

Ernth Bears no Mask, Sows at no Faman Shrine, Seeks neither Place nor Applanse: She only Asks a Hearing.

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Diabolical Spiritualism-A Sixth Dimension of the Modern Movement.

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In the declaration of the principles of nat-ural selection in Spiritualism (see RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, issue of March 15th, present (year) five distinct and precise forms were nominated and described in gen-eral terms. Since the publication of that "classical" paper in your columns, some an-imation has been developed in yet another phase of the movement, namely, in the sixth form, which upon most deliberate reflec-tion, and in the light of justice, should be baptized under the name of "Diabolical Spiritualism."

Spiritualism." From the loftiest peaks of philosophy, where the pure wisdom of divine love burns like a blessed beacon, "beautiful upon the walls of life's surrounding dark"—from the burne price and the boson is the heavenly eminence where the bosom is filled with only intuitions of the absolutely Beautiful, Pure and Perfect-from such an elevation there is nothing visible nor real save the "one stupendous whole," in which imperfection is lost in the abounding per fection, and in which all transient evil ap-pears as only a fleeting shadow upon the boundless sky of the universal Good. Hap-py are they who dwell, even for a few brief moments in each successive twenty-four hours, upon this hely mount of glorious "harmony;"which is very far above earth's dead-ly darkness, and which is the nearest aply darkness, and which is the nearest ap-proach to those brave and hetter natures who have been long summering and blos-soming in the Heavenly Home. Meditating and reasoning in and from this superior condition--from this supraterrestrial exalt-ation of every mental force and faculty--you perceive that there "lies in all wrong doing a germ of retribution that will *pun-ish* the wrong sconer or later." And, so clearly seeing, and so truly believing--and also that the eternal God-laws will work to universal perfection and justice in the in-finite deep of all love and wisdom--you say, "I will complete of no wrong: I will re-member no injustice; I will resist no evil--but, instead, I will worship God; I will learn to love, to labor and to wait." Hope-fully, trustfully, gracefully, and more anfully, trustfully, gracefully, and more angel now than human, you move onward with the combined march of mankind around you; and you appealingly say,

"was before all things, and in which all things consist." The language of these wholsale speculators, substantially, is: "You will not find the advocates of Spirit-ualism growing in hills or rows. Spiritu-alism is one and indivisible, having nei-ther beginning, middle nor oud, and its re-ceivers will not submit themselves to your classification. Thus instead of recognizing "a fourth di-mension," to say nothing of a sixth, which we are now considering, the defendants *almost* decline the admission of more than one dimension in the supposed illimitable space which is filled by the machinery of modern demonstrative manifestations. What is meant by the word "diabolical?" I mean anything, any influence that is de-liberately calculated to work mischief; ne-farious and threatening in temper and ac-tion; any scheme or effort designed to re-sult in injury and misfortune to a fellow-being. There are many much sharper de-finitions to this term, which I do not

being. There are many much sharper de-finitions to this term, which I do not choose, because they do not convey my

present meaning. While walking and investigating for the discovery of truth in this shadow, let us not be unmindful nor unjust to the bright not be unmindful nor unjust to the bright and heavenly phases of this most attract-ive intercourse with our better friends, the angels. Speaking for myself, and with the fullest strength of assertion for the whole truth, I acknowledge (1) That I am thor-oughly a Spiritualist, and agood deal more; (2) I have seen, and do see, persons who once lived on earth, and I have held, and do hold, conversations with such spiritual-ized persons; (3) At intervals in my life I have exercised, and do yet sometimes exer-cise, the powers and functions proper to have exercised, and do yet sometimes exer-cise, the powers and functions proper to several phases of mediumship; (4), I know that physical death is not the end of my personal existence; (5) and my philosophi-cal deductions from certain eternal principles, or from the force of reasoning according to the laws of cause and effect, I believe in the certainty of a personal immortality, a destiny which is equally in store for everything human. On another head I affirm (1) that the foundation of my own experience. It claim voyance; (3) that I wish to example in the invoyance at the expense of mediumship, is wholly erroneous. My recent effort was di-rected toward the abuses and misapplications and absurd doctrines which prevail among people who have absorbed the wonders and delights of Spiritualism, to the neglect of the great ideas and rational prin-ciples upon which alone the world can ever accomplish much religious progress. Having now fixed a good foundation up on which to repose the beautiful edifice of our friendship and fraternal affection toour friendship and fraternal affection to-ward one another, let us look at the plain symptoms of diabolism. To begin at the beginning, under the plea of charity, you behold in high places among us the practice of the theory that "the end justifies the means. Precisely the theory is, that the cause and prosperity of Spiritualism are advanced by evil entrits and often by advanced by evil spirits, and often by tricky and fraudulent mediums, as well as by the instrumentality of the good. Test conditions, therefore, are scouted as atrocities. And those who honestly advocate the total abolition of fraudulent medlums, or even the public curtailment of their participation in spiritual assemblies, are de-nounced as "traitors," "Jesuits," "enemies of Spiritualism," and as the "disappointed." At this juncture diabolism crops out in fly ing colors. An appeal is prayerfully made, through some highly gifted trance medium, to the sovereign judgment seat of a circle of Professors, Doctors, Clergymen, Scient-ists, or other Reformers "in the Spirit-world." They individually, if not collectively, set aside the decisions of the earthly tribunal, Enough Henceforth all test conditions instituted by earthly seekers, must be ignored as evil and malicious and impious The acknowledged high moral and intel-lectual standard set up by true, rational Spiritualism, makes such a theory, and such trance mediumistic criticisms upon the practice of this theory, nothing less than theocratic and hierarchical diabolism,-Years ago, for example, when 1 had made but little personal volitional progress in the exercise of clairvoyance, many mistakes and errors necessarily occurred. Diligence and perseverance, however, taught me that the power of clairvoyance was progressive. just like every other natural mental power. At length 1 discovered that, instead of my whole spiritual individuality leaving the body during the period of trance and then body during the period of trance and then returning to it again, it was instead the ex-tension of spiritual sensibility with the clairvoyant sight through space. Solely in the interest of psychical truth I published my discovery, and corrected thereby many of my own previous misapprehensions and statements. I thereupon reviewed my many clairvoyant observations in the case of me-diums and others, and found that I had never seen what they had claimed. This was made first in the Herald of Progress. was made first in the Herald of Progress, May 16th, 1868; and subsequently, in more emphatic terms, in 1871, in the volume entitled "The Temple." A remarkably dogmatic reply, under the form of a dictatorial refutation from some spirit (to me unknown) through the lips of a distinguished medium, appeared in the Banner of Light on the 18th of January, 1873, in these words (omitting much preface and comment): "That the intelligent portion of mediums, called the spirit, does leave the body under certain conditions, and does communicate

with other spirits in the body and out, is a well attested fact, proven by science here, in this life, and by science there. There can be no doubt of it whatever. A. J. Davis has communicated with myself, thousands of miles separated from his physical body, while that body was under the control of a mesmerist or a spirit. He himself offers the demonstrative proof, and yet he denies it. Well, that is quite natural. Most media deny many points that are prominent facts in their mediumship; so he is no excepin their mediumship; so he is no exception."

tion." A spiritual communication of this dog-matic character was not convincing; in-deed, on the face of it, it seemed to make one of two charges—(1) Either A. J. D. is *ignorant* of matters about which he writes, even after long continued investigation and observation, or (2) he knows the whole important truth in the premises, yet will-fully misstates the truth, and is, therefore, not always to be taken at his word. The un-mistakable purport of the communication was briefly this: "Mr. Davis knows that his spirit sometimes entirely leaves his phys-ical body, and yet he dentes it for motives best known to himself."

Not agreeing to repose quietly under this sort of authoritative imputation, which was accompanied with no attempt to ex-plain argumentatively why or how I was clairvoyantly in error, I addressed to the distinguished medium a letter, asking to be favored with an explicit explanation. In-stead of an explanation to which I was entitled, as an old investigator and as a con-stant laborer in the field, there was pub-lished (in the same department of the paper, Feb. 1st, 1873) a remarkable message purporting to come from the spirit of *Theo-*dore *Parker*? The position assumed by spirit Theodore Parker was that whatever individual intelligence conducted the seance, he or she was responsible, and not the unconscious medium, for the events and the teachings of that particular occasion: that this arrangement was made to protect the medium; and therefore, "in case there was any fault to be found, it might be found with the presiding intelligence of that Declining, as I peremptorily hid, to address my letter of inquiries to a party of whose presence at the seance I had no personal knowledge, my letter was returned unanswered. But the message from the supposed Theodore Parker was remarkably unlike him, both in spirit and in language; in fact, it was contrary to anything I had ever seen or heard from him (for I knew him personally) before his departure from this world. Under the head of "clairvoyance" the message-giver thus addressed me, and also one or two others who had exercised the right of free criticism: "I stand responsible and sponsor 'for al the acts that may be perpetrated through the medium, who is totally unconscious, and cares no more for what is going on at this time, and knows no more of it, than these walls; therefore I would, at this time, say to Claircoyance, Whatever you have to say upon the subject at issue, direct your inqui-ries to me, and not to my medium. When ries to me, and not to my medium. When you do, you will receive a proper answer, but not till then. And this I say to all oth-ers who may contemplate opening such is-sues. We anticipated just these side issues when we inaugurated this plan. * * * While she holds the just position to-ward us they she now holds and always has ward us that she now holds and always has held, we shall defend her against all these underhanded attacks that are being made from our pretended friends. We throw such friendship back in their faces. ** And we now give this warning to those individuals, who, under the guise of friend ship, throw out these attacks, make these side parries, that unless they, in the future, mind their own business and let ours alone, we shall dispose of them with almost a single word." Such was the answer professing to come from a higher and a brighter world! And the spirit speaking claimed to be Theodore Parker! Before his death his great heart was as tender and adoptive as a pure wo-man's; his scholarly intellect was as truth-seeing and dignified as it was large and magnanimous; his broad moral power was as profound and comprehensive as it was pure and faithful. And yet behold here, at a Boston seance, through the mouth of a long-tried medium, he is menacingly resist-ing what is faisely called "underhanded at-tacks!" He hysterically and spitefully throws "such friendship back in their faces!" He speaks for the great powers as-sembled, and feebly and struttingly says: "We shall dispose of them with almost a single word!" And further on he threatwas as tender and adoptive as a pure wo single word!" And further on he threat-eningly warns all critics, "Now, then, have care !" This specimen is here given as one illus-tration of Diabolical Spiritualism. And I say this without casting any reflection upon the mediums, and without in any manner impugning the motives of the publishers. But while it reflects neither upon mediates nor publisher, it does make manifest the mischief of appealing to great names "in the Spirit-world" for authority, by which to override individual rights and freedom of reason in this world. It is the beginning of a system of intellectual and spiritual bondage to supposed heaven-ordained au-thority. And besides it is incontrovertibly injurious, in and of itself, as a spirit impe-rial message. The honest light sought by the investigator is thus turned into bewild-ering darkness. When a fellow traveler, hungering, asked for "bread" he was palted with "stones"—by the irresponsible and un-But while it reflects neither upon medica

get-at-able intelligence which stole the name of the noble Parker to resist and sup-

press fearless inquiry. Diabolical Spiritualism has manifested itself, also, in some late efforts to cover un-Itself, also, in some late efforts to cover un-reliable manifestations with paychometri-cal examinations! Psychometry is not yet a source of accurate knowledge. It is like clairvoyance, sensitivism, psychism, medi-nmship, etc., only recently discovered; but it has not yet attained to sufficient preci-sion in detail to be valuable either as "a de-tective" or as a positive "test." Hence to exait such experiments to the position of conclusive proofs, is to take for granted that which yet remains to be established. Proofs of a "deception strong as holy writ," are twisted with a questionable ingenuity into "positive tests" of the genuineness of mediums who have been completely detect-ed.

Before me, as I write, is a letter from a conspicuous defender of all mediums, in which the most outrageous charges are made from "the Spirit-world" against a gentleman in this world. And these fulminations and criminations purport to emanate from a high-toned and pure spirit! Now it seems to me that the outpourings of such mediumship are too grotesque and too weak, or they are too wicked, to excite anything more than sorrow in serious hearts, and only contempt in reflecting minds. Macbeth's frenzied terror is far more interesting:

"Start, eyes! What! will the line stretch out to the crack of doom?

Another yet?-a seventh?--I'll see no

Enough! Let us ring down the curtain upon this particular stage of spiritualistic unworthiness. Exalt your wants, my reader: for you thereby exalt the supply. Desire higher and purer proofs of your future life, and lo! you shall invite into your presence a harvest of higher heavenly gratidcations. Supply will correspond to want; and gratification will essentially personale your desires; this law is immutable, and your besides; this law is minutable, and you should immediately begin to obey it. Of course, my friend, you will meet with startling failures; you may even become the victim of Diabolism in things profess-edly spiritual. But with a pure heart and with pure desires posting in your become with pure desires nesting in your bosom, you certainly "shall see God," and the angels, too, descending and ascending like the light and beauty of everlasting truth. Do not imagine that the Summer-land is the refuge of evil and designing spirits. It is not; even Diakka are only the emissaries of high congresses of truth-promoting and humanity-developing minds in the Heavenly Home. Fear nothing, except your own lack of growth in goodness and self-possession. I have urged the contemplation of the diabolical phases of Modern Spiritualism, to the end that you may turn from the evil and choose that which is good. You will read hard utterances made against every outspoken reformer in every field of pro-gress-but why should you be checked or gress—but why should you be checked or disheartened by the stinging words of a few misguided opponents? Let your mot-to be, "Excelsior!" Believe only in the Ab-solute Good! Let the negatives—the shad-ows—pass away; and thus you will slowly rise higher; and sometimes, as a reward, you will hear the musical footfalls of an-cels gels.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

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Biographical Sketch of W. H. Terry, of Melbourne, Australia, Editor and Proprietor of the "Harbinger of Light,"

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BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

One of the strongest evidences of the truth of Spiritualism is the perfect unity of its manifestations, whether given in the medicine lodge of the red Indian on the bleak shores of Lake Superior; to dreamy hermits under the dark shade of the banyan, or the still darker rock temples of India; or the still darker rock temples of India; to the cobbler's son on the banks of the Hudson, or the philosopher of Germany; to the rude backwoodsman of Michigan, or the trader of the antipodes. Everywhere, amidst the greatest diversity of phenomena the philosophy remains the same, and the morality taught is identical, while theologi-cal dogmas are everywhere equally con-demned.

demned. The biography of Mr. Terry possesses more than usual interest, so far as it is related to Spiritualism, because we learn from it that Spiritualism is not of place or time, but of the race, and a power superior to mortal control. The manifestations, the phenomena of mediumship, and the subject matter communicated, were almost identi-cal in Australia with those in America. Had that remote colony been isolated, I learn that a system of spiritual philosophy would have independently sprung up and gone forward to maturity. Mr. Terry was born in London in 1836; and

in 1857 emigrated to Melbourne, Australia. He was early thrown upon the world, and compelled to labor for a subsistence, and had little opportunity for literary culture. The boy of seventeen buffeted his way in the rough colonial world almost alone and single-handed. After the usual vicissitudes incident to the state of society during the early developments of the gold field, he es-tablished, in connection with his brother, a general store at Hemingston, near Mel-bourne, on the main road to the principal gold diggings. It was here, in the year 1859, that his attention was first drawn to Spirit-ualism. It is of deep interest to trace his cumulative experience, and the character of the phenomena presented to him, for they are parallel and identical in character with those so widely witnessed in this coundevelopments of the gold held, he es with those so widely witnessed in this coun-try, showing a common origin. The read-ing of the work by Judge Edmonds and Dr. Dexter, on "Spiritualism," which chanced to fall into his hand, interested him so much in the subject, that he began to inquire if there were investigators in the colony. Hearing that there were, and that they held scances in East Melbourne, he obtained permission to attend. Arriving rather late, he found twelve persons seated around a large loo-table. He took his seat at a small table at the extremity of the apartment, and carefully watched the pro-ceedings. He found the people more than usually intelligent, and after a time the ta-ble moved and answered questions. Thus be had at once given him a fast to herein he had at once given him a fact to begin with. He savs: "A supermundane power acted upon the table. The next thing was to ascertain the origin and nature of that power. With that view I obtained an introduction to a private circle, the members of which con-sisted of one family. I found them firm be-lievers: their conduct was kindly and lievers; their conduct was kindly and straightforward, and whilst offering us ev-ery opportunity to investigate, they did not seem anxious to proselyte. When we sat at a low table, it soon began to move and reasond to the alphabet to the questions respond to the alphabet, to the questions of our hostess. The spirit purported to be her mother, and the medium seemed satis-fied with her identity * * * The table then began to imitate the motions of a ship at sea, and on inquiring, the name of a friend who had been lost at sea was given. He was asked to point out any passage in the Bible which would indicate the circumstances of his death, and the chapter and verse were indicated. Altogether the manifestations and communications were demonstrative of an unseen intelligence guiding and controlling them. Their respectability and the absence of any motive for de-ception, forbade the idea of collusion or trickery; moreover our friends were most desirous that we should examine every thing for ourselves, and we availed our-selves of the permission." Mr. Terry thought that he was qualified to investigate for himself and admirably succeeded. He says: "Never shall I forget the eventful night I realized the grand truth of man's continuous sensuous existence after death. I feit the presence of my brother, and it was in-deed a happy reunion. Death had lost its sting, the grave its victory. My soul was filled with inexpressible joy, and as I wend-ed my way homeward to tell the glad ti-dings, I could scarcely feel the ground under my feet. Shortly after this I was informed by my spirit friends, that I should become a writing medium. I accordingly sat alone, and watched events. The first sensation experienced was a numbress of the hand and arm; then a current, as of mild elec-tricity passed through it, and my hand began to rotate, drawing circles on paper, and after a considerable time the letters S. H., were written. These I recognized as the initials of a spirit who had communicated before with us, by means of the table. In a few days the influence increased and sev-Continued on Mghils Page.

"Let me never, by a willful act, dissever Friends that might have loved forever.'

But this delightful and most harmonial mental elevation cannot be protracted. The boundless stretch of the material universe in every direction around you-the hunger and thirst of the ever-persistent physical organism-the frantic cries of little children; the loud cursings of angry men; the sharp shriekings of quarreling women; the wild howlings of the horribly insane; the piteous groans of the pain-ridden sick—all these, combined with the insuppressible necessities of those who lean against you for moral strength and daily subsistence, all this and all these compel you to descend immediately from the heavenly heights, down, down, into the lowly valleys and dark retreats of very ordinary rudimental life.

Once immersed in the savagism of undeveloped humanity-once thoroughly over-whelmed and surrounded by the uncontrollwhenned and surrounded by the uncontroll-able circumstances of the day and the hour --and forthwith you behold "an injustice" in one place; in another place "a crime;" in another "a felsehood;" in another "an outrage upon public and personal liberties;" in another place you suddenly discover "de-ception," "fraud," "hypocrisy," "treachery," and thus immediately finding yourself inseparably a part of the moving mass, and being powerfully inspired by the innate spirit of self-preservation, out comes your protests, your criticisms, your complainings, your heartburnings, your resistance, and thus it happens that without precisely intending it, you do "dissever friends that might have loved forever."

Diabolical Spiritualism is one of the dark-Diabolical Spiritualism is one of the dark-est imps which tramps unrestrainedly from place to place in this most important of all modern movements. A few years ago, when we were all younger, this sixth dimension appeared in his own chosen lit-erary character under the name of "The Diakka and Their Earthly Victims." He jurned theology upside down: he twisted turned theology upside down; he twisted gentle virtue inside out; he spelled the familiar name of Boston wrong end foremost; he played high carnival with currental facts, dates, persons, events and opinions he indulged to an unjustifiable extent in anagrams and metaphor; and yet all the time he kept himself hidden from full identification, because, doubtless, he carried a consciousness that his intellectual condition "with injustice is corrupted." His insinuating satires, his unprincipled criticisms upon cherished principles, his lack of dig-nity and his suggestive insincerity-in short, his bold and heartless Diakkal treatment of every place and person gave much offense to the grave philosophers and fact-seekers in the walks of Spiritualism.

Incl-seckers in the walks of Spiritualism. But a profound lesson was imparted in the disguise of rollicking frivolity and senseless playfulness. But straightout se-riousness is now demanded. The univer-sally recognized dimensions of space are "length, breadth and thickness." In Mod-ern Spiritualism many of our most esteem-ed ublickontext variant things ed philosophers refuse to see in some things more than one dimension, namely, the one only and indivisible Spiritualism, which

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We are glad to learn that the Spiritual

ists of St. Louis are again having lectures occasionally. Sunday, April 27th, Mrs Ophelia T. Samuel, a trance medium, lectured there, and her efforts excited considerable interest. The *Daily Times-Journal* of that city speaks as follows of her address:

"She described the beauties of Spiritual-"She described the beauties of Spiritual-ism, alluded at length to those who had made martyrs of themselves because they loved the doctrine, and closed with an urg-ent appeal to those Spiritualists present to brave the sneers and derision of the world, and to come out boldly in expression of their feaity to the principles of truth and reason. Her delivery was eloquent and im-pressive, and her language at times was pressive, and her language at times was very beautiful. From the moment she began until she closed there was not even a suggestion of hesitation, and the stream of eloquence was unbroken. These acquaint-ed with the lady personally and her conver-sational powers, will be best able to judge whether this was natural or not. She spoke in the purest English, and some of her word pictures were of the most attractive type.

Speaking of the dying schoolmaster, Prof. Swing says:

Men trained in a profession come by demen trained in a procession come by de-grees into the profession's channel, and flow only in the one direction, and always be-tween the same banks. The master of a learned profession at last becomes its slave. He who follows faithfully any calling wears at last a soul of that calling's shape. You remember the death seame of the poor, old schoolmaster. He had assembled the boys and girls in the winter mornings, and had dismissed them winter evenings after sun-down; and had done this for fifty long years. One winter Monday he did not annear One winter Monday he did not appear. Death had struck his old and feeble pulse; but, dying, his mind followed its beautiful but narrow river-bed, and his last words were: "It is growing dark, the school is dis-

RE-INCARNATION.

A Critical Review of the Subject

BY LYMAN C. NOWE.

The trenchant per of William Emmette Coleman has left little to be added to this subject. I emfeas to some astonishment at his revelations; but I have no reason to question his statements. On reading his scathing articles, I said, What can reincarnation answer? Like the Dutch judge, I spontaneously exclaim-ed, "You've fot your case?" But as one side is good until the other is heard. I shall more than ever welcome the arguments of refucernationists, if they have any, but they will always meet the ghost of Coleman's crushing analysis at the threshold, and if they can make way against such an array of facts and charges, and reconcile the inconsistencies and contradictions. the absurdities and abominations, and satisfy science and reason without annihilating the dread phantom of reincarnation, we may well despair of rising above the mockery of miracles. It seems that some of the devotees wince at this winnowing process. But why should they? If the facts given are correctly stated, why should any one complain? The conclusions drawn from the facts are to my mind unanswerable. If this crazy dream has so bewildered the mind that these glaring outrages upon common sense have escaped obervation, they ought to be very grateful for this timely illumination.

There are some important suggestions in these pithy essays, which I have long felt ought to be more gener ally understood. The medley of contradictions and absurdities, that has lumbered down our philosophy and involved mediumship in a maze of mysteries which has repelled thousands in disgust or despair from the most important study that ever invited the attention of man, has been credited to ignorant or undeveloped spirits, or to our ignorance of the spiritual significance of these strange facts; but, while I am sure that igno-rant or mischievous spirits often play upon credulity. and share in crude exhibitions, sometimes even to the execution of a complex plan in which mediums and others are involved and sorely tried,-I am equally certain that seventy-five per cent. of these misleading influences are referable to the social order and psychic atmosphere by which all sensitives are impressed. The positive theorist is almost certain to get a confirmation of his creed from the medium to whom he mentally dictates. If anything is established in the philosophy of Spiritualism, it is this ubiquitous fact; and it has long been a source of wonder to me, that it should be so generally overlooked, while the faithful have puzzled over the conflicts and mysteries directly due to these plain causes.

Empirics have aided the cause in their efforts to sub vert it. They have demonstrated the existence of a subtile agent or force, by which mind acts upon mind, and which may also impress matter. Their object has been to show that all spiritual phenomena are due to these human agencies, limited to the present life. They have thus taught the first letters of the spiritual alphabet to thousands who would not listen to angel educators. All intelligent Spiritualists admit these primitive factors, and extend their application indefinitely. Empirics learn the a b c's and stop there, con tent with the permutations of these elements within the sphere of mortality; while Spiritualists rise to the study of the infinite language of which these are the introductory symbols. But the study of the first principles has been too much neglected among Spiritualists.

Spiritualism is not merely a study of the future, and the far off, but it is the key to the present, a light to this life, an interpreter of all mental and social phenomena. Bro. Coleman has applied it to reincarnation, and its mysteries melt in his crucible, and the occult charm is gone. (it never had any for me) and it is to be honed that all who have blindly worshiped this dismal dream, will have courage to look the facts squarely in the face, and the candor to renounce all errors as soon as discovered

If reincarnationists love truth more than their creed

whele stimule of an organized or widespread, but the connot Mink to rear or or widespread, but the while minimum and makes and while basis a dismai shadow upon the provide of interpretation basis a dismai shadow upon the provide of interpretation and makes and wreck of the second interpretation and makes so bright in the future of our farm. Their presentations of a subject involving such fital interests, should be thoroughly read by every Subitualist. If the wither-ing sarcaums sting, remember they are almost at error, with a found to be a near the innocent victims. The demands being towards the innocent long and tabler administrative affection, the bound less poly similars of antifection is a more almost in the storing proofs of innocitative, the use and end of which who can determine? In view of the depressing limitations and spiritual poverty of these morbid vis-ions of life and its relations. Bro. Coleman's riddling lons of life and its relations, Bro. Coleman's riddling review is none too thorough. Let us have truth. Fredonia, N.Y.

WHAT WE WEAVE FOR ETEBNITY.

A Little Special Cookery for Rev. Joseph Cook.

The spiritual drift of the public mind is so extensive nowadays, that its no marvel to see our Boston Monday lecturer attempting to keep time with this emphatic progress of the age. But his attempt of late to quote, as authorities, in this direction the recent remarks of Alumni and savans, indicates that he is enough behind the times to second only the laggard statements of those who have not spoken until the multitude before them have been convinced. Dr. Clarke, of Boston, and Prof. Holmes, of Cambridge, as Mr. Cook says, have stated very correctly, that "the dying sometimes see into the other world," even after the "breath ceased," a "look of surprised joy" sometimes coming upon the countenance of one departing.

But why limit this recognition to a case or two of popular empirical acknowledgment like that when, for years and years, it has been preceded by the enlarged and unquestionable testimony and experience of thous-ands upon thousands? The Universalist denomination has, a long time ago, given to the world one of the most important facts in this line of illustration,-that of Bro. Sylvanus Cobb's little boy, eleven years of age. The narrative by the lad's mother has, I think, been in the bands and on the catalogue of our "Cornhill" pub-lishers since the death of Bro. Cobb. My own line of illustration and detail in this department dates back to my boyhood; and certainly any one foisting himself before the people as a leader of to day, ought to touch such a subject at least as largely as can the veriest tyro

in the logic of modern human progress. The before mentioned display by onr clorical brother, Joseph Cook, was made in his address at Chataudua last August; but it was another most characteristic point of his (at the same time and place) that I wished more particularly to touch. True to his special tendency to hoist the most vital and practical questions of the times upon the pile of olden sectarian rubbish which he is determined to defend, Mr. Cook wound up the aforesaid address with his usual tribute to the anti-"Evangelic" dogma of perpetual sin and endless misery. He put it on this wise as the result of "five years of biological study," and his summum bonum of "the scientific method," to wit: "that as we have begun to act and to weave (that is here) we shall continue to act and to weave forever."

No proposition under heaven could more positively contradict the fundamental idea of Christianity-ayel and the very doctrine of "the orthodox" (so called) on the subject of conversion and regeneration, than does that just quoted. What is the man thinking of when he fifnes out such flimsy nonsense! Why, the very grace of God which he recognizes and preaches in common with his sect (and Christendoriat large) is utterly repugnant to such a conclusion: for how can grace onerate to change the heart in any case if, as a man begins to weave, he must "act and weave forever ?"

But from the true "scientific method" let us see where land Bro. C illustration of the "chrysalis." Now, take any grub, or caterpillar that changes to moth or butterfly—or, bet-ter still, take a peculiar insect, which I discovered last summer, and see what comes of it. This said insect, very few in number, I detected on my potato vines, a very limited space in one or two most shady spots. It bore the appearance of a kind of three-cornered bit of wood or bark, never changed its form or size, never seemed to grow, and never moved from the spot where it was first discovered; it had no motion, in fact, except to lift or tilt itself on one of the aforesaid three corners (which I called its beak) and which was fixed immovably in the center of the leaf. A kind of vegetable "tick" I should call it, and a very peculiar thing indeed, as we shall see. If anybody who reads this has ever noticed it, please let me know. Well, as soon as liscovered, this creature began to form directly around his beak, and extending under him, and around and beyond him, a delicate green cushion. oval and finely beyond him, a dencate green cushion, ovar and nnery rounded on the upper and lower surfaces, and elegantly serrated or notched on the edges; the edges looking as brilliant as an ice-plant under the microscope. This "cushion" was succulent or soft and juicy, and if brok-en would form again. And so the aforesaid triangular piece of insect life did "weave" for itself a beautiful and convenient throne; but mark! the throne itself was also weaving at the same time! For, this "cushion" combined the qualities both of a chrysalis and egg; and in due process produced a flat, flying-bug (rather slow to fly) which I had noticed on the potato plant for a few years back, though I never traced its origin before. Others had noticed this second insect, but no one that I have seen or heard of, seemed to know of the creature first described any more than did I my-Now, did the stiff and angular creature at the head of the process above described-or does any insect whatsoever that produces egg or chrysalis-weave or continue to weave for no purpose except to form the egg or chrysalis which is produces? All truth and observation, ayel and science itself answers nay! Every lesson of Nature is in direct antagonism to Rev. Joseph Cook in his dark and hideous assumptions as to a perpetuated weaving like that we perpetrate here. The example of the caterpillar passing into the moth or butterfly, is the most common and favorite of our analogies for the resurrection. Even Joseph Cook doubt-less appreciates it; and its teaching distinctly is, that the shroud of death which the groveling creature weaves around himself, is broken by a higher flight weaves around massed, is broken by a light ingli-of more nobly organized life for attainments that are impossible under the original. We might put this matter more clearly and profoundly still, for the bene-fit of Mr. Cook and the public, but we will now rest int of MF. Cook and the public, but we will how rest content in asking Bro. C. and all, how God can bring life out of death, light out of darkness, or break the shroud of sorrow with a joy which shall indeed be a "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," if, as he says, "We shall continue to act and weave for-aver" is we shall continue to act and weave forever" as we have begun to act and weave here?

CRATICAL

The Rev. Symuel Watnin's Collician on the "Duty to Preach Eternal Planishment."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRUGLE FRILOSOPEICAL JOURNALS

I find in the Northwaters Christian Advocate of the 23rd nh, published in your city the following article: BUT TO PREACH ETERNAL FUNITE BUT-BY REV.

RICHARD SMITH. Some think that for discipling and not entire a parameter to our church to prach the distrine of ster-nal puntament. There was think it i duty to so preach it enforced by the church enceds it when they refer the whole matter to 'our standards' aside from the discipline. Does the discipline contain it? The seventh article teaches human depravity and the nature of man, of himself, to continue depraved. Now, the longer this depravity continues, the more permanently it is fixed and the harder to eradicate. Will this be obviated in a future state? The ninth article teaches justification by faith only. Will there be an opportunity to exercise this faith in a future state? The twelfth article says: 'Not every sin willingly com-mitted after justification is the sin against the Holy Ghost, and unpardonable.' If this article does not im-ply eternal punishment it is totally useless to have these words in it. for they imply that some sin is un-pardonable. The fourteenth article condemns the doctrine of purgatory. Now future punishment that is not eternal, partakes of the nature of a purgatory to such an extent that it is in all respects the same thing. The rules for a preacher's conduct also make it bind ing upon him not to deny eternal punishment. Rule eleven says: 'You have nothing to do but to save souls.' Of what use is it to save souls if they are in no danger of being lost, or if going into future punishment is only going into a house of correction? Rule eleven contin-ues: 'Without holiness they cannot see the Lord.' Will future punishment, not eternal, make men holy if they die in their sins? Paragraph 135, section 3, subdivision 2,--We have a base, man-pleasing temper, so that we let people perish rather than lose their love; we let them go quietly to hell lest we offend them.' Now, if hell be only a reformatory school, what evil is it if they do go there? I think, then, that a preacher in our church who does not believe and preach that human beings, dying in their sins, are in danger of eternal punishment, does not comply with the discipline and is hardly honest with God, himself and the Methodist Episcopal church, and could be dealt with."

REPLY BY DR. WATSON.

This writer assumes that "the seventh article teaches depravity," and the legitimate inference is "eternal punishment." This assumption proves too much, as all are deprayed according to the teaching of the "standards" He asks, "Will this be obviated in a future state?" I answer, that we carry with us into the future state all of our personality as individuals, subiect to similar laws and conditions as those of earthlife; hence Jesus, after having preached to mortals, went after his crucifixion and "preached to the spirits in prison." His mission to those that were in darkness, may answer our friend's interrogatory, "Will there be an opportunity to exercise faith in a future state?"

It is with reference to this class of persons who are "cast into prison," that Jesus speaks of in his sermon on the mount: "Verily I say unto thee, thou shalt by no means come out thence till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing." Here is set forth the great law of rec-ompense which is the fundamental principle in the moral government of God.

The references to the articles of the Methodist discipline, as teaching cternal punishment, and that the minister who does not preach it, could be dealt with, is unworthy of notice in the discussion of this most important question of human destiny. As to "our standards," I recognize no human authority upon this and kindred subjects. The highest human authority which I do recognize, is enlightened reason and common sense. Authority has been combating these, and in the past has, to some extent, been victorious: but 8 GOQ-1 en laculties are now triumphing over the mandates of "our standards" in religion. The great fundamental principle taught in the Scriptures, is that each one will, receive according to the deeds done in the body, the reward of his doings. I ask in all can-dor, can any rational unprejudiced mind believe that a being "whose tender mercies are over all his works," can punish forever an erring mortal for the sins of a few years, living in accordance with the depravity inherited from his federal head and representative? I envy neither the head nor the heart of such. The sins of a brief life here, cannot upon any principle of just-ice, with which we are acquainted, receive an eternity of punishment. It is unreasonable, as well as unscrip-tural, and I hesitate not to say that I could not wor-ship such a being, nor would such a being be worthy of the homage of his creatures. God does not punish any one. He has established immutable, eternal laws, which exist like himself everywhere. Obedience to those laws will insure happiness in this life, and in the future state. Violating these laws will of necessity bring suffering here and in the hereafter. The object of punishment is not vindictive or arbitrary, but reformatory. Those who have lived only upon the animal plane, and have been governed by their evil na-tures, have no moral qualification for pure spiritual associations,-hence they are "driven away in their wickedness," with those of like natures. There are immutable and eternal principles of right and wrong. The laws of God are unchangeable, and are the same in this and in all worlds. Virtue and happiness are inseparably united; vice and misery can never be separated. There is what is called in moral philosophy-the laws of sequence, that certain results must necessarily folby sequence, that certain results must necessarily fol-low certain courses of conduct. These laws of sequence are as immutable as any natural law. Heaven and hell begin in this world, and are made by the forma-tion of the character in this life,—hence the truth ex-pressed by inspiration that, "He that doeth wrong, shall receive for the wrong he hath done." Every wrong act unatoned for in this life, is engraven upon the away which surrounds the wrong doer and forma the aura which surrounds the wrong doer and forms the walls of the prison of "outer darkness," in the Spirit-world in which he is encased. It is thus each one makes his own record, keeps his own book of life. Though no human eye may see the evil deeds, yet when the time comes of which Jesus speaks where he says there is nothing hid that shall not be revealed, there is nothing concealed that shall not be made manifest, then all will appear in their true character. The great question is, Will this punishment be eternal? I cannot believe it for many reasons. The great principle recognized as part of our nature, is the free-dom of the will, which cannot be affected by the change we call death. It is not the material part of our nature that possesses this power, which makes man a moral agent, but the real being who passes out of the natur-al into the spiritual-world, possessing all the faculties unimpaired. Man is a probationer here, and I see nothing in his intellectual, moral or spiritual nature, in the change of worlds, to destroy that important feature of his character. As to a literal lake of fire as a place of punishment into which human souls are plunged to burn forever, I cannot nor would I believe. The very thought is abhorrent in connection with future punishment. These terrible ideas of hell that have come down to us from the centuries past, through such writers as Dante, Milton, and Pollock, have made more infidels than the Humes. Voltaires and Volneys. Such awful pictures of hell as have been heard from Christian pulpits, are enough to negate the ideas of God from the minds of reflective men. That a God of love could so torment his creatures. will not be entertained by any one who has a correct idea of the character of our Heavenly Father, "who is not willing that any should perish;" such preaching has had its day and will live, I think, only in the history of the pastages. There is no punishment inflicted by God's law that is wrathful or vindictive, but reformatory in its design and tendency. Such teachings will either disgust sensible men with the idea of religion, or drive them into infidelity. There must be some respect paid to what is reasonable and right, even in regard to the future punishment of the incorrigible sinner." He is human still and claims a common sinner." He is human still and claims a common brotherhood of humanity. He will, as we believe, ulti-

mately pay the debt he has incurred in this his infant matery pay the debt he has incurred in this his infaht state of his being, he having received "the measure whas meted to others" by its "being measured to it again," and "paid the very last mite" as Jesus ex-resses it? His prison walls of darkness will be broken through the agency of good spirite, who like Jesus go and minimum to the realms of light where loved ones will meet and rejects over their difference from spir-itual bondage.

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Memphis, Tenn.

itual bondage,

A RESPONSE.

An Open Letter to Rev. Charles Caverno.

DEAR SIR:--I cannot resist the temptation to answer a question raised in your article to the JOURNAL, in the following language: "Upon what meat does this our Caser feed, that he has grown so rapidly?" It is quite natural that the unprecedented spread of Spiritualism to every nation and people upon the face of the earth, without organization, missionary effort or money, to that extent that in thirty years its numbers should be estimated all the way from 10,000,000 to 20,-000,000, should excite the appricing and curiosity of should be estimated an the way from 10,000,000 to 20,-000,000, should excite the surprise and curiosity of many, especially when it is remembered that Christi-anity scarcely attained its equal in eight hundred years. Having had an experience of forty years in an orthodox church, and what to me is far better, anoth-er of six in the investigation of the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritualism. I felt that with the light of my experiences. I might do something towards answer. my experiences, I might do something towards answering the question you have raised.

When Jesus asked Peter, "But whom say ye that I am," Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ"-not Christ Jesus, John Christ, nor Mr. Christ, but the Christ, i.e. the *logus*, the unfoldment of a truth; and that same truth that was with the Father in the beginning, by which he made the world, and without which there was nothing made that was made; the same of which the divine redeemer of the Brahmans said, "There. never was a time when I was not; I am not subject to birth and decay, but exist in all ages, and wherever virtue has a decline, there I appear." The answer that Jesus gave to Peter was, "Blessed

art thou Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto you, but my Father in heaven. Thou art Peter, and upon this rock [i.e. upon this fact of întercommunion between the two worlds, that is made evident through you and me], I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." My church-that is, not the Catholic church, nor the Protestant, but the spiritual kingdom which it is the mission of truth (the Christ) to set up on earth. In the realization of intercommunion of the two worlds, will "I build my church, or set up my spiritual kingdom, and the gates of hell [falsehood and error] shall not prevail against it."

This, my brother, this intercommunion, is the "meat upon which our Cæsar doth feed, that he has grown so rapidly." This talking face to face with the loved ones rapidly." This talking face to face with the loved ones gone before, is positive knowledge, strong meat; not faith or ideality, but the positive knowledge of the sense of sight, hearing and feeling, that never has been rejected as evidence in any human tribunal upon earth. The evidences furnished by and through the external senses, are integral parts of the being, the living and realization of the fact. No longer obliged to group in the dark among uncertainties, of the time and manner in which Jesus would bring inmortality to light, our in which Jesus would bring immortality to light, our Cæsar knows it, and it has become as being and life. Faith is lost in reality. He can lay aside that staff upon which he has been leaning, and make better progress without it.

The Christian feels that his spirituality is exalted and enlarged when he reads that Jesus came (in some way or other) to bring immortality to light; but how differently he would feel could he talk with the loving Jesus who lives to day as in the past, or with any one in whom he had implicit confidence; none can tell like them who have had the personal experience. Could he have all the convincing evidence that he was conversing with a reliable one from and receiving a knowledge of all the facts of their life and being there, that he does have of the existence of his neighbor, whose familiar face, voice and idiosyncrasies are storeotyped upon his own being, he would understand well why "our Cæsar" doth grow so rapidly. Now, this is precisely the way that Jesus did "bring life and immortality to light." The angel said to the two Marys, "He is not here; he has risen" (he the spir-it Jesus, not the matter). "Tell the disciples he goeth before them into Gallee." They met him as by appointment, when they were recognized on both sides, and when Jesus inaugurated on his part the bringing of life and immortality to light by establishing what he kept up so faithfully on his part, that intercommunion between him and his disciples, as well as all who were spiritually minded enough to desire and avail themselves of the opportunity. In the repeated visits and manifestations that followed the evidence of the physical senses, science, philosophy and reason, all proclaim, that this was none other than the spirit Jesus that manifested to them; for he next appears in different forms of body. Then he appears twice in an upper chamber, coming in when the doors were shut, materializing with a wound in his side to convince a doubting Thomas. Many times he appeared and was recognized when he walked, talked, ate or broke bread, and in every instance disappearing suddenly, thus contradicting all assertions that it was his material body. But seemingly to put the matter beyond a doubt when Paul asked, "Who art thou Lord," his voice came from space, saying, "I am Jesus, whom thou persecutest. In Rev. 1: 1, John says that he (Jesus) sent his an-gel to give the contents of that book, which God had given unto him, unto his servant John. In 22:9, John, in view of what the angel had accomplished, fell down before him to worship him, but the angel forbade him, saying, "I am one of thy brethren, the prophets." In the 16th verse of the same chapter," Jesus confirms the whole by saying, "I, Jesus, have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches." But this communion had been established many years before between Samuel and Saul, between Jesus in the flesh and Moses and Elias, spirits, who talked with Jesus of his decease at Jerusalem, and to those who are spiritually developed there is scarcely a chapter from Gene-sis to Revelations but what abounds with this strong "meat upon which our Cæsar doth feed," and it is this that makes him a sort of a self-reliant individuality; ja bold, aggressive, diffusive, daring kind of a missionary, who is intruding himself not only into the church who is intrucing nimself not only into the church when he whispers soul elevating messages into the ears of both minister and people, but is to be found in the city, village and rural districts, crossing the sea as a missionary, without organization or a missionary fund, seizing from the masses, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlearned, of which to make proph-ate sears orefore and before and like the sword of ets, seers, orators and healers, and like the sword of Jesus, setting "a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and a man's foes shall be those of his own household. Curious being! the oftener crucified, the higher he rises; the oftner dispersed, the more he expands, and for peculiar favors, helping him to enlarge and grow, he is under the greatest obligations to that class known as professors, who "expose." But you may ask. Does not the christian partake of this same meat. I answer, in a measure, with some, this may be so; but with the masses, before they can partake of it, they must believe that it exists. They must discover and believe that the book they so much revere has a spiritual as well as a material side, and that the spiritual side is the largest and the brightest; that notwithstanding it contains many specimens of high inspirational thought: yet it came from God through inite and human channels, which necessitates a finite and human adulteration. But why don't it come through the church, God's chosen people? The angel world are managing this matter. "Are they not all ministering spirits?" They certainly are our superiors, and it becomes us to keep cool. The mission of Modern Spiritualism is to dispel the darkness of materialization, and by intercommunion with higher spheres, promote more spirituality by "fol-Continued on Third Page.

they will welcome every effort to discover it. If the have misapplied the lessons of mediumship, it is for their interest to be undeceived. We cannot afford to worship error. If just criticisms hurt, it is evidence of idolatry.

There are some points in Bro. Coleman's ringing re view that do not appear tenable. That these mesmeric subjects were "not genuine mediums," implies some definition of mediumship not commonly understood. The same law that enables a psychologist to impress and control his subject must be operative, under like conditions when the operator is out of the flesh. In common parlance, by way of distinction the former is called a "subject" or "patient," the latter a medium. Experiments in mesmerism have shown that a subject may be taken from the magnetist and used by spirits. in spite of the will of the former! How, then, can the questioner dictate the answer? If the medium be perfectly psychologized by an independent, positive spirit the investigator is likely to be disappointed; otherwise the answer is an echo. But whether the sceker or the spirit impress and direct the communication, the function of mediumship is employed. It is none the less important that we learn to distinguish between the mundane and supermundane, especially when we rely upon answers concerning things of which spirits know and mortals guess. If we know we are taking testimony of the unfleshed, there is but one alternative. If the spirit be truthful, the evidence is conclusive; but if we are only receiving the opinions and conjectures of a mortal, however honest, they have no weight in settling spiritual facts, beyond his ken, and his theories are no more reliable for being echoed from a medium. In the varying and contradictory assumptions of reincarnationists, and the jumble of crazy superstitions re-pugnant alike to reason and spirituality, what is there to inspire confidence? If these wild dreams are to be taken as the authentic revelations of Modern Spiritualism, do they not present the strongest evidence against Spiritualism itself? The dogmas of endless misery, total depravity, and bloody atonement have made thousands of infidels to the Christian religion. Reason and moral sense revolt, and believing these to be carand moral sense revolt, and believing these to be car-dinal doctrines of the Bible, they reject the whole rather than endorse such blighting blasphemies. In like manner, if required to accept reincarnation or re-ject Spiritualism, thinkers will be likely to ignore it all as confusion and absurdity. But should we repudiate a truth because its bearings are distasteful to us? By a truth because his bearings are distanter in to us? By no means. But in analyzing a theory, consistency with known truths and fixed laws, is an important part of the evidence. Independent clairvoyance gives testimony against it. Reliable communications from trustworthy spirits are against it. But suppose they supported it, would that be conclusive? In my judgment it would be strong presumptive evidence against the identity of the spirit, or of the reliability of the medium.

I cannot agree, however, with Bro. Coleman's broad assertion that "reflucarnation never has been taught by the Spirit-world, and all professed communications therefrom in its advocacy, are purely mundane in their origin." It may be so, but it seems quite probable that such communications should have been received, either from mischievous spirits or those yielding natures who are ready to say "yes" to anything you desire. We have them here, who will confirm a dozen different and contradictory doctrines in a day-all things to all men. Why not such spirits voluntarily endorse "all things to alimen ?" Possibly St. Paul, in one of his fascile moods. desiring to fulfill scripture and, "When with the Ro-mans do as Romans do," may have been a reincarnationists while sharing the hospitalities of Kardeel He could support it by reference to Matt. 11: 14, where John the Baptist is said to be Elias!

The inconsistencies apparent in Mrs. Richmond's teachings, may be due to different influences inspiring her at different times. She may not intend to withhold any truth, but true to her mediumship, what can she do but give as it is given ? I have too deep experimental knowledge of inspirational speaking to ascribe inconsistencies or bad doctrine to duplicity of the medium. Such might be the case, but charity finds a better explanation.

The moral-or immoral-fruits of the relocarnation mania, as given by Bro. Coleman, are new to me. I

Our orthodox friends in the earlier times-long before Universalism began to trouble them-were "weaving" (that is instituting and legalizing) rum drinking, rum selling, and various other forms of social evil under run selling, and various other forms of social evil under which we now are suffering. If they continued to "weave" in that life after their departure to the Spirit-world, and will continue in like manner to "weave forever," how very much like a toper's den their home of heaven must bel is it the sum of Joseph Cook's hope and delight to meet them there? Then he had better "weave" a demiining and bottle up a timber? better "weave" a demijohn and bottle up a tippler's nose to carry with him, as specimens of what he will multiply infinitely after he gets there.

Athol, Mass.

INTELLIGENCE and courtesy not always are combined; Often in a wooden house a golden room we find, -Longfellow.

E. J. MANDELL.

THERE is nothing too wonderful to believe. We do not reject the miracles, so-called, because they are too wonderful; no, but because they are not wonderful enough, because they seem so tawdry and so cheap that they are entirely out of keeping with the general make of things .-- Chadwick

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Woman and the Household.

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In the universally pathetic and precious faith in the power of the sun to destroy darkness—in the triumph of life over death, which has its celebration in Easter, all the world are kin. It would be impossible to go world are kin. It would be impossible to go back to the origin of these significant April feasts, founded as they are in the very order of nature. From Aztec priests, beating drums upon their teocallas, to the barbar-ous tribes of Central Africa, all have their rejoicings. One of the most touching, is that rejoicings. One of the most touching, is that of the Moravians, who assemble on Easter morning at daybreak, in the grave yard, or God's-Acre, as they call it, where, with the first kiss of the sun upon the earth, breaks forth their triumphant chant. There, be-side the burial places of their beloved ones, rise the strains which hymn their belief in the soul's survival over the ineverside dethe soul's survival over the inexorable de-cay of the house it had inhabited. And yet, under all this music of the spring-time, is heard the deep minor chords of hopelessness and despair. Churches are honey-comb-ed with doubt. Witness myriad members, who visit every public medium, frequently including popular pastors of large churches They seek evidence that if a man die he shall live again, and they are frequently met by a square statement of their unbelief of the dogmas they preach, preceding a proof of individual immortality.

It is of no use to evade a fact patent to all observers, that as forms multiply, the spirit perishes. Truth eludes maps and limits, and rises to its heights when the soul silent and alone, lies open on all sides to the influx from spiritual sources. Then, there is no screen or ceiling between our heads and the infinite heavens, no bar or wall where man, the effect, ceases, and God, the Cause, begins. In the proud humility of outward and gregarious worship, genuflex-ions cannot compel the innermost into an attitude of obedience, and rites become a mummery.

The decay of religious life is stated by the New York *Herald*, in a leading editoriai, thus: "Our principal churches are mere tem-ples of fashion. Seats in these sumptuous edifices cost thrice, and in many cases ten-fold the princ of seats at the open and the edinces cost thrice, and in many cases ten-fold, the price of seats at the opera, and the display of dress would humiliate the poor, even if the sittings were free. The declar-ation of Christ, that 'the poor have the gos-pel preached unto them,' has become obso-lete in most American cities. Even in the Catholic communion, which has heretofore been recarded as the refuge of indigent worbeen regarded as the refuge of indigent worshipers, a practice has arisen of exacting an admission fee, as if Divine service were a mere popular entertainment, standing on the same level as a theater or musical concert. All the realities of religion seem to have evaporated from these fashionable entertainments, with their display of pride and dress, which have been substituted for the devout and humble worship of our common Father." Any resident of this city must acknowledge that it is not too strongly stated. On Sunday, the principal streets show, all day long, a dress parade. Fifth avenue is an out-door promenade concert. Those who "assist" at this popular entertainment, in faultlessly elegant attire, saun-ter up and down the sidewalks, so that for miles the handsome street is dense with moving humanity, making such a display of costume as no other city of the world can exhibit. These people have been listening, in beautiful and costly temples, to narra-tions about those disciples of Jesus, who "sold all that they had and gave to the poor," closing with exhortations to "take up the cross and follow Christ," an expression which is a satire on the age! He takes up the cross, now, who follows not prevailing orthodox customs. Sincere and earnest people, church members in good standing, privately confess their disbelief in the most important articles of those creeds which they repeat with bowed heads in public.

ful and unpretending work. It has had but little aid save from voluntary donations, and the labor of temporary inmates of the Home, but it is doing a work for an unfortunate class for which no other organization exists, and which is greatly needed. Out of the four hundred women who have found shelter within its walls, upon their leaving prison homeless, destitute and subject to powerful temptations, more than two-thirds have been placed in homes where the way is open to pursue useful and honorable lives. It is managed by a committee of women, with Mrs. Gibbons, a daughter of Isaac T. Hopper, as president.

The Bill to appoint women physicians for female wards of insane asylums, has passed the assembly at Albany, and has become a law. It met with a good deal of opposition, as an effort was made to make such physicians optional, and not compulsory. Fortunately, good sense and good feeling triumphed, and hereafter women in dire distress of mind and body, must be ministered to by their own sex.

The Bill for a new Reformatory for women, governed and managed by women, will doubtless pass also. This has been tried in England with success, and in Massachusetts, recently, where we all remember the une-quivocal testimony of Gov. Rice upon the kindness and success of women officials, in dealing with the most hardened characters. dealing with the most hardened characters. Even the *Tribune* of this city, slow to say a good word for any such movement, ad-mits: "Societies of women for the reforma-tion of women have been among the most efficient of our charitable institutions; nor have we ever found their management to be deficient in skill and numbers." be deficient in skill and prudence. There is opinion that women are deficient in executive ability; but, begging pardon for the collocation, if they can manage a home, it is difficult to see why they may not manage a prison, which is really, for a time, the home of the inmates. To put women prisoners under the care of men is somewhat anomalous, and a plan which should, if pos-sible, be avoided."

Women of the State Charities Aid Asso-ciation have done a splendid work, with Mrs. Josephine S. Lowell at their head, and they will be allowed to bring into red tape and official hardness, quick wit and sympath-tic aid at their own express. Ap income etic aid, at their own expense. An ingeni-ous woman of this city, well known in philanthropic circles, has invented a machine to do a work which has long puzzled profes-sionals. It raises a patient for the dressing of wounds, transfers him from cot to cot or to the operating room, without pain. By this invention, a simple frame is laid upon the cot, from one side to the other of which, bands are slid under the patient by a long, thin blade of wood. It is then fastened to pegs on the frame, and the whole is lifted by cords hanging from an upright framework which is rolled over the cot. These cords pass over pulleys and are wound up simultaneously by a crank which lifts the sufferer as in a gentle swing. This very ex-cellent device is coming into general hospital use.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Paris Gazette de Femme gives a list of French women who have attained academic degrees there. There are five doctors of medicine, three licentiates of science, two bachelors of science and letters, six bache-lors of science, and twenty bachelors of let-ters. These degrees have all been conferred during the last twelve years.

The German press are giving accounts of the visit of the White Lady who is supposed to make her appearance just prior to the death of any of the Hohenzollern family. This time the apparition visited the Old Palaceat Berlin, and frightened the guard on duty, who was arrested for deserting his post in consequence. The victim of the family was Prince Waldemar, the second son of the Crown Prince of Germany, and grandson of Queen Victoria. The legends of the re-curring visits of this spirit are well supported by evidence. She was seen in the same palace in the years 1659, and 1653, and the mystic Jung Stilling was a firm believer in her. She visited Natoleon I, when he resided at Bavreuth, and has since been seen at that place, from time to time, and always as premonitress of death. The last appear-ance before the present death, was in Vienna in 1873.

Wide Awake, (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, Mass.) Contents: Frontisplece -Spring is fully swake; The Language of Birds; Jab-bernock; Boston Whitsling Schools; A. Spring Out-fit; The Dogberry Bunch; Mex-ican Water-Carriers; The Dumb Spinner; The Lazy Pink Hen; My Little Love; Seeing the World; Our American Artista; Master Tony's Experiment; The First Fiy of the Season; Royal Lowrie's Last Year at St. Ulaves; The Dancing Cow; The Story of English Literature for young people; Re-venge; Posie; The Wishing-Cap; Talking by Signals; A Boston Rosebud Boy; Don Quixote, Jr.; Chippernip; A Mem-ory; A Very Bad Attack of the "Sulks;" Tan-gles; Music. This number is filled with pretty stories and many of them are illus-trated, which adds to its heauty trated, which adds to its beauty.

The Medical Tribune (Alexander Wilder-M. D., F. A. S., and Robert A. Gunn, M. D., New York City.) Contents: The first Mate-rial Substance; Watking and Secret of Tir-ing: Differentiation of Sexes; Vesical Dis-orders: Britaney exting and Secret of Sexes; Disorders; Primary action of Remedies; Corpulence-how to make lean People Fat and fat People Lean; Locomotor Ataxia; New York State Eclectic Medical Society; The Physician's Ready Helper; "Too many Doctors;" Poetry; The Mirror.

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"Too Many Doctors."

The April number of The Medical Tribune, edited by Alexander Wilder, New York, has an article under the above head in reply to the Old-School professors, who are declaring from the rostrum at their college commencements and through the press, that there are "Too Many Doctors." In it he says:

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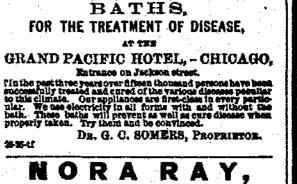
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But, spite of all these drawbacks, out of the darkness of materialism and superstition, a new temple shall arise; no sound of tools is heard, but the foundations are silently laid in the spiritual necessities of man's nature. The workmen are not yet in accord, each toils in his own individual way, and few see, prophetically, the grand and harmonious proportions of the completed whole. Here are the scientist, the inductive philosopher, the humanitarian, the student of ethical culture, the spiritual minded and progressive Spiritualist, and the har-monial philosopher, toiling at some portion of the foundation. It is not sufficiently advanced to be visible to the superficial observer, but, after long years of toil, when the plan of the fair structure, large enough to contain humanity itself, shall be discerned, it will be seen that.

"The conscious stone to beauty grew, They huilded better than they knew."

On Tuesday evening, April 22d, one of the most earnest, able and indefatigable of those who have essayed to lay the base of this temple strong and sure, Mr. O. B. Frothingham, took public leave of his friends in this city. After twenty years of service, he goes abroad for rest. A reception was tendered him at the Union League Theatre, at which Ex-Governor Fuller presided, and which was thronged by friends. Speeches were made by Geo. W. Cartis, W. T. Higginson, Prof. Adler, and others, in which a sketch of the work of the society was given, and the growth of a general spirit of liberality and toleration was marked. Much of this progress is due to the labors and influence of Mr. Frothingham. Many Spiritualists as well as free-thinkers have been accustomed to attend his lectures at Masonio Temple, and greatly regret his enforced departure. There now remain two places in which free thought has a public platform, Stand-ard Hall, where Prof. Adler speaks every Sunday morning, and Republican Hall, where Mrs. Brigham officiates morning and evening.

The thirty-fourth Annual Report of the Woman's Prison Association of New York, and Isaac T. Hopper Home, at 110 Second avenue, presents a statement of a most use-

Dr. Bacon, of New Haven, has written a biography of Mrs. Emily Bliss Gould, well known and loved for her long and charita-ble work in Rome. The book will have the title "A Life worth Living."

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PSYCHISCHE STUDIEN, Monotliche Zeitschrift, vorzuglich der untersuchung der' wenig gekannten phanomene des Scelenlebens gewidmet. Leipzig. Brnest Steiger, N. Y.

The march number of this magazine, to which Count Aksakof has given so much talent and money, contains among other good things a contribution from Dr. Zoelner on "Space," to which he has called the earnest attention of the greatest thinkers of Europe. The article is beautifully illustrated with a lithograph, showing the knots tied in an "endless cord," or a cord with ends sealed to the table, to account for which led to the advocacy of "a fourth di-mension of space;" to the German reader this magazine furnishes a rare feast of good things.

GOTTLIEB, his life, a romance of earth, heaven and hell. By Samuel P. Putnam. Pamphlet. New York: D. M. Bennett, 1879.

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The Phrenological Journal, (S. R. Wells & Co., New York.) Contents: M. Jules Grevy, the new President of France, with portrait: Things New and Old; Culture: Uncle Jimmle, the Cripple; Elihu Burritt; Brain and Mind; True Tone of Beauty in Poetry; Knowles Shaw, with portrait; Sketches of Life and Character in the South; Wells for School Houses; Theories; Our Girls; Notes in Science and Agriculture; Editorial Items; Answers to Correspondents.

lowing after charity and desiring spiritual gifts," and to infuse a better spirit into all forms of religious thought. When each one makes the discovery for himself through the evidences of his senses, that the soul of men lives on without the physic the soul of man lives on without the phys-ical body, and can think, reason and act even better than with it, commanding a realm of thought and power never attained by mortals- then the true meat is found upon which our Cæsar doth feed and grow so rapidly; then the true fountain of spiritual youth and vigor is discovered; then the true philospher's stone is obtained, that transmutes all the baser purposes of a gross and material life to the gold of spiritual truth. Spiritual communion to mortals is the inspiration and outflowing life from the All-

Father, God, to his offspring-the answer of all prayer, the glorious flower of all religious experience, and the grandest hope of a spiritual oneness with God. The intercommunion of soul with soul, throughout this vast universal whole, is the goal of all science and philosophy, as well as the grand acme of all ideal heavens.

There may be a form of religion without Spiritualism or intercommunion. If so. it is a form without a reality, a body without a soul, a barren fig tree whose value is not equal to the space it occupies. There may be a Spiritualism that is destitute of pure religion; if so, that is another effigy, stuffed with the dry bones of science and philosophy, and whose death-rattle is indicative of ice-bergs and death. True Spiritualism is true spirituality, yet, if in consequence of undevelopment, it is not directed in wise and good channels, it leads to dogmatism, ostracism, egotism, sensuality, and fortunehunting, delighting more in pulling down churches, and destroying old bibles, than the saving of a soul from the error of its ways. True Spiritualism instead of destroying old bibles, says, "Write new ones." Instead of destroying old creeds and churches, "Infuse a better spirit into them, and let whatever of error there is in them, die a natural death, leaving the good to stand upon its own merits, to grow and expand like "our Cæsar," if it can."

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Please explain what heart-religion means, and how much it differs from head-religion. I always supposed that heart was no more than the liver or stomach. I find a good many people foolish enough to think that the heart is the real seat of consciousness, and that the head is not of much account

We suppose that Mr. Baxter's inquiry is aimed at the following passage in number Thirty-six of Devotional Spiritualism:"--"Heart-worship, not head-worship, makes a man's religion."

Our correspondent is probably aware that the ancient philosophers placed the rational faculties in the head and the emotional in the heart; and though modern science may have proved that there is no known ground for the distinction, yet in literature and common usage it has been kept up, and everybody knows what we mean when we say, "He has a good heart," or "He has a sound head."

Heart-religion and head-religion may be illustrated by reference to two characters, whose prototypes are not unfrequently met with in the world.

In all the externals of life Mr. W. is a model of propriety. He calls himself a liberal Christian. He has Sunday services in his house, and reads prayers and sermons himself in a very effusive manner. He figures among the officers of benevolent institutions. He is very fond of having clergymen to dine with him; attends religious conventions, and likes to see his name in print in connection with charitable enterprises. Yet Mr. W. is capable of great meannesses when it suits his purpose. He does not scruple to violate a trust or utter a slander. He has been known to betray a strictly private and confidential correspondence. He is at heart a tyrant, a sneak and a coward. But he is very hard on atheists and unbelievers; and looks upon every man who differs from him in opinion as having no rights which he is bound to respect. He will play the bully or the traitor towards him whenever he gets a chance. Without being absolutely sordid, he takes good care to bestow his charities in such a way that the world shall know of them. Such is Mr. W., all whose religion is headreligion. Mr. A. is a very different character. He hates priests, churches and all formal shows of religion. He believes neither in a God, nor in a feture life, nor in an absolute morality. Without being a very deep thinker, he sees nothing but chance in the universe, and believes that there is no such thing as free will. He has read one side of the argument, and been converted to it, as he has not had time to read the other side. And yet Mr. A. would sooner cut off his right hand than betray a trust, whether from friend or foe. He is prompt to relieve suffering, and never asks whether the sufferer is a sinner or a saint. A thousand noble disdains flame up in his soul at an act of meanness or treachery. His word is literally as good as his bond. You may confide in his honor as you would in gravitation or the sun's rising. His heart is perpetually contradicting his need, and knows better than his head. His religion is heart-religion. and we would give more for his chances of "salvation" than we would for Mr. W.'s with all his prayers, puffs and pomposities. If we have not made clear to our correspondent the difference between head-religion and heart-religion, we must refer him to the words of Christ, who seems to have had a very clear notion of it; a notion which he endeavored to make intelligible to the scribes and Pharisees of his day

St. Bernard--Rieventh Contury.

It is well to learn of the past, not in order to look in despair on the present, but to make to-day rich with the wealth of yesterday and add to that heritage the living and growing thought of the hour. Whoever gives us a just idea of a great man of olden times, his excellence and error, does good service.

Rev. R. L. Storrs, D. D., gave a lecture at Princeton Theological Seminary last winter, on St. Bernard, the great Abbott of Clair vanx, the consecrated servant of the Catholic church, who devoted his splendid genius to the spread of ideas which neither Mr. Storrs or ourselves believe in, yet whose wealth of spiritual culture revealed great beauty of life and thought in some directions. "Without particular bias" he gives us a fine idea of a great leader in the church. Of the authority of that church over individual conversion, Bernard held strong views, yet they were softened by a sweet and intuitive ideal of Divine love in the soul. Dr. Storrs says:

BOUL. DF. STOTTS SHYS: Three cardinal principles were held by Bernard. First, that the spiritual coneclousness of the Church on any point which had been distinctly declared was a secure guide to the meaning of the Scripture and an authorita-tive witness to the truth; secondly, that reason held an office subordinate and auxiliary, to unfold and defend revealed truth; and, third, that an inward illumination of the spirit in men through Christian love was essen-tial to the understanding of the truth. This final state is the yoal of deelre, the prize of endeavor, and the state tial to the understanding of the truth. While that state is the goal of desire, the prize of endeavor, and the state of direct knowledge of the invisible by the purified heart. That God was only known by his attributes was to Bernard frigid and false. The hidden life of God in the soul was pure and perfect love. Love was the fulfil-ing of the law, and so vital in his system that Bernard was called by his contemporaries: "The Apostle of Love." God was revealed not to the soul, merely, but in the soul of the saint. in the soul of the saint.

The two first principles were outward and of his ecclesiastical education; the last was interior and of his spiritual nature, and so divine and saving. Like all great religious leaders he had a rich interior life and found strength in the repose of the soul, in visions and contemplations, out of which he came to counsel kings, to urge crusades, to guide in great affairs, to sway the people by a wondrous elequence, to lift souls into the realm of love, to teach a theology of immense power. Saints in heaven, he held, were interested in us and ready to aid us. Seen in the light of our day, his life had rare spiritual experiences, mediumship, and the

opening of the interior senses. Dr. Storrs finely says: He was a contemplative, yet practical mystic. His heart was kept sound and sweet by his earnest zeal for man. He believed that the divine illumination of in-spiration abode, in a subordinate sense, in the disciple called to teach, and that there was a meaning beneath the mare letter of the Ward wordinate is the rules. Yet

called to teach, and that there was a meaning believen the mere letter of the Word revealed to the wise. Yet his sobriety of thought was in marked contrast to the fanciful conceptions of one who saw even in the contour of the face of man the stamp *Horni Det*. Hnowledge, he said, makes us learned; but disposition makes us wise. We must thirst for truth, as well as for rightcousness. The cruel limitations of dogmatic theolo-

gy, ground into his intellect by monastic training, made him look at man as satan's thrail, and the Atonement as cancelling the the devil's claim on the sinning soul!

Yet his aim was to reach toward a divine life, and lead men to like high attainment, nd the best heritage he left s a fervor and exaltation of the spiritual faculties that transcended Catholicism and helped toward the Protestant reformation, centuries after he was gone. He lived before printed books were in being, and when scholars wrangled and theologians disputed in Latin. Even then heresy came up, pantheism was taught and transubstantiation assailed, for men will strive for better things. He was no heretic, but a pillar of the Catholic church, dying in its communion, teaching its tenets and authority, but filling its cloisters with the light of his own great soul, and so opening the way for a larger and freer future. The lesson of his life is, that whoever cultivates his inmost spiritual nature, no matter by what false creed he may be hampered, helps, even if all unconscious of it, to dispel the clouds and break the fetters. SOMNAMBULISM.-It is claimed that Mrs. Roberts who shot Theodore B. Weber in this city, was a somnambulist. Sergeant Hatheway, of the Chicago Avenue Station. says that last fall Mr. Roberts, who was then boarding on North LaSalle street, near Chicago avenue, gathered up a number of pieces of wearing apparel formerly worn by her son, got out of a third-story window -how has never been explained-and went to the residence of Theodore B. Weber, which was but two blocks from her boarding-place. She deposited her bundle on the front steps and laid down. About 4 o'clock in the morning she was discovered by a passing private policeman, who repaired to the station and notified the sergeant. Together they brought the woman to the station in an unconscious state and laid her upon a bench in the office. She was attired in nothing but her night-dress. Dr. Cunningham was hastily summoned, who examined her, and found her limbs and body perfectly rigid and cold. After recovering she did not know where she had been, or what she had done. At another time she was brought from the neighborhood of Graceland cemetery at a late hour of the night, whither she had wandered in the same scanty attire. The woman is well known to the police of the North Side as a chronic somnambulist.

A Woman's Golden Words.

Miss Frances E. Willard, of this city, is President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Illinois. Her good mother writes her these golden words:

Don't be discouraged, my child. First it is a thought; then a conviction; then it is an argument; then it is the great heart of the people; then it is victory. That is coming, and we have but to wait.

The life-experience of this mother has given her faith in the progress and power of right. What her creed may be, is of small moment compared to this; and this is one great lesson that every spiritual thinker should learn. With that lesson in the heart and soul, comes fidelity, heroism, perseverance and victory at last. Of course we work while waiting, and so we win. This applies not merely to temperance, but to every great reform." We see it to-day in the steady growth of Spiritualism, and of all persons in the world, the thoughtful believers in the spiritual philosophy should be most inspired with this faith, for the law of progress, the uplifting tendency in all things, is a part of that philosophy.

This woman's Temperance Union has just presented a great petition to our State Legislature that women may be allowed to vote on liquor license. Some one hundred and ten thousand names, of which fifty thousand were voters, were signed to this petition, which was stretched from pillar to pillar over the heads of the peoples' servants in the State House, lugged up to the speaker's desk by two men, presented with fit addresses by three women, treated with high respect, and a special and brilliant republic reception given its advocates at the Governor's house. It had the largest list of signers ever given to any petition in the State, and will win; not to day, but in good time women will vote on that question, as surely they should, as having their all at stake-the sanctity of wifehood and motherhood and home. Then they will vote on other questions, equal rights will help peace and justice, and the world will be the better for it.

The newspapers tell us that in Lansing, the State capital of Michigan, the daily receipts at the bar of the large hotel, where politicians and business men congregate, were over \$92,00 two years ago, but are about \$9,00 this season---"Small by degrees, and beautifully less !"

A few years ago Zachariah Chandler was elected United States Senator by the legislature, and he took that hotel for the night. filled it with his friends, made wines and liquors free and plenty, and had a "high time." This winter he is elected again, fills the same hotel with his friends, furnishes no liquor, and pays the owners to shut up their bar. Customs and feelings change, and public and private men conform, and so the truth wins, and at last

"Ever the right comes uppermost avar

The Brahmo Somaj.

Of the rise and growth of this broad and free religious movement among the educated Hindoos, the New York Independent gives an idea, as follows:

The Brahmo Public Opinion, of India, has a review of the history of the Brahmo Somaj, the Theistic church of India, from its beginning, forty-nine years ago. This history it divides into three epochs-the Vedantic, the Puranic, and the Eclectic. In the first period, which closed with the death of Ram Mohun Roy, there were "strong and earnest protests against idelatry, along with evident indications of a belief in the infallibility of the Vedas. In the hymns and songs there were symptoms of a belief in the transmigration of souls, along with traces of a corresponding faith in the Ve-dantic doctrine of unification with the Divine essence." When the Vedas were giv-en up, Babu Debendranath Tagore came forward with the great truth "that religion is based on the intuitions of the soul." He also "directed his attention to the construction of a new form of church service and a new and unidolatrous code of ceremonies. In doing this, he did not depart from the Hindu Shastras." He collected his texts from them alone, and published that remarkable book known as the "Brahma Dhurma." This is called the *Puranic* period, because the development of the Puranic idea of separate entity of the Godhead from the human soul and also the development of the Puranic practice of worshiping that Godhead took place in it. "We are all lebtors," says the Opinion, " to the venerable chief of the Adi Brahmo Somaj for the purity and sweetness of theistic worship that still characterize our Church."

While Tagore was preaching his doctrines, another leader was growing up-Babu Keshub Chunder Sen. Mr. Sen and his friends "fretted, as it were, under the conventional barriers of the Shastras, and longed to proclaim a broader and more catholic faith to the world, and to inaugurate an era of nobler self-sacrifice. This growing spirit finally caused a split between the old and the new school. They separated, and from the day of the separation dates an unusual expansion of our church. From that day Brahmoism has been presented to the world as a perfectly broad and catholie faith, eclectic in its principles and uni versal in its character. This we consider,' adds the Opinion, "to be the greatest serv-ice that Babu Keehub Chunder Sen has lone to our church." As to the present condition of the church, there has been in the past year "an unprecedented rival in every direction. . . . A separate and powerful organization has been formed [the Sadharan Brahmo Somaj, a schism caused by the early marriage of Mr. Sen's daughter]; one weekly English and a number of Bengali papers have come into existence; as many as six marriages according to theistic rites have taken place; two new houses of prayer have been consecrated and subscriptions opened for four or five more; and, above all, active and frendly correspondence has been opened with mofusail Somajes." Be sides this, the Somaj "has sent its missionaries to the Punjab and to the remotest corners of Eastern Bengal. Its executive committee have regularly held meetings every week; have raised and expended money; have issued two journals; have secured a press; have purchased a piece of ground, for the purpose of building a house

Mr. Thomas Walker has delivered his fourteenth lecture at the Academy of Music, Melbourne, Australia, on which occasion the house was filled from floor to ceiling. The subject was " Heaven, Hell, Purgatory, or Free and Imprisoned Spirits."

It was the celebrated Bishop Cox who wrote these-not very Christian lines:

"To new crusades let faith inspire. Down with the crescent to the mire. To arms! To arms, To vengeance dire!"

Geo. W. Taylor writes as follows from Lawton's Station, Collins, N. Y.

Failing to secure the services of Mrs. E. L. Watson, of Titusville, Pa., for the quar-terly meetings to be held at Ridgeway Cor-ners, Orleans County, N. Y., as announced in the Journate the same is negative of the second second in the JOURNAL, the same is postponed until the 7th and 8th of June.

Chicago merchants have sent \$2,000 to help give a good send-off to the negro settlers in Kansas. That is about a dollar a head for the drummers we send in that direction, and who will bring back after harvest an hundred fold in return. One good turn deserves another, and no class appreciates this more than the negroes, unless it be our merchants.

Col. Ingersoll informed us the other day, that Robert Collyer's reply to him was nothing but "taffy," and Dr. Ryder's criticism was "idiotic." Bob must have made the same remark to others, as the Universalist organ, the New Covenant, accepts his judgment of Collyer's sermon as its own, but discreetly refrains from telling his opinion of the Universalist Dr. Ryder's effort.

Our valued occasional contributor. Mrs. Saxon, of New Orleans, is to be one of the prominent participants in the convention at St. Louis, and we hope she will find time to visit Chicago. She is laboring hard to get Woman's Suffrage prominently before the constitutional convention of her own State, and is meeting with much encouragement.

C. Fannie Allyn passed through the city last week, from Kansas and Missouri on her way to fill an engagement in Philadelphia. We hear good accounts of the labors of this active worker. She informed us that after her lecture on the fourth, she would have given twelve lectures, done two large washings and ironings, and two thousand miles travel, in two consecutive weeks. Who can beat this?

The Rev. Dr. Gans, recently pastor of the Reformed Church, Baltimore, Md., was lately received into St. Ignatius Loyola (Roman Catholic) Church, together with Mrs. Gans, his wife, Arthur L. and Edgar H. Gans, his sons; Miss Mary L. Gans, his daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Geiger, two of Dr. Gans' former congregation. Dr. Gans resigned a pastorate of several years and twenty years' identification with the Protestant ministry. His conversion created a profound sensation at the time among all denominations throughout Baltimore. The eminent Prof. Swing, in a late lecture said : "So late as the sixteenth century, all the leaders in the new Protestantism freely held to the idea that persons who should stubbornly refuse to be converted should be put to death. Luthur and his companions believed in religious conquest by per-secution, and, up to the very border of our era, the leaders of the Gospel cause spread their domain just as Cæsar extended the limits of the Roman Empire." Mr. Fred. Alles, editor of the Pontiac Sentinel, was in town last week and favored us with a call. Mr. Alles is one of the striking. examples of what energy and ability can accomplish. Only a few years since he came West, and though a mere boy he was, from overwork, already broken in health and threatened with blindness. His guardian spirits brought him to the notice of Mr.S.S. Jones, in whose family he rapidly regained his vigor, and now, without a dollar of money except what he has earned, he is owner of one of the best country papers in Illinois, and on the high road to fortune. May success always attend him.

of prayer of their own."

THREE MONTHS ON TRIAL, for fifty cents. Friends, please remember that we are now sending out the JOURNAL to new subscribers on the above terms. We earnestly ask that you will aid us and the cause of Spirit ualism by obtaining new recruits for our grand army. We are certain that every three-month's reader who carefully studies the paper, will gladly renew at our regular rates. Those who are owing back subscriptions, too, we hope will respond with alacrity.

Rabbi H. M. Bien, of this city, is not an admirer of Col. Bob Ingersoll's heresies. In fact, he despises him from the bottom of his heart, and thinks a man who can make sport of and denounce the Bible as that eminent lecturer did in his address on "The Mistakes of Moses" and "Skulls," is not fit to live. It is a notable fact, however, that only about fifty persons turned out to listen to the eminent Rabbi, who, too, spoke in Haverly's theatre, the same place in which Ingersoll had an audience of over three thousand...

Mrs. C. E. Eddy.

Mrs. C. E. Eddy, a very good medium of this city, resides at No. 666 Fulton street. For twenty-three years she had been a deyout and exemplary church member, and though she has become, not only a believer in the grand truths of Spiritualism, but a medium also, she has lost thereby none of her former friends. She possesses several phases of mediumship. When an entire stranger enters her seance room, she will sometimes see his name standing out in bold relief over his head, as if some artistic hand from the Spirit-world had engraved the same for the purpose of conveying a test. In case spirit friends present themselves, they will often convey the intelligence they wish to give, by holding forth their hands upon which words and sentences will appear, as if in golden letters; she reads the messages thus presented, and sometimes the information conveys some remarkable test-a spirit friend is recognized, or a past event in the history of some one is brought to light, or the intentions of some person are revealed. To one who called upon her recently she said: "Your father's name was John: I see the

implements of a shop, indicating that he was a blacksmith."

The statement was correct. Sometimes a lesson is conveyed by symbols, to those consulting her. By symbols, if correctly interpreted, important lessons are sometimes imparted by spirits. She sees flowers which the departed friends bring-each one, of course. conveys a language and lesson peculiar to itself, and perhaps at all times the medium may not be able to translate the meaning conveyed; but when words and sentences occur, written over the head of the investigator, or on any part of his person, there then can be no doubt. The fact is there, as plain as a communication in a newspaper, and then the medium rarely, if ever, makes a mistake.

Mrs. Eddy is a plain, unpretentious, uneducated woman, often getting spirit messages clothed in words she cannot comprehend: she has been mediumistic from her infancy It is said that when a child she had the gift of discorning spirits, and then, even, she made some startling prophecies. The church of course, was not progressive enough in its nature to retain her permanently, so after many years of membership, she broke her connection therewith, and became a professional medium, and we have no doubt she is doing a good work in her humble way,

The Washington Post says that the preaching of Brother Moody is said to have induced burglars and other thieves, in many instances, to return stolen money and valuebles.

Laborers in the Spiritualistic Vineyard, and Other Items of Interest.

Dr. Peebles is to lecture in Brooklyn, during the month of June.

Mrs. Simpson has been making a professional visit to Watseka, Ill.

The Rev. Samuel Watson has been lecturing in Arkansas. His lectures are always well received.

John A. Dix made this sublime declaration just as he was dying: " I am at enmity with no man."

Out of four hundred and seventy-six students at Cornell university not more than seventy-six can be called Christians.

It is estimated that there are 923,000,000 of people professing other religions than that of christianity, there being only 371.-000,000 of christians in the world.

Speaking of the Ethics of Spiritualism. the Harbinger of Light says: "We consider it a most important addition to the standard literature of Spiritualism."

Mr. M. C. Vandercook, the medium and singer, who has long been with Capt. Brown, having taken a rest, is again thinking of another engagement. His present address is Allegan, Michigan.

A Brooklyn correspondent, speaking of Mr. Colville, says, "He is the best trance speaker we ever had, and answers questions the best of any one I have heard; he remains through May."

One peculiarity of Mrs. Bell Young's séances in Boston, is, that she will, in full light, sit down by a large plane, and commence playing, and the instrument will begin at once to beat time to the music with its front legs.

Reklaw Samoht in the Harbinger of Light claims that "The foundation of all religion is sensuous; it primarily depends on the use of the senses. We must be slaves to our senses before we can be servants of religion."

It is claimed that Miss Fancher is on the border land of the other world very many times, and whenever she is just there. she can hear sounds that are utterly inaudible to common ears, and can see sights that no human eye can discern.

Mr. Roff, of Watseka, whose name is al ready familiar to our readers, is about to settle in Kansas. We bespeak for him a hearty welcome in his new home, and commend him to our friends there as an honest business man and a thorough Spiritualist.

The Royal Templar says:

"Lottie Fowler, a Bridgeport Spiritualist, predicted some years ago that an explo-sion would occur in a certain cartridge factory, and the building was soon shattered. Lately she said that a boiler in a brase foundry was going to burst, and the female employes have since refused to work."

It is said in Job IV., "Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up."

Whenever a devoted christian writes in reference to the Spiritualistic phenomena, the peculiar tenets of the church almost always shade the views. One says:

"But there is no fear, for we cannot see into the world of spirits without having our eves opened; and if God saw fit to open them for some wise purpose, would he not also give us strength to bear the sight? Whether satan can accomplish the same seems doubtful; but we do know that he has no power over the saints, that he cannot touch a hair of their heads without God's permission. The christian, therefore, has nothing to dread, for God is love, and would not cause his children needless fear."

B. F. Underwood lectures in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, on the eleventh, soon after which he is to appear for trial at Greensburg, Pa., for, we believe, the grave crime of delivering a materialistic lecture in a school house in that Christian (P) town. Mr. Underwood is not a Spiritualist, but his lectures are generally such as meet with the respect and attention of all minds which have broken loose from the bonds of theological superstition, or are seeking to do so. He stands head and shoulders above all the materialistic lecturers in the country, and is still a growing man. We know of no public speaker in the Liberal ranks, either in this country or Europe, who would be so great a gain to Spiritualism as Mr. Underwood, and we hope he may yet be convinced of the truth thereof.

Bev. Edward Eggleston is of the opinion that sermon stealing is quite common in this country, but less so than in England. where clergymen think more of their ease than with us.

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GOTHAM BADLY DEMORALIZED.

All on Account of Its Superintendent of Public Schools Becoming a Spiritualist.

A telegram to the Ohicago Sunday Morning Herald says:

The public announcement that Henry Kiddle, for many years Superintendent of Public Schools in this city, had been converted to Spiritualism, and published a book on the subject, has caused great aurprise and a good deal of speculation as to whether be will remain in the position he has so long occupied. The book is entitled "Spir-itual Communications," presenting a reve-lation of the future life, and illustrating and confirming the fundamental doctrine of

THE OHRISTIAN FAITH. In the preface Kiddle disclaims all credit of authorship, declaring he has simply arranged the communications which came to him from the Spirit-world through the atleged mediumistic power of his daughter and son. There are in the book, communications from Judge Edmonds, and other dead relatives of Kiddle. Also from Shakespeare, Bacon, Queen Elizabeth, Sir Isaac Newton, Mozart, Christopher Calumbus, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Napoleon, William Cullen Bryant, Byron, Martin Luther, Pio Nono, St. Peter, St. Paul, and

A HOST OF OTHERS,

including Boss Tweed. Interviews were had to-day with the members of the Board of Education on the subject of his course. While all express the highest opinion of his scholarly attainment, and their respect for him, grave doubts are entertained by some as to whether his usefulness as Superintendent is not likely to be impaired by his Spiritualistic convictions. Kiddle was re-elected Superintendent last fall for two years, and by law cannot be removed except on charges, but the opinion is expressed that he would resign if he believed the Board of Education desired him to do so. All the members of the Board

APPEAR SURPRISED

at his conversion, and but one or two have seen his book. One of them thought that the poets, who were alleged to have made communications from the Spirit-world, had lost a good deal of their practical raculty since entering their present state. Whether the Board will take any action officially cannot be conjectured.

A New York despatch of last Saturday to the Daily Telegraph of this city, says:

Members of the Board of Education are amazed at the extracts from the book published yesterday, and express much regret that Mr. Kiddle had been induced to make public his peculiar views on Spiritualism. "It is a very sad and serious thing to contemplate," said William Wood, President of the Board of Education, when speaking of Superintendent Kiddle's recent declara-tion of belief in Spiritualism. "I believe it is hallucination and delusion, and with a

Judge Tilden, of Cincinnati; Judge McAllister, of Chicago; Prof. J. R. Buchanan, of New York; Epes Sargent, of Boston; Mr. Jewell, of New Orleans, late United States minister to China. That brilliant singer Clara Louise Kellogg, together with her mother, are among the "deluded women." And thus we might go on, column after column, with names of representative people more or less widely known, but we forbear out of consideration for the harrowed. feelings of these dazed school commissioners; and will only add as a sort of final blis. ter that, if Messrs. Dowd, Moriarty, Kelly & Co., will put a detective on the job, he will find every Protestant church organization in New York city, and in the whole country, honey-combed by this "delusion;" he will find that the open and avowed Spiritualists are only a tithe of those who have come to believe in Spiritualism, and he will find still further, large numbers who, though they have not yet become satisfied of its truth, are giving anxious and respect-

ful attention. Giles B. Stebbins speaks at Nashville, Mich., Sunday, June 1st; Sparta, Kent Co., (In Grover Hall,) Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th; Rockford, Michigan, Saturday and Sunday, (yearly meeting) June 14th and 15th.

How to Magnetize, gives important information on a vital subject to all Spiritualists Every one should read it. Price 25 cents.

Annual Spiritualist Re-Union.

The Spiritualists and Liberals of Central New York will hold their second sanual re-union in Music Halt, West Winfield, on Saturday and Sunday, May 24th and 25th, 1873, commencing at 1 p. m. J. Frank Baxter, of Boston, Mass., the celebrated public test medium, speaker, and singer, is engaged. Mrs. Cornelia Gard-ner, of Roehester, N. Y., is also engaged, and other speakers are expected. Bosto at the botel at reduced rates. A cordial invita-Board at the hotel at reduced rates. A cordial invita-

tion is given to all. Committeet-S. W. Peck, F. A. Ely, Deansville, N.Y.; L. D. Smith, E.F. Beals, West Winfield, N Y.

Quarterly Meeting.

Mr. Entron: I am requested by the Committee to send you a notice of the next quarterly meeting of the Spir-itcalists of Western New York, to be held at Ridgeway Corners, Orleans Co., on Saturday and Sunday, May 17th and 18th. Mrs. E. L. Watron, of Titusville, Pa., and others are expected to address the meeting. We extend a cordial invitation to all who are desirons of gaining knowledge of the Spiritual Philosophy. J. W SEAVER, G. W. TAYLOR, MRS E. GREGORY.

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is hallucination and delusion, and with a man having so great an influence for good or evil it becomes more serious. While every man has a right to his religious opin-ions, there is a point where he must stop. I do not believe that if Mr. Kiddle were to turn Mohammedan he would be a fit person at the head of the schools." Henry West, Commissioner of Schools, says he supposed the verdict of public sentiment on the subject would be that Mr. Kiddle's was mental delusion. Wm. Dowd, President of the Bank of North America, prominent in the financial affairs of the Board of Education, said: "I regard the whole subject of Spiritualism as a humbug. No one can regret more than I do that Mr. Kiddle has taken up with such

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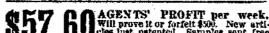
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a humbug. No one can regret more than I do that Mr. Kiddle has taken up with such a delusion. I have always stood by him, and have been his firm friend. I think it would be great misfortune to have the Superintendent of Schools of this city pointed out as a great Spiritualist. It certainly shakes confidence in a man's judgment to find him believing such folly. Then there is no such bosh in this book."

Bernard Cohn, School Commissioner, could not say how Mr. Kiddle's views would be received by the leaders of the He-brew faith. He thought the belief in Spir-itualism had nearly died out, except with some deluded women and eccentric men, and he never expected to hear of its revival by a superintendent of schools.

A Roman Catholic member of the School Board said: "Well! this is very surprising, but I suppose if Mr. Kiddle wishes to indulge in that kind of mental gymnastics, we have nothing to say."

Commissioner Kelley says: "I think it would not be right to retain Mr. Kiddle if he is to continue writing, and perhaps lec-turing, on the subject, and if he intends to resign I don't suppose any action will be taken."

Commissioner Moriarty don't believe Mr. Kiddle wrote the book. Roman Catholics think Mr. Kiddle's views on Spiritualism are most alarming nonsense, and that his book will strengthen the position of the Catholics on the public school question.

How sad it is that these worthy Commissioners and the astute Mr. Dowd should be so perturbed. It may seriously affect their digestion and lead to fatal results. In the perplexing dilemma these gentlemen find themselves, we would suggest for their consolation and benefit, that they devote a little time to statistics and learn into what a numerous and illustrious company Mr. Kiddle has entered. They will find among those who believe in this " hallucination and delusion and humbug," as they so glibly and ignorantly term it, thousands of intelligent well-educated people in their own city. They will discover that instead of Spiritualism having died out "except among some deluded women and eccentric men," that it embraces within its rapidly swelling ranks, as avowed Spiritualists, many of the finest minds and brightest intellects in all the different walks of life, from the honest farmer on the western prairie to some of the crowned heads of Europe. They will learn to their chagrin, that among Spiritualists are such men as William Lloyd Garrison, Secretary McCrary, Alfred Russell Wallace, C. F. Varley, Victor Hugo: the great German scholars. viz: Fichte, the illustrious metaphysician: Zöllner, physicist and astronomer; Fechner, professor of physics at Leipzig ; Scheiber.professor of mathematics; also Butlerof, professor of chemistry in the St. Petersburg University; Aksakoff, a trusted minister of the Czar. Returning again to our own country, this discomfited School Board will find among the " deluded," well-known scholars and professional men, among whom we hastily name Judge Tilden, of Cleveland; | cough or cold

choose the proper officers to conduct and take charge of the same. We shall be pleased to receive letters from such friends as cannot be with us, so we may have their thoughts that we may reason together. We believe there are thousands of Spiritualists in this section of the State who would be glad to have the opportunity to meet together, that we may know each other better; also to compare our thoughts and ideas that we may be more closely be drawn together in brotherly love and

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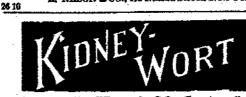
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by a Spiritualist.

Q. What makes you believe in Spiritualism? It seems to me you possess too much good sense to believe in such nonsense-that the spirits of departed human beings come back here, rapping, moving tables, untying ropes, writing on alates,

A. I don't believe la Spiritualiem. Q. You don't believe in Spiritualism! Why, you re quoted as being the most confirmed Spirituallat in fown.

Yes, I suppose so, and it is true. What do you say?- a Spiritualist and don't A. Yes, Is Q. What d believe it?

Well if that isn't a paradox. What do you believe?

A. I believe in many things that I don't know to be true I believe there are such places as London, Paris, Egypt, Chicago, Peru and Ans-tralla. I believe there are millions of people liv-ing in those localities, though I was never there. I believe in eternal principles, as love, justice, truth. I believe in what are called self-evident facts, that connot be proved. I believe that grass grows, I cannot say I ever saw it grow. I know I have five sauses, I believe most people have five, and it is through their manifestation that we obtain knowledge; not belief-but know, and what we know we do not believe. Q. Don't believe what we know? A. Exactiv: what you beli

A. Eractly; what you believe you do not know, and what you know you do not believe, hence i do not believe in Spiritual manifestations for I know of them.

Q. How do you know of them? A. By the appeal of certain facts or phenomena to my senses of seeing and hearing. Others claim to know by the senses of seeing, hearing and feel-

Q. You may have been deceived by your senses. A. Yes; any one sense is liable to be deceived at one time; two senses much less so, and three senses seldom or never. It is by repeated experiments, and under different circumstances of the same subject, that we finally arrive at truth, and where truth is, deception is impossible! I hear a sound, I call it a rap. I question that sound and it repeats itself at my request--not my will, for I will that it shall continue to rap or produce itself, but it will not. It bears evidence of a will of its own. It manifests intelligence by answering questions, and in the million times it has been requestions, and in the million times it has been re-peated. I never heard of but one answer being given to this question.—Are you a spirit? The answer is rapl rapl rapl. You are now ready to declare that it is done by the toe joint of the me-dium. That being abandoned you say it is elec-tricity, meamerism, imagination, and hastly that it is the work of the devil. Now, at this point, it does not matter what we call it or what we don't call it. The device to restly be it is for fort? call it. The first question to settle is, is it a fact? If, No, then all sense is a humbug. If, Yes, let us treat it as a discovery of another law of nature; the result of a cause which in turn becomes a

cause for another effect. Q. Well, suppose it is true, as you say, --what good is it? I believe it leads to immorality, licentiousness and vice.

centiousness and vice. A. It teaches me to be more loving and forgiv-ing to mankind, more charitable to their faults, and more anxious that people may know more and believe less, knowing that much of the crime, misery, vice and unhappiness of the world can be attributed to the ignorance of mankind, while knowledge and truth are the sure remedy. There are but few persons in the world that know spir-itual intercourse to be true, who do not make it a itual intercourse to be true, who do not make it a rule of action in their lives. It helps to clevate the standard of morality; it foregoes self-love by embracing the neighbor as an equal, to be looked after and cared for, without thought of what he believes. Of course there are exceptions to all rules. I know of some men who profess to be-lieve in spiritual intercourse who live very far from its teachings. They do not enjoy-they can-not enjoy the pleasures of this existence, like the o acts from the mental or inward conviction of knowing that the more he makes others happy, the more he enjoys. Q. Then why don't you Spiritualists organize and go forth to convert the world? A. Because we do not think that is the best

way. I know there is a class of Spiritualists who are very auxious to do so. They feel so happy in the knowledge that they possess, that they want to extend it to every human being. It is a grand thought and full of love, but lacks wisdom. I do not believe in proselyting until I find some one seeking. Truth will maintain itself. It requires no missionaries. It was excellent advice in olden times, "Beek and ye shall find." When you seek for truth you will find it. Like begets like. Love begets love. My light shines none the less be-cause you have lighted your taper by mine. Peo-ple of the same way of thinking are attracted to each other for truth's sake, as particles of iron are

A Payekelegical Phenemenen.

The San Francisco Chronicle publishes an interview with a noted physician of that city, in which he relates the following peculiar experience:

" It was in the fall of '51, in the days of primitive morality and laxer justice in San Francisco. I had been but a few months in the city, and had become moderately established in my practice. Early one morning I was called to attend a man who had attained some prominence as a speculator and operator in real estate. He had been discov-ored lying upon the floor of his lodgings in a dy-ing condition from half a dozen knife wounds, the ing condition from half a dozen knife wounds, the horrible instrument of his death still remaining where it had last been thrust into his body to the hilt, pometrating through the right lung. There were evidences of a desperate struggle baving oc-curred before the unfortunate man yleided to his fate. He was entirely unconscious in the spasmod-ic gasmon of death and he breathed his fast in a ic gaps of death, and he breathed his fast in a very few moments after I reached the spot. As his last breath went out I became conscious of a new and mysterious presence, and my mind seem-ed to pass under the control of a superior mental power. I yielded a passive obedience to the infuence, and immediately the scene of a death struggle passed before my mental view. It seemed for an instant as if I was myself endeavoring to ward off a murderous attack. With one hand my ward off a multicerois attack. With one hand my assailant held a sufficiating grip upon my throat, while with the other he plunged the deadly kulfe again and again into my body. I saw his elenched teeth, and his fierce, cruel eyes gleaming into mine with the malignancy of a demon. Such was the force and horror of the impression that I staggered and fell as if in a faint. The by-standers, who were inured to sanguinary scenes, supposed that I had been overcome by the spectacle of the murdered man, and their comments were snything but complimentary to my nerve and experience as a physician. But the cool and careful manner In which I subsequently performed the autopsy dissipated what might have been a fatal suspicion cast upon my professional capacity. I found the marks of clenched fingers upon the throat of the murdered man. I knew that I had beheld and ex. nerienced the incidents of his death struggle precisely as they were impressed upon his own mind. The stout, burly man of my vision, full-whiskered, with a red shirt, stouched hat, and a black ker-chief tied loosely about his neck, and that flerce, fiendish glow of countenance I could never forget. But I did not recognize the man, and in those days suspicion was not safe based even upon better foundation than the pretensions of a sooth-sayer. I did not care to hazard either my life or my professional reputation in a manner that could accomplish no good purpose. "Years after the occurrence in the early part of

the '60's, I was returning from a trip to the east when I met a gentleman on the steamer on the way up from Pausins. He came aboard at one of the Mexican ports, accompanied by one or two others. Acquaintances were speedily made, and the usual sociality on shipboard was cultivated. One evening we were seated at a game of whist, and the gentleman I specially refer to had taken a hand as my partner. I was leading out a suit, and incidentally glanced across the table to catch an inspiration from the countenance of my partner. Instantly a strange spell came upon me. The features of the gentleman assumed a malignaut expression; his full gray beard was restored to a sable hue; he had on a slouch hat, a black kerchief, a red shirt-it was the horrible incarnation of my vision standing beside the murdered man. The shock overcame me, and I reeled, limp and helpless from my chair. A glass of brandy and water revived me, and a disposition to sudden attacks of virtigo was the explanation I gave to the sympathizing group.

The following morning the gentlemen approach-ed me while leaving on the rail, and accosted me with a cordial salutation, 'Have we not met before?' he inquired. 'Just as you were taken ill last evening I seemed to catch a sudden glimpse of familiarity in your countenance ' 'I do not know,' replied; 'were you in San Francisco in '51?' 'Yes-no, as I recollect,' he sgain stammered. I was looking in his face again; his features seem-ed again to gather that horrible distortion of ma-lignity; it held me as the faccination of a serpent, and with a desperate effort I turned away and hurried from his presence. No explanation was made or asked on either side. I have met the gentleman often since-a wealthy and respected person -but there seems to be a repulsive force between us, and of mutual accord we keep aloof. Do we know each other's minds? I cannot tell."

The Independent Voices.

One of the most interesting spiritual phenome-

na is that of independent voices, especially where the relatives and friends of the sitters come and

converse freely with them, giving satisfactory evidence of their identity. For a year past we have had a medium in this city, who, during that time, has been developed for that phase of mani-festations in a remarkable degree. I refer to Mrs.

Lowe, formerly Louie Karns. A special circle has

been sitting regularly once a week with her for something more than six months, with the most

satiafactory results. Quite a number of the invis-ibles who regularly speak in her circles, converse with the aitters and with each other freely, in tones quite as loud and distinct, and apparently

with about as much case, as persons in the form converse with each other. The deceased friends

of the members of the circle almost invariably

come and converse with them in perfectly audi-ble voices, giving satisfactory evidence of their identity. The singing of the spirits is perfectly wonderful, many singing in voices much louder than any one in the circle can sing. These invis-

ibles sing alone, and do not require to be acco

panied by any human volce: and some sing with a considerable degree of skill Independent writ-

ing is generally obtained when called for, and pa-

per and pencil furnished. To such of your readers as were in the habit of

attending the scances of Mrs. Hollis-Billings, late

of your city, it will perhaps be interesting to know that her controls, James Nolan and Skiwa-

kee, now speak regularly in Mrs. Lowe's circles,

and manifest their identity beyond all shadow of doubt. I suppose I have heard Noian speak in

Mrs. Hollis' séauces at least forty or fifty times,

and of course was perfectly famillar with his voice and manners. The first time he spoke in

Mrs. Lowe's circle, some six months ago, so per-fectly familiar was I with his voice that I saluted

him by name before he had spoken more than half a dozen words. He has continued to speak

regularly in her circles ever since, in the same dig-

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

Notes and Extracts.

Till the new birth into spirit-life the soul may be likened to a bird, caged.

No just interpretation of miracles has as yet been given to the world. Like all your most valuable possessions, medi-umship can be abused in the use.

As long as each day comes singly, each freight-

ed with its own load only, people can bear a great

A medium used by undeveloped spirits is in-jured, when recklessly employed for their own idle gratification.

You will be a rational being in the other state, have capabilities adapted to that siste, as you are adapted for the life in this state on earth.

By obeying the true spirit within him, every man can be his own king and priest, and help to maintain order amongst, and elevate those around him.

All are the subjects of spiritual guidance and inspiration; not only the poet and patriot, but the humble husbandman and the industrious mechanic.

Sacred writings, so-called because they give evidences of spiritual purposes, have in all times been esteemed by man as above all other forms of knowledge.

When all men become more spiritual, then our lawgivers will be more spiritual, and we shall again be ruled by spiritual precepts, and led onward by true heroes.

The spiritual body is not a glit fresh from the spiritual wardrobe manufactory every time a man dies, but is the result and outgrowth of our bod-ies in this state of being.

coming in a form suitable to the needs and state of man at the present day.

The power which spirits exercise over mortals is the same as the power which the earthly mea-meriat exercises over his subject, viz.: the power of will and mutual sympathy.

The life germs that are inherent in every hu-man soul, are offshoots from the great Tree in the eternal realm of spirit-life, whose leaves never wither, and whose roots never decay.

A tree is known by its fruits. The devil would not incite men to lead holy and moral lives. If he did he would be a fool, and he is generally credit-ed with being a very sharp-witted customer

This life is a school where the spirit gains experience and knowledge, and we should make It our object to learn all that we can; that this will not be lost, but carried into spirit-life with 118.

While science is doing a marvelous work, through mortal agency, revealing hidden forces in material things—touching the earth-life—it is evident the spirit spheres are also doing a great work.

The Christian theory and teaching is that man's future depends upon bellef, faith, hope. He knows nothing about it, and hasn't a particle of evidence to prove it, while the Spiritualist has every evidence.

As soon as the mind is emancipated from the necessity of keeping the bodily system from death, its inner senses are opened and strengthened, just as they are a few moments before death, in almost everybody's case.

If you had a barrel of gunpowder, we dare say you would be careful, knowing its inflammable nature, that it and the fire were not brought into collision. Just so with mediums: take care that they are not placed in dangerous conditions.

"From small beginnings are great results," is a true proverb. The grain of mustard seed, the despicable, almost invisible thing, to day the great tree, providing lodging for the fowls of the air, and alas, too, for the brute harpies, to mor-TOW.

It is only by love and devotion that we can devote ourselves to the higher spheres, and there-by make our work really and truly a spiritnal blessing; our present agencies are, most of them, mere scaffolding for temporary use, and which hides the beauty of the building.

nified and apparently sincere manner that he was accustomed to speak in the seances of Mrs. Hollis. I have often tested the memory of both Nolan and Skiwakee, as to occurrences in Mrs. H.'s fances, and have soldom, if ever, found either of them at fault. Inasmuch as Mrs. Lowe never saw Mrs. Hollis. and of course never heard either Nolan or Skiwa-

kee speak in her circles, the perfect manner in which these spirits identify themselves in Mrs. L's circles, is very interesting. It precludes the possibility of the voices being produced by ven-triloquism, even if that theory were not precluded by many other circumstances.

Washington, D. C.

Mother Shipton's Prophecy.

ted, is often denied as being authentic. I would like to know whether it is genuine. In my search I have come to the following items, and if our English friends can find that lady's volume in the English friends can find that lady's volume in the British Museum, the question may be settled. I know not where else to look for a copy. That the woman actually lived and prophesied I have this evidence: In the "Diary of Correspondence" of Samuel Pepys. F. R. S., Sect. to the Admiralty in the reign of Chas. II. and James II., published in London, 1848. I find in Vol. 3rd, p. 316, in the en-try for Oct. 20, 1666 this remark: "He (Commis-sioner Middleton) says he was on board the Prince when the news came of the burning of London when the news came of the burning of London and all the Prince (Rupert) said was that 'now Shipton's prophecy was out.'" A note in the mar-gip says: "Mother Shipton's Prophecies, often gin says: "Mother Shipton's Prophecies, often printed." In vol. 5, p. 253, addenda to the Diary, I find this note to the above passage: "Evidently the concluding passage of Mother Shipton's prophecy, viz.: 'A ship come sailing up the Thance to Londor, and the master of the ship shall weep, and the mariners shall ask him why he weepeth, being that he had made so good a voyage, and he shall say, Ah, what a goodly city this was; none in the world comparable to it, and now there is scarcely left any house that can let us have drinks for our money." The addenda adds: "Quoted from the edition of 1641, which Prince Rupert might have seen."

J. J. C.

The prophecy of Mother Shipton, so often quo-

down.

With halo of light your being to crown. More mighty by far to open the soul To eternal joys, than mountains of gold. They bring to your aid in times of distress Many bright beings your homes to bless. Oh, more than by words can be expressed. Are the homes of light with happiness blessed! There is nothing in dreams that can compare With our beautiful lands and homes over here.

Poices from the People.

AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS

SUBJECTS PERTAINING TO THE

HARMONIAL PHILOSOPHY.

Homes in Spirit-Land.

BY MRS SERENA MILESR.

I've often heard of the happy bowers

Where angels dwell amidat fadeless flowers,

Where streamlets, valleys, mountains and delle,

That the fancy weaves most wonderful things,

And over them all such enchantment flings,

Midet beautiful forms that ne'er pass away.

Come, dear spirit, and list to my prayer, .

And tell me about your homes over there.

Are they given to you by God's command?

And on wings of love unseen I've come:

And each who earnestly, honestly strives

Will one of those beautiful homes secure,

As the rising sun drives the mists of day.

For the soul, as it will, to work and plan.

Will and work bring us the gifts of God,

For even the flowers which deck the sod,

Must draw their food from out of the ground,

Here isbor and pleasure go hand in hand-

But what we wish for, we work for each day,

Happiness comes not to us by command,

And, when we the laws of nature obey,

And thus each spirit its home prepares.

Each thought is a power for good or ill,

Escaping the brain in taugible form

As bird, or bee, or flower full blown.

Shining, if holy, like stars in the night.

Serving the spirit of love to entice.

In spirit life even our walls obey

As it is, in truth, without a screen.

As crystels reflect the light of the sun,

Thus decking the home with every device,

Which there will its baim or poison distill,

It follows then as a natural rule-

Which slient work with their beauty is crowned.

Pleasures come trooping like children from school

Heaven is made by thoughts, deeds and prayers,

Pure thoughts are blossoms of pleasure, over here, Casting their perfames our souls to cheer,

Bright walls are emblems of those who are pure,

If dark ones are seen, then you may be sure.

The law that compels each thing to be seen

And change to many the rays that were one,

So homes that are pure lose nothing by light,

Which gives a new charm that serves to invite

The lovely and pure from other bright spheres,

The magnetic chain, which links mind to mind,

Through whose goldon wires the blessings come

To linger awhile and add to their chcers.

Prayers are the golden threads that entwine

That sin lurks within, for bright, dark or gray,

Twining, if loving, like garlands most bright,

There is space for each in Spirit-land,

Where the troubles of earth all pass away.

To live a life that is spotlessly pure.

Who fashions your mansions in Spirit-Land-

RESPONSE OF THE SPIRIT.

Your thought fissh'd its way to my spirit's home,

They are earned, my child, by well spent lives;

That the soul is lost in rapture each day

By murmuring waters, whose ailvery flow

Breaks into music as onward they go,

Are ever under such magical spells

Beautiful Aspiration and Spiritual Foresight.

In the large book store of E B. Smith & Co., yesterday I was shown a very interesting book the blography of Laura C. Bridgman, born in Connecticut some forty years ago, deal, dumb and blind. This poor girl with her interior life cut off from all outward knowledge, was found by that excellent and able man, Dr. L. G. Howe, the husband of Julia Ward Howe, of Boston. He took her in charge, devised means for her education, had books with raised letters for her delicate fin gers to touch, and brought out her faculties so that she is now cheery, thoughtful and intelli gent. Her education was a curious psychologic al study, and developed the fact of fine intuitions and noble aspirations in her interior being. I found in a facelmile of her own clear handwrit ing the poem, part of which I copied. It is her own, and shows the conception of a spiritual sight, and other like senses to be opened in a higher life.

HOLT HOME.

"Heaven is my holy home, Holy home is from overlasting to everlasting, Holy home is summerly. I pass from this dark home toward a light home ÷ Earthly home shall perish, But holv home endureth forever.

By the finger of God my eyes and ears shall be The strings of my tongue shall be loosed. With sweeter joys in heaven Shall I hear and speak and see

In heaven is music sweeter than honey And finer than a dismond.

Touching indeed are these words, telling of peace and hope and light within, of a spiritual life to emerge into light and find glad voices. G. B. STEBBINS.

Detroit, Mich.

The Last Witch-Burning in Europe.

It is generally stated that the last witch was burned in Europe in 1793, in Prussian Poland, burned in Europe in 1785, in Frussian Poland, But this has now become a mistake. She was burned Feb. 26th, 1879, in Vrataheyo, in the Gov-ernment of Novgorod, Russia. Her name was Ag-rafena Ignaticva. She was a soldier's widow, and seemed carly in life to have acquired fame for her skill in various secret arts. The name once ac-quired, she profited by it. Without working, she had platty of ered things, for the messants of the had plenty of good things, for the peasants of the neighborhood stood in great awe of her, and sent to her house the best of their harvests. But at last Nomesis overtook her. Fits of epilepsy became uncommonly irequent in that part of the country, and they were invariably attributed to Agrate-na's ovil eye. In the beginning they increased her reputation, but finally the fear of her grew into terrer, and the instinct of self-defence awakinto terror, and the instinct of self-defence awak-ened. One day a young girl in a fit of epilepsy mentioned Agrafena's name, and a few hours later the whole population of the country gathered around her but, and among them the Justice of the Peace and two members of the Representative Assembly of the government. There was a short parley between Agrafena and the crowd; then she was driven into the house; doors and windows were closed, the house was set on fire, while the unhappy woman crisé, acreamed and prayed for her life, the crowd stood unmoved, looking on to the last, and sang hymns in praise of the favior who delivered these from Satan.-New York Times.

attracted and held together by the magnet. I have no business to be running to and fro through the land, thrusting my "ism" under the noses of men, insisting they shall stop and examine my hobby, theory, belief, opinion, or speculative ideas on any subject. When a man becomes dissatis fied with his own views or belief, when he doubts sufficiently to question in his own mind the propriety of teaching them to his children, or permitting others to teach them, when he looks around for a better, more reasonable and consist. ent religion, when he turns and seeks then and not till then, is it worth while to extend the torch of truth to light his pathway. If you want to know of spiritual manifestations

and the philosophy they teach, you must seek, in-vestigate, and the door "shall be opened unto you." No man's belief or opinion is worth a farthing in the matter except what is based on knowledge. A grain of knowledge is worth a ton of belief.

The Spiritualist believes the law of compensa tion always holds good; that all effects are just equal to their causes; that there is no other way in this world or the next, in time nor in eternity, whereby man can be saved from evil, but by a knowledge how to avoid it; that heaven is more of condition than place; that there is no way, the ory, or belief possible, whereby the one person slone can suffer for the wrong doing of another; you must save yourself and not another for you. The idea that man cab trespass against eternal immutable laws and escape the penalty, is absurd, whether it be the taking of another's life, the stealing of another's labor, the destroying the peace of another's household, or simply bearing false witness against your neighbor. The penal-ty must come. The effect must follow the cause. No regret, no sorrow, no repentance, no substi-tute of the between the penaltute can step between cause and effect, and the sooner society find this out the better. My creek is love TRUTH with all my mind, and my neighbor as myself. In all my investigations on this sub. ject. I make it a rule never to abandon my commön sense. A. B. A.

10r. C. D. Grimes writes: Dr. J. K. Batley has made us a visit, and gave us two lectures. The Doctor held his audience admiratly while he led them through some of the most simple and happy illustrations of the entire supremacy of it over matter, thereby framing a most conclusive argument for immortality, upon common sense principles and the beautiful processes of natural law, leading humanity either to a heaven that was as natural as sunshine, or a hell upon the principle of the great compensating law of nature, and as sure as "death and taxes." The Doctor left a good feeling, and abiding conviction that it is not the one that can soar the highest, and give a first dollar lating but he are but he and give a fifty dollar lecture, but he who breaks the bread of life in such a way that it can be mas. ticated, digested and assimilated, lifting the soul and overflowing the heart with gladness. Unco. licited, we cordially and heartily recommend Bro. Bailey as an able exponent of our beautiful phi-losophy.

B. Mayor writes: I have the honor to for-ward herewith a copy of resolutions adopted at the last meeting of the independent Order of Free-Thinkers.

al. That we heartily endorse the course of the RELIGIO-PHTLOSOFEICAL JOURNAL, and tender our congratulations for its bold and open advocacy of free-thought. Resolved, That we would regard it as a valuable

sociation to the files in our library, and that we solicit its contribution thereto. Recoved, that the Secretary of this Order be in-structed to forward a copy of these resolutions to

the office of the RELIGIO PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL. Opelouses, La.

"Spiritualists and Their Dupes "

To the Editor of the Religio Philosophical Journal: In the New York Observer of 13th inst, a lengthy letter appears captioned, "Spiritualists and their Dupes." Reference is made to the recent exposure of Mrs. Huntoon in Canada where the medium was "seized by a stont unbeliever" stc., and the writer adde: "The same discovery has been made in this city and Boston, in Philadelphia and twenty other cities, but there are dupes enough in eve-ry city to make it profitable to impostors," etc.... all of which we regret to say is too true. But this all of which we regret to say is too true. But this writer proceeds, after commenting upon modero credulity and moralizing upon the present disbe-lief in the Bible, to say. "All Spiritualists exhibit-ing for money are impostors," and quotes the scrip-ture, "Thy money perish with thee." Now if such logic proves anything, it proves too much for our pions friend; it proves that every preacher who re-ceives pay for his spiritual council and advice is an impostor! As to the detection of fraudulent medi-ums, it proves equally a double-edged weapon: ums, it proves equally a double-edged weapon; for, it among the millions of Spiritualists in the United States there be found noted humbugs in New York, Boston, and twenty other cities, what inference must we draw from the fact that all these twenty other cities, are full of the very worst or thodox hypocrites and heartless frauds in the business? Would our plous friend have us make the light in the should be bout then a we do make the legitimate deduction from his premises that re-light is all a mockery and a sham? If we find that New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and twenty other cities are full of pions frauds and white-washed hypocrisy, what are we going to do about-it? Why should such a statement in reference to Solution there be a statement in reference to a balance at the solution of the statement. Spiritualism invalidate all its claims to intelligent acceptance, and yet when applied to the church only serve to confirm its adherents, of its strict conformity with truth? For we all remember the familiar illustration, that there never yet existed a counterfeit but was based upon a solvent bank, and the better the bank the more likely was it to have its counterfaits. It seems not a little strange that the identical argument used to overthrow Spiritualism, is used to demonstrate the reasons-Very truly, D. M. PUTERBAUGH. bleness of religion.

The alleged exposure of Mrs. Huntoon, in Canada, was authoritatively denied at the time by reputable people, whose names were connected with the affair. Whatever Mrs. H. may have done before or since, let us be just enough to adhere to facts. Will the Observer make a note, both of what our correspondent says, and of our correction.

Wan Dundee, writes as follows: There is no writer whom Darwin quotes so often as Al-fred B. Wallace. In his origin of Species and Descent of Man, you see Wallace quoted as authorbecent of Man. you see weines quoted as author-ity on almost every other page. In the "Descent of Man" vol. lat, part 2d, chapter 9, "Colors of Caterpillars," Darwin says: "I then applied to Mr. Wallace, who has an innate genius for solving difficulties." Now Mr. Wallace applied his gen-lus to solve the difficulty about spiritesi phenom-us to solve the difficulty about spiritesi phenomens, so called. The result was, that after having applied himself earnestly and honestly for a long time, and using the averagt scientific methods, in spite of natural prejudice, and the certain con-tempt of his scientific associatos. Mr. Wallace became an avowed believer in the genuineness of the came an avowed believer in the genumeness of the phenomens. Very many other great scientific persons have within the past thirty years done the same. Yet the man Beard, who owes all his notoriety to his violent, unfair treatment of Spir-itualism, declares that those who believe have never pursued scientific methods. Millions be-lieve on the same grounds; they believe they live, move, and est, drink and labor or think. Accord-ing to Beard, he who maintains the megative is alone respectively as a size and worthw of hearing. respectable, same and worthy of hearing.

J. D. McLin writer: "I cannot dispense with the JOURNAL, and would not for many times its subscription price. There is no mistake in the ring of its mettle. Its fearless course in "weed-'out frauds is commendable, and should meet ing the hearty approval of every honest Spiritualist in the land.

If a copy of these prophecies can be found in any library, the question of the genuineness of that in regard to 1881, may be not at rest. Will our friends that have opportunity search the Har-vard and the Astor Library, and will some Spirit-ualist in London search the libraries there and report through the JOURNAL? H. H. BROWN.

The Olive Branch speaks as follows in reference to new-born Spiritualists.

The new-born Spiritualists are excusable in measure for this overflow of jubilant feeling. They are liberated slaves. They have been yoked to lower forms of life than their own. They are like men who have just been reclaimed. From early childbood they have been traveling through a barren desert, with burning sands beneath their feet and a covering of brass overhead, parched and footsors; they were met in this condition by some angel visitor, and by a spirit application, their eyes were opened, and they saw by the com-pass held by the angel guide, that they were wan-dering further from the true rath. Under the dering further from the true path. Under the guidance of their newly found pilot, they retrace their steps, but they do not have to travel far be fore new scenery greets their vision. Now they see in the distance the foliage of evergreens. As they draw near, they hear the murmuring of wa-ters, and then as they drink from those waters, there is borne to their ears, soft, sweet strains of music; and while they sit listening and drinking, they fall asleep; and while there, many bodies are wrapped in the motherly arms of angel guardians; the spirit is borne away from earth, and enters the land of rest. 'Tis but for a moment-then the spirit is conducted back again, and, entering the sleeping form, arouses it, and together they renew the journey.

D. D. Home in a letter dated at Paris, April 13th, says: I had a beautiful letter from Mary Howitt last week, in which, speaking of her husband, she says:

"He too looked forward cheerfully to his recov. ery till about a week or ten days before the close, then meekly and cheerfully he submitted. He was ready for the change, and it brought no fear or anxiety to his mind-nothing but a very natural sorrow to leave us and to close an outward life which had been made so desr by long un-changing affection."

His departure from earth is a great loss to our cause, for he was an honestand carnest investiga-tor, and a man most richly endowed with a sound judgment and common sense. Would we had more, and many more like him.

Richard Fons writes; I was at a campmeeting two years ago, and when I was returning home I heard music around me like the rushing home I heard music around me like the rushing of waters. When my mother died, about nine years ago, my grandmother lived a mile sway. When I told her of my mother's death, abe said: "I saw her come into my room as plainly as I ever saw her in my life, at the time you say she died. My father has seen the spirit of a woman in a house that we lived in. I was looking for work in a small town in this state and failing to find a notice that we lived in. I was tooking for work in 2 small town in this state, and falling to find anything to do, I started to go fifteen miles fur-ther, when a spirit fold me to go back, as I would find employment in driving a team. I did so, and a man employed me for that work. I often see sights spiritually: sometimes pletures of rare beauty; beautiful fields of flowers with a river of water flowing through them.

A. W. Walos, writes: I like the JOURNAL, and I expect to take it while I live, coming as it does freighted with knowledge from a philosophical stand point, giving us the whys and where-force of ali matters pertaining to the spiritual cause, and I should be in case of its absence, like a lost child in the wilderness.

B Gillott writes: As to your course in con ducting the JOURNAL, it is all right. The truth is what we want. Better have ten true mediums than one thousand uncertain ones.

B. C. Spiller writes: I like the good old JOURNAL, and cannot afford to loss a number. I like the way that you serve false mediums. Jas. M. Miller writes: I like the way you handle fraud and deception, and sustain honest medlums.

When we take a journey into a new country we usually like to know something of it; but what will become of one after death the great majority of people are not able to tell, but they believe they will go either to heaven or to hell, neither of which places of existence they are able to define.

Is the occupation the same in the Spirit-world as it was in this world? For the time being it must be the same, as spirits are continually attracted to the old scenes of life and labor; but directly the spirit becomes awakened to a consciousness of all its powers, then the spirit pursues that occupation best suited for it.

A spirit says: "And when the question is asked, Where is the dead? Where are those who yes-terday were with us, and to day are gone? Are they in heaven? No, they are in the sphere of transition; they are within and around the world in which you live. Not for punishment, but for education and development—an education which shall fit them for the higher life of the future."

Those who care nothing either for their social position or wealth, except as an instrument which they use constantly for the unselfish purpose of making the world better and happier than they found it, are as angels of light compared with their neighbors who as slavishly sdore the posi-tion won for them by somebody else, as a beadle adores the magnificent dress provided for him by the parish authorities.

The inspired Andrew Jackson Davis-a companion of exaited spirits-in his intensely inter-esting volume, "The Present Age and Iuner Life," relates how he saw a vast convocation of spirits, having in consideration the affairs of the astions of the earth. There was a delegation representing each nation, and with many others inciting the sons of each nation to deeds of spiritual serv-

The world will never be redeemed by mere ba-lief in any code of laws, or formula of doctrine.

- In the beautiful language of Bryant-"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again;
- The eternal years of God are hers;
- But error, wounded, writhes in pain, And dies amid his worshipers."

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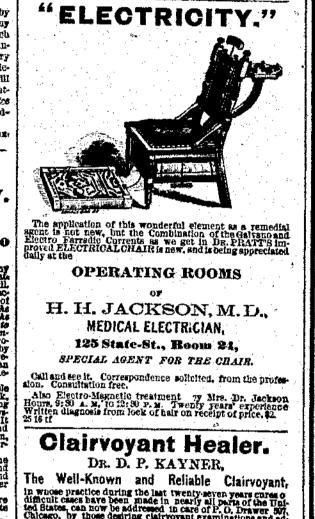
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eral messages were written and signed by my brother and many others whom we had known and loved while in the body."

"About this time one of our circle reorived a letter from England, informing him that a ship named the City of York, on which an intimate friend of his was an officer, was long overdue and supposed to be lost. At our first meeting afterwards, a communication was written through my hand, giving an account of the foundering of the steamship City of Boston, and signed S-s S-n, the name of the friend al-luded to. We said it was the City of York that was supposed to be lost, but the spirit adhered to what he had written, and when the next mail arrived from England, the papers contained an account of the loss of the City of Hoston. Many similar instances have occurred in my experience, proving the identity and independence of the influ-60.08.

Of course great excitement prevailed in the neighborhood, and the conditions for successful stances were disturbed. The masses wanted physical manifestations, and were disastisfied with mere spirit writing. In 1863 he visited a friend for the purpose of establishing a circle. Six or seven gentlemen met there, and some received mani-festations. One who held himself aloof as a spectator became interested, and received a communication from his father, of whom he inquired of his sister in England, and received a very truthful reply, afterwards confirmed by mail. During this time, Mr. C— had been annoyed by the levity of certain members of the circle, and invited Mr. Terry to his house for special investige Mr. Terry to his house for special investigation of the subject. Here the communications became more elevated, but when questions on theology were asked, the answers were opposed to the received religious notions of the questioners, and although Mr. was convinced of the bonafide character of the communications, he withdrew from the circle, which from various causes was after a year broken up. Not having any circle, Mr. Terry concluded to sit alone, and trust to his spirit friends to prepare him for the work. He soon began to feel the magnetic influence, and was enabled to carry on a conversation with his guides by means of magnetic shocks on the forehead, and when thoroughly influenced, whole sentences were vividly impressed. He speaks of this early stage in the following words:

"My inmost thoughts seemed open to their inspection, and were frequently com-mented upon, often unexpectedly. I well remember on one occasion during business hours my mind reverting to the subject and thinking of the probable effect of the powers that were given (and promised) to me on my worldly position and prospects,--I felt the magnetic shock, indicating the de-sire of the spirita to communicate, when the following was spelled out: "We see your thoughts. They are not what they should be; you are thinking of the loaves and fish-This brief message made a profound im-65. pression on me then, and caused me to endeaver to exclude from my mind all selfish and impure thoughts, and everything which might pain my kind preceptors. My great desire was to gain a condition that would enable me to receive communications by writing. I seemed disqualified for purely mechanical writing, and my guides told me not to lay myself open to inferior influences, as my doing so would retard my development to the conditions to which I aspired. I was promised that on a certain day these uncertain influences would leave me. and the good and wise spirits would be enabled to communicate through my brain. On the evening of the day named, a calm soothing influence came over me, and feeling as though I were relieved from a great burden. I sat down and received a most encouraging communication. Every day dur-ing the following week the same pleasing sensations came over me, and I was influ-enced to write instructions and exhortations of which the following is a specimen: "Attend to the conditions of your body. It has a great influence on the spirit, and is the spirit's abiding place while in mortal life. Should you not be in health, we will aid you to recover; should you be in trouble, we will assist you; should you want a friend, we are with you; all we ask in return is that you aid us to carry on the good work by assisting your fellow-men, and instructing them in spiritual wisdom. Power will be given you to heal the sick and suffering. Make a proper use of the good gifts bestowed on you, and you will bless the day you began your investigations." After about a fortnight, I was directed to fix upon an hour which would be most convenient for me to devote to the reception of a series of instructive communications, one of which would be daily given. I selected 4 p.m., and punctually at that time, however occupied, the magnetic shock (which served as a signal of their presence), called my attention to the time. * * * It was during the reception of these communications that a new power was developed in me, which has ever since been of great service to myself and many others. A young friend was visiting us. She seemed cheerful and vivacious, and beyond a more than ordinary paleness, showed no signs of ill health She had fallen asleep on the sofa when my attention was attracted to her by my spirit friends, and I was informed that she was suffering from an internal complaint, and a prescription was given for her cure. Subsequent inquiry proved the cor-rectness of the diagnosis. Since that time have been enabled when in the proper condition, to accurately diagnose the most complicated cases, and as the knowledge of the disease is half its cure, it has been of great service to many who could derive no benefit from ordinary treatment. "Being unable to procure spiritual liter-ature in Victoria, I sent for a parcel of works to America, thinking at the time I should derive great pleasure from their perusal. In this I was disappointed, as my guides advised me not to read them, as they wished my mind to remain unbiased on the subjects treated, so that when they wrote through me, I would be more independent. But Hound my books good to lend. I have from the first, avoided every attempt to proselyte, but whenever persons have apled to me for information I have presented plainly and impartially the results of my experiences, and advised them to be guided by their reason in this as well as in other things." For several years after the development of the power to diagnose and prescribe for disease, the gift was used among relatives and personal friends only, and no fee taken. In 1868 the calls upon his time increased to such an extent as not only to occupy all his leisure, but seriously encroach on his business, and it became evident that he must abandon one or the other. Advised by his guides, he determined to devote himself to the spiritual work, charging a fee when the applicants could afford it. and using all his vallable means in the diffusion of spiritual literature. About this period Wm. H. Tur-

ner, of the Melbourne Eclectic Association, read a paper on Spiritualism, in which he severely criticised and disparaged the wri-tings of A. J. Davis. The paper was so fa-vorably received that it was printed and circulated, and Mr. Terry felt, as there was no other champion in the field, it was in-cumbent on him to reply. He had no lifer. cumbent on him to reply. He had no literary experience, but the conscious aces of the truth of his position gave him strength, and his reply was widely circulated, eagerly read, and drew the attention of thinking

persons to the subject. He had an antipathy to advertise himself or his mediumship, and located in a small room over his book shop in the city, he awaited the coming of the patients who were to supply him with the means of sub-sistence, for the sale of books was so small it scarcely paid the rent of the premises. The spirits sent them to him, and little by little his practice became established. A diagnosis of a complicated case had previous to this time, brought him in contact with a liberal-minded medical gentleman, who having had considerable experience in clairvoyance, was somewhat prepared for the reception of Spiritualism. Some scances held by Mr. Terry with him and another medical gentleman, led to their conversion, and the development of the latter to writing and trance mediumship of an excellent quality. The first of these, Dr. Motherwell, one of the oldest and most respected practitioners, and member of the Council of the university, has been an open and consistent advocate of Spiritualism ever since, and re-gards but little the social and financial losses incident to such a position in comparison to the mental and spiritual profit.

About 1869 the necessity for a Spiritual-istic journal was impressed deeply on the mind of Mr. Terry. He could not cast it off. With his deficient literary training and want of means he hesitated, and while he waited, Mr. B. S. Nayler, a recent convert, who after giving a series of lectures on Spiritualism, started a paper called the Glowworm, which had a brief career of only five months. At this time, an exceedingly sensitive patient described a spirit holding a scroll on which was written "Harbinger of Light," and the motto " Dawn approaches, error is passing away; men arising shall hail the day." This influenced him, and in August, 1870 he set to work to prepare the first number, which appeared on the 1st of September of that year and has continued to be regularly issued to the present.

There was no organization in the Australian Colony, and Mr. Terry saw the advantage and necessity of associative movement. He consulted a few friends, and in November 1870, he organized the first Victoria Association of Spiritualists. A hall was rented and Sunday services, consisting of essays and readings by members, enlivened by appropriate hymns, were held. In October, 1872, impressed with the desirability of forming a Lyceum, he called together a few willing workers, and held the first session October 20th, 1872. It is, and has been from the first, in a flourishing condition, numbering one hundred and fifty members, with a very handsome and com-plete outfit, and excellent library. He has remained an officer ever since, and conductor four sessions. He assisted in the establishment of the Spiritualist and Free-thought Association which succeeded the original one, and was its first president. He has lectured occasionally to appreciative audiances, and his lectures have been widely circulated. His mediumship which gave such fair promise, both in regard to writing ame controlled especially for the relief of the sick. Without the assistance of advertising he has acquired a fine practice. With this he combines a trade in reform and Spiritualistic publications, as extensive as the colony, and the publication of the Harbinger of Light, a spiritual jour-nal that is an honor to the cause, and well sustains the grand philosophy of immortality. No man is doing more for the cause, or has done more efficient work. He has been true to the dictates of his guides; he has labored unselfishly for the good of others; he has kept himself pure and un-sullied, and they have never failed him. In all these respects he is a model for mediums everywhere, and his experience is a lesson for the guidance of the conduct of their lives.

tact with a thoughtful and cultivated. Hears and cath-olis mind, from which he cannot fall to derive a healthy stimulus, and this is, perhaps, the highest service that any book can render us.

any book can render us. Othe isseen, of no slight value, may be learned from Mr. Beacher. He may help us to perceive more clearly that Spiritualism is no trivial question of the origin and import of certain obscure physical phasemenas, but that, on the contrary, it is one of the greatest magnitude, at-tended with momentous issues; that it is ultimately as-sociated with the deepest problems of thought and life; that it enfolds us in the present, reaches backward into the further past, and forward into the unknown future, and in some degree unveils our relation to the world of in-visible and starnal realities.

L. J. DAVIS' CLASSIFICATION OF SPIRITUALISTS. After reading with considerable interest the recent article in your JOUENAL, from the pen of Mr. Davis, classifying Spiritualists as rational, christian, magical, phenom-enal, and reincarnation, the thought oc-curred to me, that the division or classification, would admit of not a little emendation. To wit: Robert Dale Owen was an avowed Christian Spiritualist. These are among his published words:

Spiritualism is the complement of Christianity; spir-ital phenomena are the witnesses of Christianity; all thoughful observers, when convinced by these phe-nomena, will be Christians as soon as they make sharp distinctions between the simple grandeur of Jesus Christ's teachings as given in the synoptical gospols and the Augustinian version of Faul's theology.

Prof. S. B. Brittan is a Christian Spiritualist in the same sense; so I understand it, that Dr. Watson is. These are among Dr. Brittan's eloquent teachings:

Dr. Brittan's eloquent teachings: When the world was faithless and disobedient, he (Jesua Christ) stood alone-sublimely great-in his sol-emn trust and his immortal fidelity. That halcyon peace of the soul, that deathless love of humanity and God-like forgiveness of offenders were incarnate in the revel-ation of Jesus. The church of the future must be built on the same foundation as the church of the past. Oth-er foundation can no man lay, but it is certain that we require a new, and in many respects, a different super-structure. We must have a church whose articles of faith shall be the moral precepts of Jesus, etc. The L D Rechargen is on "aut.and-out!"

Dr. J. R. Buchanan is an "out-and-out" Christian Spiritualist. After showing the marked superiority of Jesus to Socrates in his anniversary discourse at Boston, he pronounces Jesus Christ the "Great Commander in the Army of Heaven;" adding:

If there are any Spiritualists present, who are dispos-cd to neglect or ignore his moral authority on earth, I would call their attention to his suthority and rank in heaven. Interrogato the wisest spirits whom you can reach and you will find that they all recognize his lofty rank and his pervading power.

Mr. A. E. Newton, the candid reviewer and essayist, is also a Christian Spiritualist in the same sense that Dr. Crowell, Dr. Watson and others are, 1 could quote pages from his writings to this effect.

Gerald Massey, the English essayist, poet and author, speaks his convictions in these words:

Words: The special characteristic of Christ, above that of all other delegates of God, was the infinite largences of coul with which he represented that which is universal; the common fatherhood of God, the common brother hood of man. It was on fluis he founded his spiritual kingdom. It is the loftier humanity of Christ that I cling to and climb by, nothing doubting that it is di-vine I do not deny the incarnation of God in Christ. What I object to is the physical mode of stating it * * And herein Christ was the beloved Son, the chosen re-ceptacle, the perfect medium, whose human purity made him so disphanous to the Divine as to be a living lamp for the etornal love to shine through without ob-struction. In him our humanity most nearly touched the Divine. I see no difficulty, from the spiritualistic example the discussion of the person of the shift and control this medium so fully at times as to be and ble as well as visible through him who would thus personify the Deity in presence, and speak with the voice of very God.

While in no way questioning the good motives of Mr. Davis, still it seems to me that through some oversight, he put Robert Dale Owen, J. R. Buchanan, S. B. Brittan, A. E. Newton and a few others in the wrong column. Their writings so show and so testify. And further, I seriously question the wisdom of thus dividing, assorting and classifying Spiritualists. There was no apsity for drawing suc of demarkation. And what is more, I fear that it will tend to widen existing divisions rather than to promote unity of feeling and concord of action. Blessed are the peacemakers If I rightly understand the doctrinal position of Christian Spiritualists, as they stand classified by Mr. Davis, they not only repudiate cramping, narrowing creeds of the church fathers, but they utterly ignore the more modern theological dogmas, such as "original sin," "the fall of man," "total depravity," " trinity," "infallibility of the Bible," "vicarious atonement" and "endless hell torments." But they are not mere negationists. They have positive convictions. If 1 may be allowed to say, they believe in the existence of God, in moral law, in moral responsibility and moral obligations. They believe in the existence of Jesus Christ, and hold in high estimation his inspired utterances and ethical teachings. They believe in the beauty of faith, the necessity of repentance and the pursuit of every lofty endeavor for the higher good. They believe that ancient Spiritualism, including the signs and wonders, the trances and visions of the New Testament, to be in strict accord with modern Spiritualism; thus recognizing the perpetuity and immutability of law and the unity of history. The truly inspir-ed Mary F. Davis embodied many of the above sentiments in the following paragraph:

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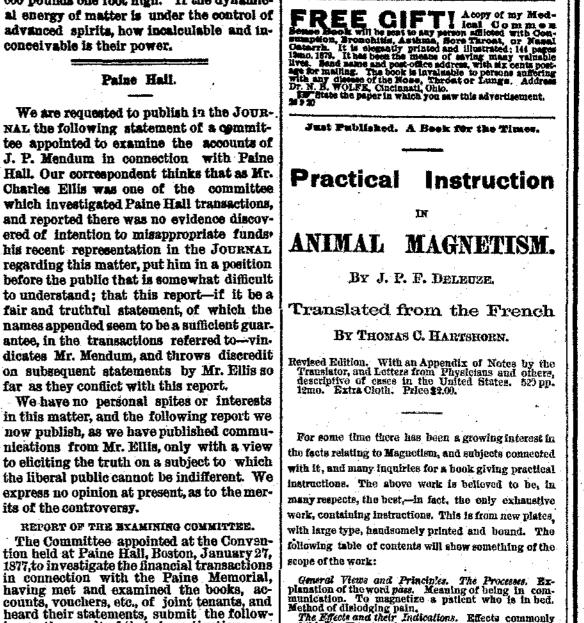
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A LETTER FROM J. M. PEEBLES.

New England Items-Spiritual Outlook-Beecher's Book-Dayls' Classification of Spiritualists,

To the Editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOUENAL"

Stafford is a quiet, pleasant village near that railway station, Stafford Springs, Conn. The surrounding scenery is line and the town is of interest to Spiritualists, because the home of Calvin Hall, a successful healing medium for fourteen years. He healed as did Jesus without money and without price. And further, being a substantial well-to-do farmer, he started a subscription with a \$1 000, for an elegant hall. Others contributed, resulting in the construction of a fine hall or church edifice. Nor was this all; he set apart \$5.000, the interest of which was to go in sustaining Spiritualist lectures and other meetings in the interest of Spiritualism. Dr. Hall, now ninety-three years old, is

comfortable, patient, and calmly awaiting his translation to the better land of immortality. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight, the excellent family with whom he resides, do all in their power to make his remaining time peaceful and happy. I have had good meetings in this society. Mr. Cephas B. Lynn, the eloquent and the valiant, speaks during May and part of June, and then comes Frank Baxter who, besides his lectures, sings like a seraph and gives remarkable public tests.

THE EAST HARTFORD SOCIETY.

Two evenings of the present week I lec-tured in the Town Hall at East Hartford, Here Spiritualists have an organized society and managed to sustain (on week-day evenings) some of the most prominent lecturers in the field. They pay a monthly subscrip-tion, and occasionally resort to a small door fee. This latter practice, however, is going out of date, as it should. Mr. Baxter being too unwell to fill his engagements at a dis-tance, kindly discoursed sweet music both of these evenings. The people were delight-ed and none more than myself. He sings under a glorious inspiration, and what is so admirable in a singer he enunciates each word distinctly.

CHARLES BEECHER'S WORK ON SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS.

I am surprised-and I may say happily surprised, too-to see so many copies of this book in the homes of Spiritualists. It must be having an immense sale. Thomas Bre-vior, alias Thomas Shorter, one of the sound-est and clearest headed Spiritualists of England, writes in this style of Beecher's book:

A great charm of the work is its transparent sincerity and ont-spokenness. Its author is, in the true and high-est sense of the word, a free-thinker—a term we would gladly see rescaed from its conventional abuse. The careful render of the volume must feel himself in con-

Spiritualism is not the opposer, but the 'handmaid of pure Christianity. It adopts the essence of the sublime institution given to the world by Jesus and his disciples. THE SPIRITUAL OUTLOOK IN THE NEW ENGLAND STATES

So far as I have been able to judge while lecturing here in Connecticut, visiting in Boston and other eastern cities, the spiritual movement seems to be making substantial headway. The lectures in Boston have been well sustained. Bigotry is less rampant; science is pushing superstition to the wall: cumbrous excrescences are being lopned off from Spiritualism; and the public exhibits towards it a much healthler tone of mind. Prof. Wm. Denton is lecturing upon subjects related to science nearly every evening of each week. In Willimantic met and listened to his delivery of a most able and timely funeral discourse—a dis-course while argumentative and logical was at times pathetic and aglow with the beauty and moral grandeur of Spiritualism.

Mrs. Dwight, whose guest I am, is a supe cior healing medium-her medical examinations-I speak from observation and experience-are wonderfully clear and correct. Stafford, Conn.

The power of the higher spirits must be very great. Their advanced knowledge of material and spiritual laws, gives them such a control of the elements that humanity on the earth plane would scarcely be able to measure or comprehend the same When science, for example, has taken one pound of charcoal, and heated it to the point of incandescence, the atoms of carbon of which it is composed will have reached a startling velocity; then it is that oxygen finds it necessary to take an active part in the experiment-the oxygen-atom "by its impact upon the coal, has its motion of translation converted into vibratory motion, which immediately appears as heat." And science has demonstrated that this one pound of

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