnessed by a score of reputable witnesses, has no weight with the Hazard-Wetherbee school. The unsupported testimony of Mrs. Pickering outweighs all. When are the "facts" likely to be known, if they are are not now? They are known and well known. Mr. Wetherbee probably took hold of the whitewash business out of motives of philanthrophyas a contemporary says he did the stone busineas.

This brother is dreadfully afraid, too, that the great body of its followers are trying tomake Spiritualism respectable. There seems to be nothing he fears so much, and as proof of his assertion he points with confidence to the fact that Spiritualists are exposing fraudulent mediums, demanding greater safe guards in observing the phenomena and using their own judgment and reason. Next to the "silly exposure" of fraud, respectability is the most reprehensible according to this philanthropic stone dealer and calciminer.

Mr. John G. Lee, editor of the News and Journal at Grand Haven, Mich., has our thanks for courtesies extended us while in that beautiful summer resort and thriving little city. No one will ever regret a visit to the place.

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We learn that Prof. Chaney, of Portland, Or., who denies the divine authenticity of the Bible, has recently been challenged by Geo. W. Wills, Esq., to a public debate."

J. J. Morse, trance medium, makes some excellent suggestions under the head-"Concerning Professional Mediumship," on the wixth page.

Apartments have been reserved for the editor of the JOURNAL at Glen Park Hotel, Watkins, where he will be happy to receive his friends during the convention next week

Mrs. Talbot, of Galveston, an inspirational speaker, ministers to the Spiritualists of that city. This is well; every city contains mediums who with practice, encouragement and preparation, would make good speakers.

Mrs. H. M. Morse has relinquished her contemplated trip East, and will remain in Michigan and lecture. She has engagements at South Haven, Manistee, Ludington and other places.

An old and prominent citizen of New Orleans whom we regard as trustworthy, in a private letter to us says: "I assure you the stories of yellow fever here and the fear our people are in, are greatly exaggerated. I blame our board of health; a conceited ass is its leader."

Mrs. Parker, lately from Ireland, is now in Texas, in the interest of an Irish colony, who are seeking homes. Mrs. Parker is a lady of great ability and said to be a mem ber of the English bar. She is a thoroughgoing Spiritualist, and lately delivered a fine lecture at Galveston.

John Tyerman, of Australia, is now at Virginia City, and will lecture there. He goes from there to Salt Lake City. His address until the end of the first week in September, will be Salt Lake City, Utah, and after that date in care of Dr. J. C. Corey, Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Mr. Thos. Keats and wife, of Galveston, Texas, were in the city last week. Brother Keats is not only a zealous Spiritualist, but an active laborer in the Temperance cause. and goes to Janesville, to attend the meeting of the Supreme Council of the Temple of Honor, a temperance organization of some thirty years' standing.

Because the JOURNAL does not join with the Investigator in wholesale denunciation of the Christian religion, and because we cannot for the life of us see any affinity between Spiritualists and the squad of materialists which the Investigator leads, the moss-backed lieutenant of the Paine (?)Memorial Mortgage cries out in his wrath, "Some Spiritualists (like the editors of the Chicago RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOUR-NAL) seem to be laboring hard to transform Spiritualism into a bigoted and exclusive sect."

Mrs. L. M. Child, says: "Music is a prophecy of what life is to be-the rainbow of promise translated out of seeing into hearing."

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Intolerance.

There is considerable bigotry and injustice manifested in Canada at the present time. It has been decided there that when a contract has been made for a hall in which to deliver lectures opposed to Christianity, that the owner can annul the same, if he wishes, and yet not be held amenable for damages. In reference thereto, Prof. B. F. Underwood well says:

Underwood well says: Such a decision! And when, too, as Froude says in a recent number of the *Internation*. *al Review*, "Throughout Europe, throughout the world, the gravest subjects are ireely discussed, and opposite sides may be taken without blame from society. Doctrines once fixed as a rock are now fluid as water." If it is unlawful to call in question the divini-ty of the Bible in a public hall in Canada, it is equally unlawful to do so in books and periodicals? If so, the best literature in cir-culation in the Dominion should be sup-pressed in conformity with this decision.

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to us through the physical senses. In view of the many scientific attain-ments, rare ability and culture of this gentleman, I submit that the "fulminations" of Dr. Beard are not only "stupid and arrogant," but that they are utterly childish and unworthy of notice, and not less so are the carpings of Dr. Carpenter and Prof. Tyndall in their allusions to spiritual phenomena. A. M. GRIFFEN. Ohicago, Ill.

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Friends of Human Progress.

The Twenty-third annual meeting of the Friends of Human Frogress, of North Gollins, will be held in Hemlock Hall, Brain, Erie county, New York, commencing on the 30th day of Anguet, and cloing on the 1st day of September, 1673, open-ing-cost day, at 10 o'clock A. M. Mrs. L. A. Fearmail, of Mich-ing-out, Mrz, E. L. Wateon, of Titusville, and others will be pres-ent as speakers. Good music will be in attendance. LEWIS DEAN, A. M. HA.WLEW, MRS, W. WOOD.

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The "magnetic operators" generally, in their anxiety to account for everything by magnetic in-fluence, forget, if they ever knew, that their ex-ists throughout creation, a natural or universal language, and that statuvolists, somnambulists or sensitive persons, and even children at birth, no matter of what nation, tribe or hue, possess the faculty of knowing and communicating as well as spirits out of the body. It is no outspoken language but an innate pow-er of mind reading or knowing and communicati

er of mind reading or knowing and communications their inmost thoughts. Consequently nothing can be hidden, even from susceptible children.

can be hidden, even from susceptible children. This is why magnetizers have been deceived in supposing that they effected cures in children by a magnetic power within themselves, instead of their really being effected by a quality in the minds of the children themselves, to know the motives, as well as the minds of those who man-ipulate, or do anything for them. This know1-edge is of liseif sufficient to induce the statuyolic condition, and consequently to effect a cure. That sensitive persons of all ages can fail into the statuyolic condition independent of any one, and, in a measure, foretell 'future events, cannot well be doubted, as there are too many instances

well be doubted, as there are too many instances in which these things have been done, to be as-cribed to the imagination, magnetism or to chance, instead of the will or clear-minded powers of the statuvolist.

of the statuvolist. We know of many such persons, and during our visit to South Carolina, we frequently met with a gentleman who was an unwilling participant in the war, and being naturally susceptible, from day to day predicted whether or not his regiment would be engaged in battle, and also who in it would be wounded or killed, &c. His predictions were so true that both officers and men would make daily inquiries as to what would take place. Upon one occasion he predicted that on a certain day he would be wounded but not killed, and this prediction, like the rest, was verified to the letter. The following has also been thrown in my way: Last week a lady and her husband were here for statuvolic treatment. She being very susceptible possesses the power of forefalling future events in a remarkable degree. Being at Columbia, South Carolina, with her husband at the commencement of the rebellion, she predicted that they could remain there in safety until a certain day, but if they delayed a moment longer, they would not be able to sour parts.

they delayed a moment longer, they would not be able to return north. Her prediction was verified in every particular, and they came away in the last train that passed over the road. This is but one of the many cases in which her predictions were true.

That the spirit of man while in the body, is also in some cases able to separate itself from the physical body and be seen (even by the natural vision of others) in a separate place from that oc-cupied by the body of the individual, is more than probable. This has often been witnessed and recently occurred in our immediate vicinity.

cently occurred in our immediate vicinity. Swedenborg possessed this faculty naturally, and it can only be accounted for by supposing that the spirit, while in the body has power to envelope or enroue itself (if we may be allowed the expression) in its own bodily or physical au-ru and thus be rendered visible to others, as those spirit forms are, who materialize themselves by using the aura, or effete materiality that ema-nates from mediums. nates from mediums.

nates from mediums. We see no reason why if one be possible the other should be impracticable. It has often been stated, and is supposed to be upon good authority, that Swedenborg also pos-sessed the power of translating his spiritual body to a distance, even as has been related, over the ocean, and was there seen and conversed with by a centiemen who afterwards recordered him es the gentleman who afterwards recognized him as the person spoken to, when the occan was between their physical bodies. A similar circumstance is also said to have tran-

spired at sea-where the spirit body was translated from one distant ship to another, and at a desk in the cabin to have written upon a slate the words, "Steer North." The natural body of this spirit was alterwards recognized upon the deck of the vesselling the derson of a who had been in a profound sleep during the spir-it's translation, and whose handwriting proved to be exactly like that written upon the slate in the cabin of the other vessel. The question here naturally arises that if the spirit of an individual can be translated at all, or the bodily form be seen in two distinct places at the same time, can the power of translating it to distant places be limited ? The fact that statuvolists and sensitive persons can translate all their senses and faculties to distant places and use them there, as well as near by, would go to prove that the power of those who are deeply in the condition cannot be limited as to distance, be obstructed by matter nor bound down or be subject to the limit. ed powers of man, when in his natural condition. Lancaster, Pa. WM. BAKER FAHNESTOCK.

Mr. E. Stanley Robertson, late of the Bengal civil service, contributes to the capitally-conduct-ed University Magazine (Hurst and Biackett) an interesting article with the above heading, which was reprinted in the London Spiritualist. He says: "Early in January, 1877, I was stationed at Moradabad, in Rohilkund. My wife was in Eng-land, an invalid, so instead of living alone, I had adopted a common and convenient Indian fashion and was 'chumming' with a friend. My chum was Mr. Carmichael Smyth, acting superintendert of police for the district. One day Mr. Smyth told one that he expected to receive a visit from a na-tive, an amatour conjuror, who would perform some amusing tricks. It so happened that on the same day we want worked on her a Barran padier same day we were waited on by a Parace pedlar, who wanted to sell us ivory and sandal wood carv-ings and such little knick-knacks, which are the usual stock in trade of the Parsee traveling mer-chants. While we were chaffering with this man the conjuror was announced, and was shown into the common sitting-room. He was followed by a crowd of our servants—for the natives of every rank love a conjuror, and gaze on a con-juring performance with the simple admiration of

Indian Jugglery Extraordinary.

AUGUST 17, 1878.

a calld. "There was nothing very remarkable in the ap-pearance or dress of our conjuror. An elderly inan, stort and sparely made, dressed in dingy white cotton, with very tight sleeves to his robo and very tight legs to his drawers; he might have been a respectable servant out of place, but actual-ly was a small landowner, who had taken to cos-juring for his suprement. uring for his amusement. "When he entered the room he spread a white

cloth upon the loor and sat down upon it with his back to the wall, the door of the room being upon his right hand. His spectators were disposed in the following manner: Mr. Smyth est on a chair nearly in the middle of the room, I was sit-ting on a gola near the door, the Parsea morchant stood in the doorway about arm's length from me. The servants stood about in groups, the largest group being between the door and the conjuror. As soon as he had settled himself he turned to the Parsce and asked for the loan of a rupee. The pedlar at first demurred a little, but, on being guaranteed against loss, he produced the colu. He was going to put it into the conjur-or's hand, but the latter refused, and told the Par-see to hand it to Mr. Smyth's hearer. The bearer took if, and, at the request of the conjuror, looked at it and declared it to be really a rupes. The conjuror then told him to hand it to his master. Conjuror then told him to hand it to his master. Mr. Smyth took it, and then followed this dia-logue: Conjuror—Are you sure that is a rupee? Smyth—Yes. Conjuror—Close your hand on it and hold it tight. Now think of some country in Europe, but do not tell me your thought (then the conjuror ran over the names of several coun-tries such as Evence. Correspondent Ringing Tourbox tries, such as France, Germany, Russia, Turkey and America—for the native of India is under the impression that America is in Europe). After a moment's pause Mr. Smyth said he had thought of a country. "Then open your hand, said the juggler: and see what you have got, and tell me if juggler; 'and see what you have got, and tell me if it is a coin of the country you thought of.' It was a five-france piece, and Mr. Smyth had thought of France. He was going to hand the coin to the conjuror, but the latter said, 'No, pass it to the other sahib.' Mr. Smyth accordingly put the five-franc piece into my hand; I looked closely at it, then shut my hand and thought of Russia. When I opened it I found, not a Russian but a *Turkish* silver piece about the size of the five-franc, or of about our own crown piece. This I handed to Mr. Smyth and suggested that he should name America, which he did and found a Mexican dollar in his hand. The coin, whatever it was, had never been in the conjuror's hands it was, had never been in the conjuror's hands from the time the rupee was borrowed from the Parsee merchant. Mr. Smyth and his bearer had both of them closely examined the rupee, and Mr. Smyth and I turned over several times the five-franc piece, the Turkish coin and the dollar; so the trick did not depend on a reversible coin. Indeed it could not, for the coin underwant three changes, as has been seen.

"The following evening Mr. Smyth and I were to dine at the mess of the 28th Native Infantry. We told some of our friends in the regiment of the tricks our juggler had shown us; they asked

Poices from the People.

AND INFORMATION 'ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS PERTAINING TO THE HARMONIAL PHILOSOPHY.

"Pesce Bo Still.""

. BY DELLE BUSH. All 11% is beautiful, the humblest flower

That cheors the dusty highway with its smilles. Has esmothing is it of a heavenly nower. That oft my heart of weariness beguiles.

The blue eyed visite of the gion and grove, Earth's sweetest offering is a thought of God. A tiny poen whispering of his love And making elequent the soulless clou.

A shinles puble in the river's bed That scarcely makes a ripplo where it lays, May teach a lesson worthy to be read. By all who murmur at the world's dull ways.

The soft green moss we tread henceth our feet; The waving grass that carpots hill and plain, Take to their generous hearts the dew or sleet, And uncomplainingly great the autumnal rain.

They do not question of its use or power, But meetly they receive whatever is given: Thankful allee for sunshine or for shower. As we should be for all the glits of heaven.

Ohl mothing comes within our scope of vision, From flower to star, from insect up to man, But coems to say to us, "I have my mission, And fill my place in the Creator's plan.

So in our lives there are no griefe or 103808, To these whose will doth with the Father's run, But all ovents will have for us such uses As will be sweet to us as blessings won.

There are no ills that patience may not conquer; Nor trials that we may not learn to bear With a cerenity of mion betoking

The regal mind that fears no tell nor care. But feels to rest in them, nor murmurs over.

Nor wish to change one fraction of his will; But to each tompost of the spirit rising. In patient firmuces whispers, "Leace, be still."

READING THE STARS.

Beath of Thomas Lister, the Astrolager-His Prediction of Lincoln's Assessination.

[From the Reston Herald.]

Thomas Lister, the astrologer, who for many years was familiar to the people of the West End (this city), where he lived, died a few days since in his modest residence, No.505 West Twenty-third street, New York city. His death recalls one of the greatest prophecies ever made-great because of the torrible event it foreshadowed, and which of the tarrhia event it foreshadowed, and which come true. Those who remember him will recol-lect that in the fall of 1964, he prophesied the time when the civit struggle, which was then taking place, would end, and also the president's assessi-mation. His prophecy was fully contained in a communication to the Herald, written and signed by him on Sept. 20, 1864. The same was published in the Sunday Herald of Oct. 2nd, the same year, and from it we copy the following extract relating to the death of the president: "Persons born under Jupiter are ever destined to be fortunate. We believe that the finger of God points to Abraham Lincoln as the right man in the right place to put down this wicked rebel-

I will not say to others: "Don't patronize medi-EDITOR JOURNAL -- Tam a very private citizen, but the warfare going on in your columns relating to the deception of mediums, so forcibly reminds me of a personal experience as an investigator of

Spiritualism, that I am tempted to send you a few sentences: scalences: Some years since, one of our celebrated medi-ums was thoroughly "exposed." The Spiritualists were mortified and troubled. An editorial in the *Junner of Light* reflected their thoughts. It was stated that the medium had, undoubtedly, pro-duced genuine manifestations. Why had fraud been resorted to? The editor treated the case as a profound mystery-a great puzzle difficult of solution. But, finally, a solution was ventured upon. It was this: The attendants of scances, having fraud, deception and suspicion on their brain, created a mesmeric atmosphere in which it was quite difficult for the medium to be honest! D. D. Home in a public letter seemed to confirm

Honest Medlumship.

that view of such cases. To say the very least, I thought the solution a peculiar one. Boon afterwards, while on a long journey, it was my misfortune to come in contact with the same "exposed" medium. I had an excellent opportunity to study the "puzzle" and east a solution of the painfal "mystery" Neither did I have to tarry long nor strain my senses. The case was surprisingly plain when beheld at short range. The solution can be expressed in a few words. The medium was completely demoralized. The causes of demoralization were vanity, deception, avarlee, licentiousness and whiskey. The associa-tions were evil; the habits bad. The fitting result was fraud.

was fraud. Since then I have inquired freely as to the "ways and meane" of mediums, and have arrived at the decided conviction that, so far as deception is concerned, there is vastly more to be feared from the spirits and their subjects, the mediums, than from any evil influence of sitting investigators. I know that numerous articles in spiritualist publi-cations have nrged upon investigators the neces-sity of being more, included. sity of being pure, innocent, upright, and alto-gether lovely, leat we should obsess ourselves with a fraud! But, while endeavoring to be properly thankful for such good advice, it will be well to observe as a fact of history, that fraud obtains a large share of its victims among the honest, iuaccent and virtuous. A medium whose character is so weak that he cannot be trusted to sit with investigators, is not likely to be of any benefit to

investigators, is not likely to be of any benefit to Spiritualism; and if at any time a man needs to be as "wise as a serpent," it is precisely when he is studying mesmeric phenomens. Perhaps it is time that the soft gingerbread should be removed from the edifice of Spiritual-ism; that the ornamental gilt, varnish and illucion should be cleared away for something better. The work you are doing not only seems advisable but absolutely necessary; if the time is right, you will anceced; if not, your experience will be no will succeed; if not, your experience will be no worse than once befell our good friend A.J. Davis. In doing this praiseworthy but disagreeable and arduous work, we will trust the goodness of your arations work, we will trust the gootness of your heart to save you from inflicting any unnecessary pain upon any worthy medium, or placing obsta-cles in the way of honest mediumship. Is there any employment known to man that brings so in-tense a strain upon the character as mediumship? Mr. O. B. Frothingham well says that only a through bord each how with a goot mediumship? strong head can bear such new wine. Enveloped in a shifting cloud of marvels; subjected to con-stant and extreme variations, of mental temperature; buoyed upward to the glories of a mesmer-ic heaven and plunged downward into the gloom of a mesmeric hell; a subject, in short, to unseen, unknown and uncontrollable powers-can we wonder that mediums are erratic? Those who succeed in maintaining a high character under such vicies indes, show that they are of precious material and should be cherished as the apple of the eve. P. D. the eye.

Concerning Professional Mediumship.

The position of the professional medium is in some respects a peculiar one. He appears to be asking pay for acts he has no part in originating. It is urged that as his powers are "gifts," he has no right to receive pay for their exercise. Is such the fact? If so, who confers the gift in question? What entitles to the receipt of it? What entails its withdrawal? A careful inquiry into the matter of mediumship brings out the fact that it is con-stitutional, and no more a "gift" than the ability to sing, play music, carve, paint or write poetry. As all these are gifts that can be cultivated in per sons of proper temperament, so, likewise, is me-diumship a matter of temperament and judicious training. It is superstitious to argue that "me-diumship is any more sacred or divine than any other possibility attached to human nature. True, it can be degraded—so can all other functions; at the same time, like other departments, the sus-ceptibility to development and exaltation is practically limitless. Mediumship not being a special favor conferred on a select few, it at ouce takes rank with all other mental and bodily endowments, the exercise of which constitutes labor. The "professional" medium is but a worker in the hive of human life. It is no more discreditable to him that he should take pay for his service than that the poet should take money for his latest epic. The discredit rests with those who, under the mask of sentiment, would avoid rendering a just reward for the time and strength consume in their gratification. No murmur is raised against the enormous sums spent in maintaining doctrines that are actually untrue, supported pecuniarily by many who eloquently denounce professional mediumship. If circumstances fix an indi-vidual as a professional worker in Spiritualism. surely the position is as honorable as that of a minister devoted to preaching a doctrine which Spiritualists repudiate.-J. J. Morse, Trance Ma-

I will not say to others: "Don't partonize mana-ums who refuse test conditions," for the simple reason, as it appears to me, some people do love to be duped and defrauded out of their money, therefore I would not deprive them of the pleas. ure of being humbugged. If a man wauts to pay ten cents per pound for dirty sand in place of su-gar to sweeten his coffee, and will not test by examination, before purchasing, let him buy it; but aumation, before purchasing, let and only 16; but when Thomas R. Hazard, and every "other fel-low" advises me to purchase pulverized charcoal instead of ground coffee, or to run the risk of so doing, without examining a sample, I will say: "Thomas, mind your own business; don't advise any nerson to new money unless they are contain any person to pay money unless they are certain to get their money's worth." I know that many, and I believe that thousands in the great West and I believe that thousands in the great west have been deterred from attempting an investiga-tion of the philosophy of Spiritualism on account of "exposures" which would never have been heard of, had strict test conditions been required. The novice in Spiritualism is unlike the advanced Spiritualist who will stand his ground, although defeat may appear almost certain, while the new magnitus will retreat at the dust fire. recruit will retreat at the first fire.

I would not attend a materializing seance unless I was positively convinced that there was no fraud. I can spend my time more profitably in my library and obtain knowledge 1 know is reliable, but if I spend time in acquiring information. I must be certain it is true beyond question. What profit is there in gaping at something that may or may not be spirits.

not be spirits. It is far from satisfactory to me to remain in doubt as to anything-much more would it be upon the great question of immortality. But if any persons want to be "fooled," let them acquire what they desire. Experience is a very good teacher, yet the knowledge obtained is often dearly bought. I have often feared that I would "no down to

I have often feared that I would "go down to my grave" without in the least benefiting a human soul (except in originating the Burns' Rasp-berry) but I have been the humble instrument of, berry) but 1 have been the humble instrument of, to a certain extent, loosing some orthodox scales on the eyes of some professors of Christianity, by assuming, and to my mind proving, that all the religions have been derived from one common source, and that the original was Brahmaniam or at least so far as we can now obtain any evidence. at least so far as we can now obtain any evidence. If it were not for the villains who profess to be Spiritualists, causing so many "exposes," the cause would sweep over the West like a prairie fire, consuming old theology in its march; but many fear that all materializing mediums are frauds, and will have nothing to do with it, but many are ripe for investigating the intellectual side and must become convinced. What is the reason the frauds are not prosecuted

What is the reason the frauds are not prosecuted in every instance of guilt? I have sympathy with the erring, but when lazy vagabonds in order to make money, are guilty of frauds in talsely pre-tending that they are materializing mediums, I would impose the negative of the law to its fullest would impose the penalty of the law to its fullest extent. If this was done there would, perhaps, be less rascality. No man will over get my money upless he comes under test conditions and if the spirits will not materialize under test conditions they can stay where they are; I will not sustain any loss even if I don't see something of a bogus or real spirit.

We have hundreds and thousands of honest medi-We have hundreds and thousands of honest medi-ums in the country, as good as any now known, but their power or gift may not be known to themselves. Let me suggest to every spiritualist, no matter what country he may live in, to sit with his family one hour each week for several months, or if you have a neighbor who desires to investi-note her big his family with your own and m gate, then join his family with your own, and m a short time you can converse with your departed spirit friends. We are told by spirits that it is very rare that two families can be found that one or more mediums would not be developed if they would sit therefor. I find that this is not gener ally known among investigators, hence we often see calls through the press for mediums to visit different localities. To such I suggest the propriety of saving the railroad fare, board and pay of a medium by sending to a spiritual book store and obtaining directions how to conduct circles; there are several small works costing a mere trifle. When you read one, follow the directions strictly and you will be certain to obtain communications, but you must not at first rely too much on the truthfulness of what is received, as spirits cannot some-times say through an undeveloped medium what they Jesire. Always bear in mind that a spirit is only a man or woman disembodied, and may err like those who are in a fleshly casket. If you fail with one neighbor's family, try another. The idea of people going a distance from home, spending time and money to meet a medium, has always appeared to me lost labor, as they may in their own house or in the family of their next door neighbor, have far better mediums than those they spend their time and dollars in traveling hundreds of miles to see; all that is necessary to get as good at home, is to sit in a circle as some writers direct, and all will be satisfactory if you persevere and have patlence. A. M. BURNS.

in the right place to put down this wicked rebel-lion; and, further, we believe that he will be elected at the coming election on the 8th of No-vember next, from the fact that Jupiter, his rul-ing planet, will be transiting over his secendant in his own house, astrologically speaking. The transit of the evil planet Mars, in opposition to his accordant plainly shows that the straggle will last until the month of April, 1865, about which time the focs to the union cause will be compelled to lay down their arms. In December of '64, and to lay down their arms. In December of '04, and again in January, '65, some deep, base plot will be got up against the person of the president, shown by the transit of Mars; and that planet shows danger by pletol shot, or by some infernal machine. During these months more than ordinary caution and watchfulness are highly necessary. After February that evil transit will have passed away. We could increase our remarks in regard to the personal danger, but believe that

forbearance in this case would be a virtue." The fulfillment of the prophecy is now a matter of history. Lister was a venerable-looking, whitehaired man, 63 years old, who pretended always to follow the strict rules of the "celestial science," as nded down by the old writers on the subject. He had a library of about 200 books, three-quat-ters of them of a miscellaneous character. The remainder constitutes what might be called a working astrological library. Among the books is a well preserved copy of "Angeli Opus Astrola-bli," published in Germany in 1488. It is in Latand contains numerous astrological tables and horoscopes. The latter were colored in red, blue and green, after the presswork was done. Lister paid \$500 to Christian Hansen, of Cambridge, Mass., in 1863, for a trauslation into English. This translation in manuscript is also in the library.

Spiritualism.

Now, Spiritualism is a young movement, and is very much subject to the same series of painful, and even foul, affections, as are observable in the ismates of the family circle, and the reason of this is evident. We, as Spiritualists, have inherited a whole host of hereditary diseases of a spiritual and moral character. Who have been our forefathers? Our immediate progenitors have been secularists, infidels, athelsts, scapegraces, Churchmen-high, broad, and low; Swedenborgians, Quakers, Catho-lies, philosophers, fools, and what not; and in the far past we can trace ourselves to Pagane, Heathens, Druids, and renegade Jews, the worst of all. Such a miscellaneous parentage, conferring the fruit of its loins upon the family of Spiritualists, must have communicated therewith almost every must have communicated therewild almost every vice, weakness, and failing peculiar to man as a moral, theological, social, and spiritual being; hence the innumerable vagaries of every shade and distinction which erop up through our thought, expression, and social action; hence the incerutable difficulties and obstacles which stand in the way of spiritual intercourse, or a demonstration of the cardinal fact of man's continued exist-ence after death. The more the spiritual nature of man is stirred up, the more forcibly the Divinc life within man pulsates, the more vigorously do the emunctories operate and throw out upon the surface the deleterious humors that hitherto lay dormant in the moral and spiritual nature of man. Theology and materialistic philosophy, after the manner of orthodox medical science, have long warred against the spiritual needs of man, and by their methods of treatment have tended to repress and stulify those curative processes which are nccessary to the health, progress and develop-ment of mankind. But Nature knows best and spiritual diseases and social irregularities will manifest themselves, do what we may. Our busines is not to ignore them, not to oppose them, but to endeavor to understand them, and ald them to fulfill their beneficent purpose. Our mercenary mediumship, the social iswisseness of some, our helpful brothers, the exposure of mediums, the society makers, adventurers, and all persons possess "dominant ideas" inside and out of our ranks, e, indeed, necessary to our health as a Spiritual Movement. They are the pores and pustules through which the accumulated virus of ages is dis-tilling, and it is only by such an expression of irregularity that true order may be established within the inner realm.-Medium and Daybreak.

Jason W. Macy writes: I think it was in the fall or winter of "Fifty-Two," when I happened to call on one of our old neighbors in Indiana, where there were some children in a room experiment. ing with what they called spirits. Among others there was a little girl, who, they said, was a writing medium? We all knew that this child could not of herself, write at all. She had a slate and pencil in her hand and was actually making some fair capital letters. In a short time she had made two large spots on the slate by circling the pencil on each one quite a number of times. Some one said, "I wonder what that means?". The medium's hand instantly struck one of the spots several times with the pencil, then wrote below it with a fourish: "My eye that bursted," and gave a name which no one present ever knew. One of the girls took the writing and went where her mother was and said: "Mamma, did you ever know any one by this name?" After thinking a little the mother said: "Why yes; your Unele William had a little girl called by that hame, she has been dead twenty-two or three years."

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"What was the matter with her?" asked the daughter. "She had cancers in her eyes, and one of her

eyes bursted," replied the mother. When I went home I told my own mother

about the slate and pencil experiment with the child medium. Mother being one among the first settlers, confirmed the account about the little daughter of William Parkhurst, both as to the correctness of the name, and as to her dying from the effects of cancers in the eyes, and that one of her eyes bursted. Now how nice it would be if Mr. Huxley, or some other scientific materialist, who is familiar with all that is worth knowing, would "rise and explain" how a little information about au "eye that bursted" nearly a quarter of a century before, came to us in a written sentence from the hand of a child, who could no more write a word than she could translate the Illiad. Do you not think it is about time for the advocates of a grossly material philosophy to explain some of these things, or suffer their science to take on a fresh invoice of modesty?

A. Martim writes: The query in a late Jourwan. as to whether the editor is a Spiritualist, I think a pretty good joke. Whether he is or not, don't interest pretty good joke. Whether he is or not, don't interest me so much as the amount of good I think he will do the cause he is supposed to be working for, pro-wided he keeps the track he is now on. As some one else has said, so say I: "Go forward until ev-erything apurious and impure is scourged and purged from Spiritualism pure and undefied." I don't wish to flatter, but the JOUENAL is certainly getting better and better with each successive number.

Psychometry.

There are many phases of manifestations in Spiritualism that have come before the people since the first rap with the Fox girls at Hydesville; but none more heantiful or useful than the phase of Psychometry; and I wish to call the attention of the people to this subject, for comparatively few know anything about it, and many do not know what the word Pyechometry means; it means: soul-reading! A Psychometrist is a person that has a very sensitive nervous system, like all other mediums, and when well cultivated in this extreme sensitive condition, is able to see and feel spiritually—also readily impressed by spirits; niso when brought in rapport with persons, is able to see and feel them just as they are; if in good health or otherwise, telling how and why so, pointing out the mental and spiritual conditions, and giving directions for self-improvement, thus giving a better understanding of one's self. In fact there is not any limit to the power of the Psychometrist to read the character and life of any individual, and to do good to suffering humanîtv

When there are more and hetter developed Psychometrists, it will do away with the three great professions, the preacher, doctor and lawver, and work a great reform in all directions. Now as all persons are more or less Peychometrists, the same as all are more or less mediumis tic, those that are the most naturally so, with better cultivation, will be able to do the most good. To be a finely developed Psychometrist, is simply living in the spiritual, subject to spiritual laws, making the spiritual positive to the physical, therefore controlling it.

As I understand it, we are all Psychometrists in the spirit world, and know each other by and the spirit world, and know each other by and through that power, simply because we are gov-erned by spiritual laws and not by physical laws, as in this life, when we have to judge largely by the external which is often deceptive. Hence it will do away with all deception and hypocriey; then we shall stand upon our merits alone. That is what can be done here in this life in a measure. by turning our attention to the development of chome

would like to point out the uses to be made of this beautiful phase of Spiritualism to a greater length in some future article. Dr. A. B. SEVERANCE.

Question of the Succession.

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

We learn from his blography in the book of Numbers, that Ba'sam was a magician, notwithstanding he was on one occasion chosen by the Lord to communicate. But Balaam was unrolla. ble as a medium and as a man. When his services were especially required it was sacertained by ex periment that he was not impressible. Under the circumstances it became necessary to substitute the beast on which he journeyed. The suimal, though proverbially stupid, proved to be the more sensitive subject, and was temporarily developed as a speaking medium in the Hebrew language. The case was extraordinary in these days, probably for the reason that the species was less numer. ous than at the present time. Among our genuine mediums are many pretended once who might estabmediums are many pretended ones who might estab-lish their claims to the "regular succession" from Balaam's—if they were only occasionally inspired, and could talk to us in any dead or living tongue that anybody could understand. Touching the question of "the succession" and the transmission of the "spiritual gift" it will never do, gentiamen, to point us to the cars for the evidence.—Dr. Brittan in the Spiritual Telegraph.

Dark Circles.

Much is being said through the columns of your paper upon the subject of dark seances. In number twenty I see an article from Dr. J. M. Peebles. that according to my ideas, comes as near truth as any thing that I have noticed. Either dark or light circles are what the sitters make them. It seems that if people come together with pure in. tentions, with firm desires for something to ele. vate the mind and give spiritual wisdom, that they will receive purity whether in the light or dark. I am a consistent Spiritualist and do not wish to condemn snything that is pure in the cause, but if reports are true of most of our public scance, in am totally disgusted with them. It all Spiritual-ists instead of running after and trying to help de-yelop the wonderful, visiting this and that scance In search of the miraculous (which nine cases out of ten proves a frand) would cultivate their own moral and physical natures, and place themselves in conditions to receive spiritual traths as they would be impressed upon their minds during their quiet moments, they would be far better off them. selves and of more use to the world. Making merchandise of, and bacchanalian feasts for, our glorious heaven born philosophy, is like throwing water over the surface of polished steel; it will reouire much after-scouring to efface; but let us all uith spirit help, apply the emery of common sense and efface the blots as fast as possible. I will again say to all Spiritualists, keep in such conditions that you can receive from a pure spiritual source, and as you freely receive, freely give.--nr. BECCA G. BRAMAN.

J. Timmey writes: In your last issue Brother Wilson seems to think the cause of Spiritualism is in danger. He says the mutterings are deep and bitter all over the country, that all materializing mediums are under a cloud, and the cry of deception comes up from every quarter, and under these circumstances he asks: What are we to do? Please allow me to answer: Admit what all nature teaches, that spirit and matter are convertible— the positive and negative tides of all circles of being; our spirit friends on the positive side of the same circle that we are; that from spirit to matter is as necessary in the production and evolution of higher from lower grades of being, as from matter to spirit; a mathematical demonstration against guess work, whether coming from this side or the other.

John Danforth writes: A Spiritualist circle was held at the Post Hill House, in New London, Conn., Sunday evening, August 4th, 1878. The circle was opened by prayer from the oldest mem-ber present. Mrs. H. H. Crocker, from 461 West Washington street, Chicago, Ill., was controlled by the well-known citizen, deceased, Mr. David Rogers, who passed away about twenty-five years ago, living about three miles south of the New London Court House. The medium gave a happy account of his new home, etc., and at the close gave several tests.

Gen. John Edwards, of Washington, D. C. writes: You are doing a great good in squeiching out fraud and fraudulent mediums. The good name of Spiritualism demanded it, and in the end will atrengthen the cause and the Journal. It was necessary even if some of the insocent had to suffer in order to rid us of the unworthy. The honest, true medium has my warmest sympathythe dishonast my severest condemnation. I wish VOU SUCCOM.

Silas Garmer writes: I will cheerfully sustain you in your new departure.

as to invite the man to perform after dinner in the mess room. He came accordingly and began by showing some very commonplace tricks. I wanted him to do the coin trick, but he made some excuse. I should mention that one of the officers was himself an amateur conjuror, and Mr. Smyth introduced him and our juggler to each other as comrades in art magic. Possibly our juggier may have been afraid that the captain would detect his method; or perhaps he only felt nervous about repeating a trick which must have depended very much on mere guess work. Be that as it may, he would not perform the coin trick at the mess. But he did another, simost equally wonderful.

"As before, he was seated on a white cloth, which this time, I think, was a table cloth, borrowed from the mess sergeant. He asked some one present to produce a rupee, and to lay it down at the remote edge of the cloth. The cloth being three or four yards in length, the conjuror could not have touched the coin without being seen, and, in fact, did not touch it. He then asked for a and, in fact, did not touch it. He then asked for a signet ring. Several were offered him and he chose out one which had a large oval seal, and projecting well beyond the gold hoop on both sides. This ring he tossed and tumbled several times in his hands, now throwing it into the sir and catching it, then shaking it between his clasped hands, all the time mumbling half-articu-late words in some thirdcappe match. clasped hands, all the time mumbling half-articu-late words in some Hindostanee patols. Then setting the ring down on the cloth at about half-arm's length in front of him, he said, slowly and distinctly, in good Hindostanee, 'Ring, rise up and go to the rupee.' The ring rose, with the seal up-permost, and, resting on the hoop, slowly, with a kind of dancing or jerking motion, it passed over the cloth until it came to where the rupee lay on the remote edge; then it lay down on the coin. The conjuror then said, 'Bing, lay hold of the rupee and bring it to me." The projecting edge of the seal seemed to grapple the edge of the coin; of the seal seemed to grapple the edge of the coin; the ring and ruppe rose in a kind of wrestling st-titude, and, with the same dancing or jerking motion, the two returned to within reach of the juggler's hand.

gler's hand. "I have no theory of any kind to explain either of these tricks. I should mention however, the juggler entirely disclaimed all supernatural pow-er, and alleged that he performed his tricks by mere sleight of hand. It will be observed that he had no preparation of his surroundings, no ma-chinery and no confederate."

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A religion that shall rise superior to all such bisses and limitations, is the only one that can be unchangeably in accord with the everlasting laws of human welfare and progress. The reaction of the rational sentiment and all the scientific culture of the age against the provailing systems, founded on the decisions of councils, disputed translations, fallible scriptures, and priestly dogmatism, is going on and cannot stop.

Doubts, schisms and thoughts of secession rankle and spread in the churches, heresy abounds at many important centres of learning, and clerical influence is every-where on the wane.

Something must be found as a substitute for what is passing away; and in God's good time we have it in that wonderful blending of Theism and Pantheism with the assured fact of immortality, which the highest con-struction of Spiritualism reveals.

The only true remedy for the dark infi-delity and cold materialism that threaten the niter destruction of the religious life in a large portion of the people, is to give them a living faith—true to the conscience, true to the intellect, true to the realized science theage

This is the grand purpose of Spiritualism; this is its reason for being. It is not to create the religious sentiment in man, for it is in his heart already; it is not to supply him with a *cultus* (or form of workship) for its expression,-for this must be the natural offspring of the sentiment itself: but it is to recall him to the free exercise of the spiritual faculties and sympathies, to rouse him to the full sense of the immense fact that he is in very truth an immortal being, and that Conscious Mind presides over the universe, and knows its secrets. The lowest, shallowest, and most confused

mode of viewing the world, is that wherein what is perceptible only to outward sense is regarded as the whole and as the highest, true, and self-sufficient existence. Medita-tion on the facts of Spiritualism, if faith-fully pursued, must cure us of this error and lift no to the realization that there is an unseen world around us, extending, perthrough all the interstellar spaces, a is to the visible and material what haps,

INVOCATION.

This new day, O Heavenly Parent, is Thy racious gift; for Thou art the ineffable fountain of all life, the creator, the sustain-er, the sacred providence. Thus is the pleasant light, Thine the cheerful lustre of the heavens, and Thine the tender beauty of the earth. And from thee are all the en-dowments of our minds, and all the affec-tions of our hearts: for as the light of our planetary system cometh from our sun, so doth all pure love come from Thee.

Enlighten our consciences that we may seek and learn Thy will. Help us to realize unceasingly the great fact of our immortality. Let it prompt us ever to good thoughts, to pure affections, and to noble strivings. Save us in the hour of sudden temptation; make us quick to feel the approach of evil and impurity; forget us not when we forget ourselves. Help us under all trials to maintain our integrity; to be faithful to our trusts; to repudiate with a noble disdain every inducement to make a fraudu-lent or unfair use of what is confided to our honor. Strengthen us in our peace of mind and our faith in absolute right.

May our beloved ones realize that in leading a godly life, building up a stainless character, and practicing charity to all man-kind, lies their true salvation, for time and for eternity. Help us to think what Thou wouldst have us think, to do what Thou wouldst have us do, and to be what Thou wouldst have us to be. Amen.

HYMN

Chance and Change are busy ever, Mandecays, and ages move; But His mercy waneth never:

God is wisdom, God is love.

Even the hour that darkest seemeth.

Shall his changeless goodness prove; From the gloom his brightness streameth; God is wisdom, God is love.

BENEDICTION

May the Spirit of Eternal Truth save us from all rash precipitancy of belief; from credulity; from self-delusion; make us quick to detect error and imposture; and strong to resist all evil, whether from the seen or unseen world. Give us Thy blessing, O God, in our daily activities. Help us to discharge our duties aright, and may Thy peace be ever in our hearts to comfort and to cheer. Amen.

THE CASE OF LURANCY VENNUM.

A Communication from Prof. J. R. Buchanan.

In reference to the case of angelic incarnation (Mary Roff and Lurancy Vennum) reported by Dr. Stevens, there is no need of indorsement or comment by Scientists, on such facts so well reported. When the sun shines we need no professor of optics to teach us the fact.

One such example of angel visitations to earth, would enlighten all the world, if it were not for the stubborn hostlifty to truth of the materialistic press and fossilized church, which causes the systematic sup-pression and concealment of such information from the people, and imposes upon all who are really enlightened the duty of ad-ing in the diffusion of this narrative. 1 think that every Spiritualist should purchase as many copies of this remarkable narrative as he can afford, and distribute honegi inani I would add a word in reference to the marvelous fact of spirit exchange or trans-fer of souls between two bodies. All spirit-ualists are familiar with the trance mediumship in which one from the Spirit world occupies a human body while the spirit of that body is either resting quietly, or, as has happened in some cases, gone out to obsess another body. 'Experience shows that this is not a hazardous or unnatural thing, but it is very strange to those who have not learned the rudiments of spiritual science. By way of explanation 1 would say that spirit is far more easily transferred than matter, and that the exchange of souls between Mary Roff and Lurancy Vennum is no more marvelous to those who understand it than the pouring of a quart of water from a full pitcher into one just emptied. The spiritual potency of a dose of medicine of any kind (morphine, quinine or any other drug) held in the hands by any one who is not of a hard temperament, will pass up the arm and pervade the whole person. It may also be arrested in its progress at the arm and by a few dispersive passes thrown out of the body entirely; or it may be transferred by contact into the person of another individual, thus relieving the one who first felt it of the drug symptoms. As the psycho-physiological effects are so easily transferred, and as pains are often transmitted from one who is suffering them to a healing operator whose touch gives relief-psychic impressions are still more easily transferred. The intense melancholy or joy felt by one individual is often sud denly transferred to another even without touch, at the first approach of a sympathetic person. But personal presence is not necessary. A letter held by a psychometer on the fore-head will give the entire force of the emotions of the writer and a consciousness of his whole character, which is vividly felt Sometimes the impression is so complete that the psychometer becomes lost in the character, and actually personates it;-as in Boston thirty-four years ago, an intellec-tual lady, in describing Mr. Clay under the influence of his autograph, at length lost her identity and assuming the dignity of Mr. Clay, declined to be catechised any longer as to her impressions. Mr. Clay was then living. The extremely impressional or sensitive individual, may thus take on any character by merely coming into psychometric rap-port with it, and for a time personate the individual, giving a very good embodiment of his character. Indeed a considerable portion of that which has been considered spiritual obsession is of this sympathetic or psychometric character, and is sometimes a tolerable expression of the spirit's sentiments, although the spirit may have noth-ing to do with it. The same sympathetic sort of quasi-obsession may take place con-cerning living individuals, and the psychometric medium may personate and speak or write for a living individual, as in the case of a girl in Ohio, who at the same sitting wrote a prescription from Dr. Hahnemann, the founder of Homespathy and another from Dr. Hill, a living physician. Thus a spiritual transfer of thought may take place by receptivity, when the party supposed to speak, is entirely passive. But when that party is active his psyschie power and personality are transmitted far more effectively even when the recipient is O Future, thou art hold in trust! To build for thee a glowing way Our hearts are pledged; no Past can bind, his spirit so as to be seen and recognized by remaining infact.—Ed. Journar.

persons at a distance, and Dr. Jno. F. Gray of this city, a distinguished physician, by making the effort to look into the condition of a patient whom he could not conveniently visit, made so strong an impression on the man (who was not expecting him, that he firmly insisted that Dr. Gray did visit him and stand by his bedside where he saw him) and remarked on the strangeness of the fact that Dr. Gray would come to see him and walk off without saying anything. Hundreds of such cases are reported in runateus of sach cases are reported in spiritual literature, as well as similar cases in which the party came out of himself spiritually, has like Swedenborg visited the Spirit-world and seen his friends, or has seen and described others to the satisfaction of their surviving sciences.

of their surviving friends. It is quite a familiar old story for the last hundred years that clairyoyants in mesmeric somnambulism visit distant places and describe them minutely; and the Spirit world has often been described by the som-nambulists who have visited it.

There is nothing in this "Watseka wonder" which is not illustrated by parallel facts and experiments, although they are but little known to the world. But in none other do we find so satisfactory an array of public and private events, combined with the peculiar angelic beauty of sentiment which is displayed and which is so honorable to all concerned. A deeply interesting volume might be made by compiling these authentic narratives.

So easy is the interchange between the So easy is the interchange between the two contiguous worlds, that spirits have often eaten of earthly food in their mate-rialization, which has disappeared forever as their new hodics vanished, and, on the other hand, living women, like Mollie Fan-cher, of Brooklyn, have been spiritually fed while fasting for many months and been thus sustained in health like Mary Roff. "I have food which ye know not" is the lan-guage that may offen he used by spiritual exguage that may often be used by spiritual extatics.

tatics. This Watseka case is interesting as an il-lustration of the elevated and beautiful na-ture of spirit communion, and the gradual elevation of mankind by its increasing fre-quency and power. The "communion of saints" which orthodoxy has failed to real-ize is to become hereafter a grand factor in human elevation, and, as the centuries roll on, the still accumulating power of the Spirit-world, organized for earthly labors of love and aided by the increasing spirituality love and aided by the increasing spirituality of mankind, will surround our lives with

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Testing Medlums.

In view of the numerous recent exposures of fraudulent practices on the part of pro-fessed materializing mediums, the spirit in ressed materializing mediums, the spirit in which demands for test conditions have been met by some veteran Spiritualists, is to me a matter of profound amazement. We are gravely told that no, conditions' should be demanded, except such as are dic-tated by the "spirit guides" of the medium. Now what evidence can we have as to what conditions said spirit guides may dictate, except the word of the medium? Suppose the medium to be dishonest, will be not dictate the conditions himself, and pretend that they are dictated by his spirit guides? And will he be likely to prescribe any conditions except such as no iocis well assure he can successfully evade by his art? If materializing mediums are to be subjected to no conditions except such as are dictated by themselves, in what respect can any reasonable investigator think that the manifestations produced at their seances differ from those produced at the exhibitions of professed jugglers? Writers who oppose the exacting of any conditions, except such as the medium says are dictated by his spirit guides (notably the venerable Thos. R. Hazard) assume that mediums are such peculiarly sensitive be-ings, that conditions proposed by spectators are liable to produce such inharmony as will prevent good manifestations, and, in some cases, will cause the medium unconsciously to resort to suspicious practices. do not deny that this may be true. But if true-if those who witness the manifesta tions are to have no other means of judging as to their genuineness, than a juggler's audience has of ascertaining how he per-forms his mysterious tricks,then all materializing exhibitions should be discountenanced as utterly worthless, and worse than worthless. They can never satisfy an investigator of ordinary common sense that he has witnessed anything more than elever jugglery. Perfectly fraud-proof conditions need not be in the slightest degree either painful or humiliating to the medium. Where forms purporting to be materialized spirit forms walk out of the cabinet in which the medium sits, the following simple and harmless test will be a thousand times more satisfactory than any possible tying with ropes. Let a piece of tape or narrow ribbon be tied and sealed around the ankle, wrist or waist of the medium, so that it cannot be slipped off without untying, and let the two ends be sealed to the floor or wall in such a manner, that it will be impossible for the medium to walk out of the cabinet without breaking or disengaging the ligament. Then, provided the proper precautions have been aken to prevent the possibility of any confederate entering the cabinet, if forms walk out, and after the seance is over the fastening is found to be intact, no reasonable person could suspect that the medium personated such forms.* Other tests, equally conclusive, and equally harmless to the medi-um, will readily suggest themselves to the honest investigator Now, if there are any mediums, however genuine, through whom the spirits cannot manifest under such simple test conditions, they ought never to give public scances. Or if there are spirits who cannot honestly manifest themselves under such conditions they ought not to be encouraged to manifest at all. For an honest investigator has a right to demand of the spirits as well as the medium, such conditions as will make the manifestations produced conclusive epidence that they are what they purport to he. Public exhibitions of so-called materializ ing phenomena can have no legitimate ob ject except to satisfy investigators that vertable materialized spirit forms do manifest themselves. And nothing short of fraudproof test conditions can satisfy any investigator, whose opinion on the subject is worth a straw, that genuine spirit forms do appear. X. Y. Washington, D. C.

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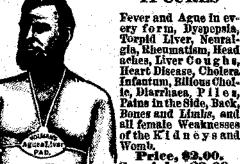
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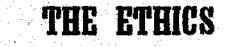
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