

Ernth Gears no Mask, Pows at no Human Shrine, Seeks neither Place nor Applause: She only Asks a Hearing.

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Report of the Anniversary Exercises of the First Harmonial Association of New York City.

To the Editor of the Beligio Philosophical Journal: The Harmonial Association held its first annual meeting at Steck Hall, 11 East 14th annual meeting at Steck Hall, 11 East 14th street, New York City, January 4th, 1880, at 3 P. M. The room was filled by an audience in close sympathy with the interesting pro-ceedings. The President, Andrew Jackson Davis, occupied the chair. Precisely at 3 o'clock, the meeting was called to order, when Lames E. Farnsworth gave an exwhen James E. Farnsworth gave an exquisite solo upon the organ, and then an accompaniment to the Conron sisters, who rendered Gilmore's new National Anthem. The secretary was then called upon for his report, which was as follows:

2. "Is there a Personal God?" October 19th. "What Service has the Bible Render-

ed to Human Progress?" October 26th. "The Difference Between Inspiration

and Revelation." November 9th. 5. "A New Religion and a New Morali-

November 16th. "The Harmonial Way of Salvation."

November 23rd. 7."Why the Bible is a Wonderful Book."

November 30th. 8. "A New Heaven and a New Earth."

December 7th. 9. "Facts and Fictions Concerning Death." December 14th.

10. "The Human Affections and the Diseases to Which They are Liable." De-

cember 21st.

11. "Death, Viewed as a Reformer and Revealer of the Individual." December 28th.

"The Office and Laws of Medium-12. ship"

#### REPORT OF TREASURER.

At the first meeting of the Association, in December 1878, a resolution was adopted, engaging Mr. Davis to contribute to the RELIGIO PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, for publication, a series of articles on subjects germane to the aims of the Association. This engagement Mr. Davis has most faith-fully and instructively fulfilled, as all readers of that paper are aware. . The report of the Treasurer, Jas. B.

• The report of the Treasurer, Jas. B. Loomis, is as follows: "As Treasurer of the Association, I have only to report, that, as no actual business has been done by the Association, as a body, I have nothing at present to report; but if it is in order, Mr. President, I would like to say that I have the friends who have have say that I hope the friends who have been so kindly disposed toward the movement, which to-day we celebrate, will not, at the close of the present term, forget what has been done, nor overlook the far greater benefits that will come from continued ef-forts in this direction. It begins to be evident that we have been 'building better than we knew,' as I will show presently, by some quotations from foreign letters. "Thinkers receive abundant suggestions from the plain discourses we have had, and from the plain discourses we have had, and if these suggestive germs of thought have not been elaborated by us and made a part of our consciousness, it is surely our own loss. Those who have been accustomed to eloquent and sounding periods only, have no doubt been a little disappointed, and these have naturally sought other centers of inhave naturally sought other centers of instruction. But those who have remained with us, have found our board amply supplied with food for thought and reason, and have no doubt been conscious of a healthy growth of spirit. 'Truth is ever born in a manger, and it seldom comes to us as we would have it come. We must receive it on its own terms. If we cannot do this, there is always some faith-some error in ourselves. "Before any indifference or discouragement as to the success of this present effort takes possession of us, it would be well to consider what others of the same school are doing in Europe. I will read, with your permission, a few words of a recent letter from Leipsic, in Germany. The writer says: "In this ancient and famous seminary and titerature, and for stronghold of science and literature, and for centuries the center of the German booktrade, there has been in existence since 1873, an Association for the inculcation of the 'Harmonial Philosophy,' which, since the celebrated experiments of Prof. Zollner, Prof. Crookes, of England, and others, has taken a new start, and has lately published its constitution and the list of its regul and honorary members. The aim of the Association is, 'To promote among Germ people general advancement and univers elevation, and to rouse and propagate use elevation, and to rouse and propagate user knowledge as the means of developing tru-self-knowledge according to the fund mental principles of immutable natur-laws as produced in the Great Harmoni by Andrew Jackson Davis, and of the co-nate branches of pure Spiritualism. As means to these ends we have institute means to these ends we have institute first, public discussion and lectures; secon meetings for discussion and social gathe ings; third, a library of books and journa devoted to genuine spiritual progress. So much for the letter. Then follows list of 130 names among which I see the names of Baron Aksakof, Immanuel He man Fichte, Prof. Max Perty, Prof. Zollad Prof. Gregor Constantin Wittig, Pro Philip Kramer of Munich, Willhelm B ser of Leipzic, and others equally celebr eð.

States, are watching to see what we shall be able to do with those meetings in New York. These foreign societies have made notes of us here at No. 11 East 14th street, and what we do, is a measure of our earnestness and a source of encouragement to them.

"Letters from St. Petersburg, from Hol-land, Austria, and from Calcutta, also report similar schools as being formedschools for the investigation and study of the Harmonial Philosophy, as well as socie-ties for observing and recording spiritual phenomena. These phenomena, however, are deemed secondary in most of these in-stitutions, because it is only the bed-rock of Philosophy in the transformer of the second Philosophy that can satisfy the true German and Russian mind.

"Phenomenal Spiritualism is considered an externalism mainly and by itself, disintegrating to a unity of interior thought. It tegrating to a unity of interior thought. It is held by them also, that it can never be made a religion by its most sanguine pro-pagandists, for it appeals to the intellectual or the emotional, rather than to the religious nature. And yet we must say that phe-nomena are valuable aids, which, properly employed, no rational investigator will wholly set aside. "We have in this country abundant criti-cisms on the Harmonial Philosophy, but so far as my own observation goes, these criti-

far as my own observation goes, these criticisms, so called, are the result of a very su-perficial understanding of its broad principles; and because this philosophy is based upon essences which extend deep down into the interior of being beyond external cognizance, and upward into the infinite and eternal where sensuous recognition fails, the average critic does not always grasp its real import. Spiritualism can not be of much value with the conservation or support of a true philosophy, without being supplemented by a reason for the hope that is in us.

"The external philosophy requires the ex-ercise of all the knowledge and reasoning which we acquire by intellectual experience to make it our own. "The Harmonial Philosophy also requires "The Harmonial Philosophy also requires"

though during that time they have sung with Emma Thursby, and with some of Mapleson's Opera Troupe, and in many concerts, continuing the great success which they began in the leading cities of Europe. Mr. James Farnsworth kindly consented

to become our organist, involving a great expense of time, and incurring a heavy re-sponsibility in so doing. I am glad to say that his kindness, as well as his fine musical talents, have been received with great appreciation. All this work has been done "without money and without price," and he can still be retained at the same nigh salary. The reengagement of the Conron starty. The feengagement of the Conton sisters, depends upon negotiations now pending in Europe. We hope to secure the services of a tenor and bass, very soon. SARA W. VAN HORN, Chair, of Com, on Music.

Chair. of Com. on Music. The Misses Conron then sang, "My Faith Looks up to Thee," with organ accompani-ment, in such strains of melody, that the audience seemed spell-bound with delight. The President then arose to thank the Association for the great interest manifest-ed by them in these Sunday lectures, during the last three months. The congregation had steadily increased, and much interest had been expressed, toward this movement by persons who were working in various. by persons who were working in various, departments of liberal thought. Prof. Felix Adler had sent a kind note upon the anni-versary occasion, saying that "fire purifies as well as consumes, and there cannot be too many fires kindled in the city." He and Mary were members of Mr. Frothingham's and Mr. Adler's societies. He again expressed his gratification at the number present, and his recognition of both material and spiritnal support, in aid of these meetings. Resolutions and short addresses were now in order. Dr. Briggs then offered the following:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Association be requested and authorized to invite and arrange with Bro. A J.

on the grand law of USE, and as such she had proved the principles of wisdom to be. She was devoting her life to practical work, especially to unfolding the laws of heredity and environment.

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Henry J. Newton, President of the First Society of Spiritualists, then spoke, empha-sizing his entire and growing sympathy with this movement, as one which helped, to break down barriers which held souls in chains, and helped to spread the glorious light of free religion. Mrs. Cynthia Leonard then gave a very fine, though brief series of remarks upon

the delight which many took in inharmony, in spiritual darkness and mental fetters. This was briefly continued by Margaret W. Ravenhill. After Mr. Thomas Austin had expressed the feeling of those present, in regrets that the Society had not become in regrets that the Society had not become sufficiently strong to afford any remunera-tion to the speaker for his most valuable work among us, Mrs. S. W. Van Horn, gave a most effective rendering of Kate Putman Osgood's, ...Under the Maples," an exceed-ingly appropriate recitation. The congre-gation all joined in giving song and chorus of "Truth is Marching Oa," with great vim, and continued standing to receive a heneand continued standing to receive a benediction from Mary F. Davis.

Your Secretary regrets that he cannot do any justice to this supreme moment in a most memorable and delightful day. The large congregation continued standing; before them this inspired woman, who with uplifted and rapt face, seemed to feel the full influence of the world of spirits. "O believe," said she in effect, "that the bending heavens above us, at this moment, are raining down a sweet shower of divine love, from that second sphere- for whose beautiful shores, they have left us! A crowd in-numerable are regarding us now; hosts of those wise and loving ones, who strive to work with us and for ns, and for the up-lifting and growth of all humanity. Believe that angels are very near us now, are even in our midst; those angels who were our dearest companions once on earth, and who are now the inspired and inspiring teachers of those who love truth. Let these fires enkindled in our hearts this moment, the fires of loving aspiration-of yearning up-ward to the better life which they have reached, who dwell in regions of purity, and harmony, be sacred to us ever more May they keep our feet from stumbling and help us to tread that straight and narrow path of wisdom which will finally lead us to dwell in regions where unfolded and exalted intelligences do congregate! Until then may we dwell in

The secretary reports that on the 4th of December 1878, in this city, this Society was organized upon the following articles and objects:

The name of this Association is the First Harmonial Association of New York.

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The objects of the Association are two, viz. (1). The harmonization of the individ-ual. (2). The harmonization of society.

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In order to promote the attainment of these objects the Association purposes to establish in the City of New York:

1. A system of public discourses by persons deemed competent to impart instruction.

2. A Publication Society for the manu-facture and distribution of harmonial and spiritual books, papers, pamphlets,

A bureau for the promotion of the Ethical Sunday School, known as the Childreps' Progressive Lyceum.

4. And in accordance with new light that may be vouchsafed from time to time, the Association propose to do all within its power to augment the blessings of health, justice, fraternal love, prosperity, happiness and progression.

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Any person may become a member of this Association by signing the above specified name and objects.

Andrew Jackson Davis, was duly elected President; Cyrus Oliver Poole, Secretary; Jas. B. Loomis, Treasurer.

A Conference was called by the Association, on the 23d of September, 1879, to take steps towards inaugurating a course of Sunday instructions from the harmonial standpoint.Mrs. Mary F. Davis was elected President of the Conference; Dr. Jas. E. Briggs, Chairman on Finance; and Mrs. Sarah W. Van. Horn, Chairman of Committee on Music. In accordance with resolutions Music. in accordance with resolutions adopted at this Conference, Steck's Music Hall, No. 11 East 14th street, was ob-tained for meetings, and Andrew Jackson Davis was elected speaker for three (8) months, commencing October 12th, and ending January 11th, 1880.

At the regular meeting of the Conference at the residence of Dr. Briggs, October 29th, the following were elected members of an Advisory Board: Mrs. Mary F. Davis, Mrs. S. W. Van Horn, Jas. E. Briggs, Cyrus O. Poole, J. B. Loomis, A. J. Davis and Martin L. Van Horn.

The Chairman of the Committee on Music has been successful in the performance of her duties; and the Treasurer has accomplished even more than was expect-ed. But you will soon hear their reports, and can judge for yourselves.

In order to give some idea of the wide range of subjects treated by our teacher, Mr. Davis, during the course for which he was engaged, I will mention the titles of his discourses. (It will be remembered that his inaugural address was entitled: "A Conflict in Our House," which was widely pub-lished and much discussed at the time.) In

Steck's Hall his lectures have been: 1. "The Universality of Central Ideas." October 12th.

"So you see that the investigation of the principles of Philosophy proclaimed fro-our platform here, are not confined to per-sons lacking in academic culture, and would be well for New York people to loss to their leaves in this matter last Game to their laurels in this matter, lest Germ

thinkers secure the belt! "We most assuredly ought to make as much effort in this direction as is made in those distant countries. We have the author here with us whose works the German, Russian and other schools use as a guide in their studies, and as a nucleus of their organizations. The author being with us, ought to be our advantage. Can we not work as loyally and systematically for impersonal principles as our foreign brethren do? It is possible, but those people are thinkers. Moreover, let us not forget that the eyes of distinguished Spiritualists and Liberalists in England, France,Germany,Russia. India, not to mention the thousands in the United

"The Harmonial Philosophy also requires thought, growth, study: it requires in ad-dition, the exercise of the highest intuitive faculties. In other words it requires both the external and the internal modes of reasoning-the deductive and the inductive; because, as the purpose or object investigated is deeper, it deals with more complex and higher elements than external philosophy ever does. We cannot advance or succeed in this direction without the most careful research and study; the most patient industry. It is a work of time and growth.

"Le Verrier, Lockver, Prof. Pierce, of Harvard, and my friend Prof. Newcomb, recently of the Washington Observatory, have never attained their special certainty of thought, by any kop skip and jump method -by any rocking chair mode of reaching the wonderful mathematical and astronomical eminence for which they are justly celebrated. They have labored hard. They have made unremitting application of their time and mind to attain the eminence which is now the admiration of the world.

"So also must we do, if we would make spiritual advancement or progress in a comprehension of the Harmonial Philosophy. It can never be made a part of our consciousness by an inactive mental state-by considering phenomena the all in all worthy of attention, by sitting regularly in dark circles, or in prevalent wonder-seeking. It, can never be secured by constant or exclusive attendance on circles of any kind. It requires rather a close, careful, thoughtful investigation. like the study of music or of mathemathics."

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MEN:--Your association having done me the honor to appoint me Chairman of the Committee on Music, I found it necessary to consult our financial condition, and not look for a full choir and chorus, with a Levy or Arbuckle in addition. We have endeav-ored to satisfy ourselves with quality, not quantity of sweet sounds, as we believe that music is the grand exponent of harmony. I was so very fortunate as to secure the services of the Misses Ella and Mamie Conron, who had just returned home, after several years of musical study with the best masters of Italy. Few choirs in this city, could give us the musical treat which has been ours for the last three months, af-

authorized to procure a speaker to occupy

his place. This resolution was unanimously adopted. C. O. Poole then offered this resolution:

In consideration of the general feeling that these meetings should be continued, and especially in response to the freely avowed desire on the part of numerous influential friends of free religion and spiritual progress, that the facts and principles of the Harmonial Philosophy receive a more extended and effective presentation, there-

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Finance (Jas. E. Briggs, M. D.,) be hereby authorized to obtain and pay rent for the use of this hall until the adjournment at the usual time for vacation.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. II. M. Poole offered the following which was adopted with enthusiasm:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due to Mrs. Mary F. Davis, for the rare and appropriate selections which she has made and most effectively read to the congregation each Sunday previous to the discourse.

Resolved. That she be most respectfully requested and urged to continue such read-ings, and participate in the conduct of the public meetings whenever and however she may feel moved so to do. C. O. Poole presented the following:

WHEREAS, Bro. Davis, under an engagement with this Society, has furnished for publication in the RELIGIO PHILOSOPHICAL

JOURNAL, during the past year, many invaluable articles; therefore, Resolved, That we hereby tender to him our heartfelt thanks therefor, and request that he continue his contributions the ensuing year.

Adopted.

Mrs. Mary F. Davis then offered the fol lowing:

Resolved, That the congregation desires to express its especial thanks to Mrs. S. W. Van Horn, Chairman of Committee on Music, for her faithfulness in duty, as shown in the success which has characterized her management; and that she be requested to make further arrangements with the organist, Mr. Farnsworth, and with the Misses Conron, to continue the service of song. Accepted, with amendment to include Mr. Farnsworth, in thanks for kind services. Adopted.

At this point, after a recognition of past services of Dr. J. E. Briggs, he was authorized to proceed to take subscriptions and collections for the continuance of public meetings.

Mrs. Hester M Poole then gave an address, which will be found under the head of her column, "Woman and the Household." This was followed by a short inspirational discourse by Mrs. Nellie.T. J. Brigham, who occupied a place upon the platform. She compared the teacher of this Association. to a spring, welling up to bless and refresh other souls in the wastes of human life, and closed with an inspirational poem, in the same strain. I am sorry that no stenograph-ic notes were taken, in order to give them, and the remarks of the following speakers, who had no memoranda of what they were to say.

Mrs. Hope Whipple followed, and gave an eloquent tribute to the truthfulness and usefulness of the Harmonial Philosophy. She found that from its study, she had gained incalculable blessings. She believed in that knowledge which could be applied to every-day practice, which was founded 'That blessed mood In which the barthen of the mystery, In which the heavy and the weary weight Of all this unintelligible world alightened: that screpe and bleased mond in which the accellans gently lead us on, Unvit the breath of this corporest frame, And even the motion of our human blood Almost suspended, we are luid asleep In body, and become a living soul; While with an eye made quiet by the power Of harmony and the deep power of joys, We see into the life of things."

The assemblage, which had been most harmonious, throughout, slowly dispersed, all evidently impressed by the powerful and cheering influences which prevailed. A generous friend had garlanded the desk with fragrant flowers, which lent their-sweet influence to complete the genial material surroundings of the occasion. It may be admissable to mention that the list of members of the Harmonial Association of Leipsic, Prussia, which has recently been received, includes residents of Trieste, Stuttgart, Vienna, Berlin, Dresden, Frei-burg, Koningsburg, Marburg, Munich, St. Petersburg, Constantinople, and various other cities of continental Europe.

.C. O. POOLE, Secretary.

Bringing the Dead to Life.

Mrs. V. J. Yost, of Metropolis, passed through the city last evening, on her way home from Hot Springs, where she had been to see her husband, who is stopping there for his health. Several days since Mrs-Yost received a dispatch from Hot Springs, saving her husband was dead. She hastened to Cario, sorely stricken with sorrow, expecting to receive his body there. Here she received, another dispatch saying her husband was not dead. These different dis-patches confounded her, and she hastened on to the Springs to find out his situation for herself.

There the contradictory telegrams were explained to her. To all appearances her husband was dead, and he was laid out as a dead person. But, after the lapse of several hours, it was discovered that the dead body did not grow cold as it should. A consultation of physicians was held, there being nine in council. The majority insisted that Mr. Yost was dead; but one, a Dr. Reed, in-sisted that he was not dead. In defence of his opinion, two galvanic batteries were ap-plied to the body, and immediately it began to show signs of life. Bringing the dead back to conscious life was a slow process, but was eventually accomplished. Mr. Yost has been gaining ever since, until he is now able to partake of a fair meal, converse, write, etc., and he appears to have a better prospect for recovering his health than he had for some months.-Cairo (III.) Argus.



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#### THE ROSTRUM.

Lecture of Mr. Henry Kiddle before the Second Society of Spiritualists, of New York City, on Sunday Jan. 4th.

When we consider what Spiritualism is, he began, what its cardinal and fundament-al doctrine is—namely, the trath of immortality-the opposition to it, or 1 should say the prejudice against it, must seem to be so irrational as to be almost unaccountable. The question, "If a man die shall he live again ?" has ever been one of absorbing interest. The philosopher has pored over it, the poet has descanted upon it, the religionhas built his system of faith upon it. All, however, admit that the evidence they possess of the fact of an immortal life succeeding this earthly one is shadowy, im-perfect and unconvincing. "The wish is father to the thought." It is not logic, it is aspiration; it is subjective fancying and longing, not cold, calm reasoning that conducts them to a belief in a future life. They have hope, but not proof. Such is the lam-entable confession of most minds in regard to this question-this question of questions. One would suppose, therefore, that the very first intelligence-the first intimation-that light has dawned upon the mystery, that a means of demonstrating a great fact has been found-all mankind would rush with throbbing hearts to listen to the glad tid-ings, to see the lifting of the veil. It is true that many do come and are satisfied with the proof offered. Indeed, the history of the movement bears out the assertion that no candid person-whatever his previous habits of mind might have been-has ever investigated what is called modern Spirit-ualism without becoming a believer in its fundamental teachings. Many learned men, bitter sceptics, scoffers at any idea of the existence even much more of the immorexistence even, much more of the immortality of the soul, have undertaken the investigation of the phenomena of Spiritual-ism with the conviction that they could dispel an insane delusion from the minds of a set of fanatical or crazy people. Without exception, as far as I have been able to ascertain, they have been obliged to admit the reality of the phenomena, and most of them to acknowledge, too. that the spiritualistic theory of their origin is the only reasonable and logical one. Of this fact such men as Professor Hare, Judge Edmonds and Professor Mapes were conspicuous illustrations in the early days of the novement, and Professors Crookes, Wallace and Zöllner and other English and German scientists are now prominent examples.

Mr. Kiddle then proceeded to show that gifted men from all ranks of life, from royalty to poverty, have been brought into the ranks of the Spiritualists. The phenomena of Spiritualism, he claimed, are capable of preof to any fair-minded men who will believe human testimony, and if one strike out from the human mind all the Exowledge that rests upon Luman testimony,civi-lized people would be no better than savages. "Do we not isk out property and our lives on human testingary?" said Mr. Kiddie. "Do we not condemn men to death on human testimony?" The speaker then re-viewed some of the recay s u hy Spiritual-ism is ridicaled and opposed and popularly supposed to be a sort of disbolism. He re-counted his experience in getting out his book, showing how respectable publishers regarded it and him with holy horror. Mr. Kiddle then paid his respects to the newspaper press. He said -- Very many persons have no other knowledge of spirit nalistic phenomena than they have acquired by reading the foolish little equils of the secular press, of which Wendell Phillips said a short time ago :- "It has no seriouspess; is no protector of morality, no help to Intue.. It panders to the taste of the deprayed, and is always ready to descend to scofling." This is a sweeping and serious charge, and in some measure, at least, certainly true. These newspapers profess to give the people intelligence, and yet they uniformly, as if by a general understand ing or conspiracy, keep from their readers almost everything pertaining to this great subject, so momentous to mankind, except when, as in the case of myself and my book they can make a sensation and raise a mocking langh. With the conductors of these journals, and with those who take their views exclusively from them, Spirit-ualism, like Christanity in the days of Taci-tus, is a "pernicious superstition," and its votaries are fanatics, madmen or fools. It is amazing that any intelligent person in these days should be carried away by the editorial utterances of those who write with the most fluency and dogmatic romance upon those subjects of which they know the least. (Applause.) Certainly the opinion of a libertine, an atheist or a political and professional harlequin upon the merits of a religious publication, can have but lit tle weight. In Dr. J. R. Newton's book, "The Modern Bethesda," I find a statement from Mr. England, of the New York Sun, that when, through the wonderful healing power of Dr. Newton, his wife was most remarkably cured of paralysis, Horace Greeley refused to publish an account, of the event in the Tribune because it sayored so strongly of the miraculous! When any account however imperfectly attested of the grab bing of a "spirit" or the exposure of a ma-terializing medium comes to hand, it is at once inserted, with every possible embel-lishment of malicious witticism; but an account of genuine phenomena, however in-dorsed, is thrown into the waste basket. The editors of the daily newspapers can scarcely afford to exhibit any sympathy with modern Spiritualism any more than than they could a few years ago with antislavery; and yet at least two out of every three of all the newspaper reporters that paid me so much attention a few months ago acknowledged that they were Spiritual-ists. No wonder Mr. Phillips could say in his address :— "Journalism, in the concrete is simply a dollar subscribed for so much commodity. You can hear the clink of the dollar or the snap of the party whip in every editorial written. The press is the greatest coward to reform." How, then, can there be anything but dense ignorance on the part of those who read only the secular press? Millions of people are kept in entire ignorance of the whole subject of this grand Spiritualistic movement. I know very intelligent menscholars and teachers-who have never seen a Spiritualistic newspaper or read a book on the subject. They know nothing of the wonderful progress that has been made-the journals published, the books written. the discourses delivered. And yet the lit erature of Spiritualism is one of the greatest marvels of the nineteenth century. But I wish to make an exception in favor of Mr. Pomeroy, of the Lacrosse Democrat. Mr Kiddle then quoted an article from this newspaper describing the growing practice in Chicago among business and professional men, especially lawyers and merchants, of consulting mediums on matters of business

He then resumed:-"Spiritualism is, howev er, unpopular, and hence the journalists, who have the power to exclude the light, keep their readers in darkness or pervert their minds by the publication of falsehood or error. Knowing but very little about the subject they jeer at it in a superficial way, their only aim being to show their smartness, not their respect for the truth.

ness, not their respect for the truth. I have had the opportunity of talking "across the gulf"—although really there is no gulf—with some of these people, and their expressions of astonishment and regret at their singular blindness and folly while in the mortal form are sometimes quite distressing. For example, hear what one who was in this life an eminent journalist in this city, says of his condition and spirit life:—

"Is it not sorrowful to behold an old man like me sent to his grave without warning, to begin again in the life everlasting, as a mere child in my ideas of sacred things? Ah, mel Such am I now in spirit -a mere nothing-without regenerating, without a word of peace to bring me comfort in my life, but with only words of reproach and thorns and thistles (and he emphasizes and underscores 'thorns and thistles'). Sent to the place I belong to the rest (and he underscores 'rest,' too) I made for myself by my deeds in the earthly life." After several more illustrations Mr.

After several more illustrations Mr. Kiddle passed to another cause of opposition to the reception of "the great truths that the angel hosts have brought to us during the last few years." He continued: Among the most difficult of these to overcome is human conceit, especially educated conceit. This gives rise to pride and perjudice, and imparts such strength to preconception that the doorways of the mind become not only closed but hermetically sealed against the admission of every new truth.

Take the so-called scientist, for example, whose life has been spent in the investigation of some narrow field of physical nature, whose discoveries have been recorded in the scientific journals, whose learned disquisitions have been listened to or slept over at the regular meetings of the savans, will you presume to tell this man there is something beyond the realm of that nature in which he lives and moves and has his be-ing? Will you, who are unscientific, pre-sume to tell him, an expert, of anything which you have seen, but which he knows is not to be seen under any circumstances? Who are you that you can tell a scientist anything? Bring him a bug that is not described in his books on encomology and he will gaze upon it with rapture and discourse about it with scientific chquence; but talk to him about a spiritual fact and he will scoff at you. He demands positive, tangt ble facts, and yet a large part of what he calls science is only learned speculation; for what are his atomic theory, his nebular hypothesis, his wave theory of light, his origin of species, his law of evolution, Xe., but speculations? And is not the history of science in great part the history of the of science in great part the instory of the construction and subsequent destruction of learned hypotheses? (Applause.) If any person in the world should have learned modesty and Lumility by experience it is the investigator and student of physical science. Sir Isaac Newton, at the close of his other of physical high it is high and his career, compared himself ic'a hitle child picking up peobles on the shore with the great-unexplored ocean of knowledge before him. The modern scientist does not emulate this truly great man, but is proud, arma uozisaino We whit heave have to his brother scientists, who have been caught in that "heavenly snare" of Spirit ualism; for if Frofessors Crookes and Wal lace cannot convert a Carpenter and a Lankester, certainly none of us can hope to accomplish the object. The key to the dif-figulty is afforded by the remark of Professor Huxley :- "Admitting the phenomena to be genuine they do not interest me." No; give me protoplasm, give me bugs and beetles, give me gases and aikalies, or talk to me about the nebular hypothesis, and I will listen to you; but, in the language of Brewster, "spirit is the last thing I will give in to!" (Applause.) This irrational attitude of scientific men

jurers to swear away His life. Such is and ever has been the spirit of ecclesiasticism, and it is the same spirit that now opposes and usually by falsehoods and misrepresentations—the spread of the doctrine of spirit communion. (Applause.) These people are shartsighted. We are not living in the age of the first coming of Christ. They cannot have the same sway, but their cry is the same, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." (Applause.)

sians." (Applause.) Spirit communion will yet enter the churches; indeed, it has already entered them covertly, and many Christian clergymen are now preaching the doctrines of Spiritualism dressed up in the garb of orthodoxy; but the disguise is sometimes a very thin one. We readily see the angel form through the coarse gauze drawn around it, and we smile with satisfaction, remembering that the Master said, "Forbid them not; they that are not against us are for us."

Mr. Kiddle quoted some very hard words about himself from the New York Observer, written by Rev. Dr. Prime, demanding Mr. Kiddle's instant dismissal because of his views on Spiritualism, and saying that he had disgraced New York before the world. He said that this was the malice displayed by Dr. Prime against a man whose only offense was that he had attempted to prove the immortality of the soul and the truth of primitive Christianity; but, alas! with-out asking the authority of any priest or church organization. He then read a communication from a former clergyman who now. as the spirit moved, regrets the errors of this life, and weeps for his blindness. The Rev. Dr. Deems, Mr. Kiddle said, also published a slanderous article against me and my books in the Sunday Magazine, misrepresenting me; but he was too much or too little of a Christian minister to give me any opportunity to correct his misstate-ments. To know his extraordinary discernment and good sense in regard to spiritual matters, this learned divine thought that apoleon must have become "a stupendous fool" in the future life to express sentiments against war and in favor of universal peace. He seems to think that this man must forever continue to be the human tiger that he showed himself on earth. The idea that a soul is changed when it passeth back to the God from which it emanated seems not to have dawned upon their theologic apprehension; and, indeed, how could it when they limit the sources of their information to the old records of bygone ages, good enough for those times-indeed all they could hear then-but certainly not adapted to this age, when men's minds have passed to a higher state of receptivity and are yearning for "more light," which God, in Ilis love for mankind, is giving through the angel host, His messengers. But pious Mr. Moody, the so-called evan-

But pious Mr. Moody, the so-called evangelist, says "the four connections of Spiritualism are fraud, irreligion, sexual depravity and superstition," in which saying he uttered four distinct falsehoods and violated the sacred commandment of Moses, which says, "Thou shalt not bear-faise witness against thy neighbor." Suppose we should say the four corner stones of Mr. Moody's evangelism are untiquated faisehoods, Scriptural perversions, sauctimonious rant, and stentorianism, we should doubtless be thought guilty of sharder, but we should be unmeasurably nearer the truth than he is in his statements. (Applance.)

COWARDICE OF THE CLERGY. There are, I know, Christian elergymen who would like to investigate the truth of Spiritualism, but they are afraid to do so, lest they should lose caste in their vocation and be rejected by their congregation, for churches too often are only a kind of moneyed institution. They are the fashionable addenda to the social system. When a man acquires wealth, and consequent social position a prominent pew in a handsome, lux urious church edifice is necessary to his no sition. He "pays his money and takes his choice"-(applause)-not only as to the pew but the preaching. The minister is paid to preach what is not only perfectly orthedox, but satisfactory in manner and matter. The contract stipulates so much stipend for a particular service. It is true that the service is called divine, but it is regulated quite often by very sordid considerations. That standing in such a relation the minister who is merely a hireling, can advocate so unpalatable a doctrine as Spiritualism, is out of the question. He may preach against it he may slander it, and those who profess it, and he is believed to be "serving God." Some ministers have investigated Spiritualism and have avowed their conviction at the cost of their worldly position. Every clergy man who does investigate this subject is certain to become convinced of the truths of Spiritualism whether he dares to acknowledge it or not. By many excellent people Spiritualism is opposed because it is deemed to be synony mous with that indescribable crime which the Levitical law condemned so harshly when it said, "Thou shalt not permit a witch to live." The thought of "invoking the dead' fills these persons with horror, and the very name "spirit" causes them to shrink. And yet they profess to believe in the "ministry of angels," and do not, by any means, dis cern the words of St. Paul .- "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister to them who shall be heirs of salvation ?' Church members will tell you they believe in angels, but not in spirits; but the learned Dr. Smith says many ministers say this comes from an evil source; but, if this is so. how do they know that the Spiritualism of the Bible is not from an evil source? The messages show the character of the messen gers. "These are not the words of him that hath a devil" may be said of them.as of the sayings of Jesus of Nazareth. We must use our reason in judging of spirit communications. We must look at their purity, their morality, their high spirituality, in order to decide as to their source. The devil may come to us as an "angel of light;" and as long as he talks to us like one we will listen him; but when he shows the cloven foot will be time for us to say, "Get thee be hind me, Satan." "The angels are revealed to us as beings such as man might be, and will be, when the power of sin and death is removed that is, they are the purified spirits of dis embodied men, or, in the language of scrip ture, "The spirits of just men made per-fect." Well, then, my Christian friend, you say you believe in the "ministry of angels," and we see that angels are spirits; hence you must believe in the ministry of spirits; and if the purified spirits of the departed minister unto us they must come to us; and if they come to us, why not manifest them-selves to us? And thus, by a theological argument, we are brought to the truth of spirit communion. But is our friend convinced? By no means. Religious prejudice is too strong, and he goes on opposing and denouncing Spiritualism more than before. Defeated in the argument, he attacks those who profess it. Spiritualists, he says, are low, debased, immoral, free-lovers, etc., etc., meaning perhaps that he knows of some

who may be so classed. Undoubtedly, there, are Spiritualists whose lives and conduct are not exemplary; and are there not church members and church ministers whose conduct would condemn the doctrines they profess? The teachings of Spiritualism are pure and holy, for they come directly from the heavenly messengers of God; but alas! those who receive them do not always practice them. The people connected with the so-called Christian churches should be very careful not to make the conduct of professors the test of the truth of the doctrines they profess.

they profess. Thus, my friends, said Mr. Kiddle in conclusion, we see that this opposition to Spiritualism is a senseless, unreasonable one. It is a flying in the face of facts and evidence that are really overwhelming to any fair and candid mind. Let us thank God that the light grows brighter and brighter, giving promise of the perfect day, when the sum of truth shall have mounted so high in the firmament that all shall be illumined and quickened by its cheerful beams. Mr. Kiddle becured again in the evening

Mr. Kiddle lectured again in the evening before the Second Society of Spiritualists. He was listened to by a much larger audience than had greeted him in the morning. The subject of the evening discourse was "Spirit Progression." It was an exhaustive and elaborate address, illustrating in various ways the fact of profession in the Spiritworld, and the condition on which it depends. Mr. Kiddle is very hopeful concerning the present and future conditions of the spiritualistic doctrines, which he thinks are gradually permeating the orthodox systems of theology.

## LIFE WITH THE SPIRITS. By Ex-Clericus,

### [Continued from last Number.]

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF MEDIUMISM. At one time, there came to me a spirit who claimed to be my boy Willie, who en-tered the Spirit-world at an early age, and from whom I had already heard frequently, mainly through his mother's help, who was always closely with him. But now came to me this one who had skillfully assumed the name and manner of my boy, for the sake of being near me, for some special purpose. He could impress me with an affectionate child-like voice of great distinctness. And he seemed so happy to be near me! I soon found out that it was but a sparious Willie who thus came to me, and that he was quite wayward and uncertain as to his moral development. His conduct would often displease me: and with a firm will, and sometimes a severe reproof, I would send him away. He would promptly obey me at such times; but, with my consciousness, I could perceive that he was still lingering as near as possible to my sphere, waiting until by some relenting thought, I should permit him to return. Then he would be so happy. so good until some new freak of his perverse organization would again call forth my reproof. I was at length given to un-derstand that this was one of those unfortunate children of earth who, bern and brought up under the most adverse moral conditions, carry with them to the spirit spheres the parversity they have mostly in-herited, and who are therefore repectal ohjects of compassion and effort; and that it was in my power greatly to help this unthe law of natural adaptation, as to the giving and receiving spiritual aid. There was one spirit who was almost always near me when the medium helping band was around, who could speak to me more clearly, or rather loudly than any of the others. This was a marked character in his way, and he used to afford me much amusement by his drolleries,--I could hardly call it wit. An instance occurs to me as follows: On this occasion he came along with a manifest swagger which could be easily detected in the tone of his address; and, after saluting me in an casy off-hand style, went on with a long rigmarole, commencing all his words with the letter p, i.e., when he could; but at other times, he would clip a word, as for instance "pecause" for because. Then, presently, he said that he had been "sowing his peas;" and immediately after that he had been mending his p's and q's, but that the q's did'nt work well. I think that I hardly overstate the case when I affirm that the personality of this spirit was well nigh as real and perfect as if he had been visibly present with me in the material body.

Often during my walks in the calm and clear atmosphere of the country, have I had visitants evidently from the higher conditions of the spirit life, who would discourse to me in words and tones clearly indicating a higher than earthly wisdom; and to which I would listen with a most absorbing interest; but on returning to my room, I could not remember, with sufficient distinctness, to enable me to take down what was thus said, a loss which I most deeply regret, especially now when I greatly desire to impart to others some portion at least of what was thus given to me.

#### NOT SO ANGELIC.

But the condition in which I found myself, as to the use of my clairaudient capacity, was of a very mixed character. Often, as in the cases just mentioned, I felt myself to be lifted up into "heavenly places;" then again I would seem to be dropped into what was strongly suggestive of "the hells" as described by Swedenborg, though in all this experience of mine, I have never met with anything that seemed fairly to imply an entire want of the better qualities of the human heart in the unseen ones around me; a disposition to play upon my credulity, and otherwise to mystify and perplex me, seemed to be the prevailing perversity of these spirits. At first, this could be done quite successfully; but gradually I learned to understand their methods better, and thus to evade the more obvious of their pranks. I soon came to the knowledge also, that the character and power of my invisible company depended much upon external conditions, as well as upon the actual state of my own mind and spirit. I will give one instance illustrative of this, even though it be somewhat trivial and undignified; for I wish, as far as may be, to give this my experience in all its phases.

I was stopping for a few days at a hotel in Boston. It was a very old establishment, and no doubt its rooms were thoroughly saturated, so to speak, with the magnetic aura of the very miscellaneous succession of occupants for many years past. At any rate, I am confident that this was the case with the sleeping-room occupied by myself. For during one of the nights especially, I was kept awake almost constantly by what seemed to be a perfect crowd of mischievous and rough spirits, some one of whom was, almost without intermission, speaking to me in ways far from being acceptable to my'taste; often filling my inward hearing with the most exagerated and improbable stories. Nor could I get away from this disturbing din, for I knew of no way of stopping my inward ears.

During this night, I was made the victim of the following, which no dcubt passed for quite a shrewd, practical joke amongst the invisible crowd around me:

I had neglected to leave my boots outside, that the bootblack might be able to attend to them. This fact the mischief-makers got hold of; and they urged me to get up and attend to the omission, saying that if I would, something of a peculiarly interesting character would happen. So I got up being not at all afraid of my tormenters and put my boots out into the hall. But when I attempted to shut the door again, something like an electric chock was made to go through me, and for a brief space the half-closed door seemed to be held with a firm hand so that I could not move it! Only for a moment, however, was this the case: I soon got the door closed again. But strangest of all was what followed; for I could actually seem to hear a barst of rudo mer-

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toward the phenomena of Spiritualism has evoked the following characteristic utterance from Victor Hugo:---

"Table turning and rapping have been sufficiently jeered at. Let us speak plainly. This raillery is without support. To displace investigation by mockery is easy, but hardly scientific. It is the duty of science to sound all phenomena. Science is ignorant and has not the right to ridicule. A scientific man who sneers at the impossible is not far from being an idiot. The unlooked for should always be expected by science. All human knowledge is but winnowings. The false implicating the true does not excuse the rejection of the whole. Since when has the presence of tares been a pretext for refusing the wheat? Weed out the evil herb error, but reap the fact and bind it with others. Science is the sheaf of facts."

THEOLOGICAL INTOLERANCE.

But the pride of profession does not belong to the scientist exclusively; it has a still more forcible illustration in the attitude of the theologian toward the claims and teachings of Spiritualism. Here we behold the liaughty eye and the sneering lip when any allusion is made to this subject. "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth "asks the doubter in the Bible regardless of the lessons which the sacred volume teaches. The facts of spirit communication with which the Scripture history is filled are acknowledged, but waved aside as due to special causes and necessities never to exist again. The Spiritualism connected with the mis sion of Josus, His miracles (so called), His casting out of bad spirits, His talking with the spirits of Moses and Elijah, His resurrection and reappearance to His disciples, His apparition and address to St. Paul. the spiritual gifts of His followers and disciples in the early years of Christianity—all these must be admitted, but they are not to be repeated. "The canon of Scripture is closed." say these people, with clerical arrogance, at though their acknowledged Master said, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot hear them now." When were these things to be said ? it may be asked.

We who are Spiritualists know that He has said many things to mankind quite recently through a mortal intermediary, but there are but comparatively few who even at this day are able to hear Him. "Many are called, but few are chosen." This is as true now as in Jesus's time, when few accepted His words of love, charity and spiritual power as evidence of His divine mission.

Why did not the Jewish ecclesiastics, more than eighteen centuries ago, receive Jesus, coming as He did with such credentials? Was it not because they clung to the old, effete institution which they said that His teachings would destroy, but with which their worldly power and prosperity were connected? They could bring no real charge against Him, so they trumped up a charge and had the villainy to bring in per-

#### ANGEL VISITS.

l will now give one or two incidents of a character far more satisfactory to my higher, moral nature,—instances showing that my strange and almost startling capacity could be used for elevated and noble purposes, as well as, sometimes, for those of a somewhat doubtful character.

Prof. H. W., jr., of the Theological School, at which I finished my preparation for the ministry, was, while on earth, my very best friend,- a father indeed in the highest spiritual sense. At the time of which I am now writing, he had been in the Spirit-world about ten years. Until now, while on a visit to my brother living near the scene of my studies under the care of my honored friend I had heard nothing from him in his high spirit home. But now, whilst lying awake in the deepest stillness of the night, as was, my frequent custom, engaged in thought and converse concerning the things of the unseen world and its relation to ours, the following beautiful and satered visitation was experienced by me:

My mind was in an exceedingly quiet and contemplative condition -- the troublesome influences which had so followed me of late having, in this hour of quiet meditation, retired into dimness of spiritual distance. Now, there stole over me, or rather through me, a clear consciousness of the invisible presence of my loved and venerated friend. His familiar tones fall distinctly upon my inward ear. He tells me that he has not often of late, visited directly the abodes of earth; but that now, owing to a special interest in me-dating back to the time when I first came under his notice in connection with my studies for the ministry-and also a strong desire personally to test the reality of this singular capacity of a direct converse between the two worlds,-he has improved a favorable opportunity to visit me, not only to make an experimental use of my capacity, but also to impart to me words of kindly sympathy and helpfulness. Then, perceiving that I fully understand him, he exclaims in tones so perfectly nat-ural, "This is wonderful, truly wonderful!" cannot tell how long this interview lasted, for I was greatly elevated and awed in spirit; and so touched with the kindly in-terest and helpful words of the venerated one, that time passed without consciousness on my part. But finally, he passed away gently and mysteriously as he came, leaving with me his fervently 'expressed benediction.

riment coming from the unseen crowd at the success of their scheme!

LOVED ONES STILL NEAR ME.

It was at about this time, whilst still in Boston, that I made my first visit to a public medium; all my previous investigations, outside of my own mediumship, having een in private families among special The lady whom I now visited was friends. an excellent rapping medium, whose meth-ods were extremely fair and satisfactory, an alphabet-card with the numerals upon it, being used by the sitter instead of the more common method of having the alphabet called over audibly in the presence of the medium. Here it was,—the lady being an entire stranger to me,—that I received a very satisfactory, and comforting message unmistakably from my special loved ones. The attending circumstances were as follows:

I had been spending some hours at our lenominational headquarters, not far distant. It was my first visit here since I had sent out my pamphlet-circular on becoming convinced of the truth of Spiritualism, a copy of which, as will be remembered, had been sent to every minister of the denomination. Of course therefore my position was well known to all whom I met here; and I found abundant employment in answering inquiries and defending my position. Generally, I was treated with a good degree of fairness by my brother ministers; but on this occasion there was an exception to the general rule, in the conduct of two of the younger and rather self-conceited ones, who seemed inclined to use a mingling of sarcasm with what they said to me on the subject. This touched my sensitiveness quite deeply, and I immediately turned way from them with the somewhat em. phatic remark that, as I perceived they were in no condition to look at the subject fairly, had nothing further to say to them in regard to it.

I then went directly to the medium I have poken of, and, walking in at the open door, found her sitting not far from a common sized breakfast table, engaged in sewing. At my earnest request she did not change her position, but kept on with her work; whilst, taking the alphabet card in my hand, I sat down at the opposite end of the table -being careful to hold the card so that the medium herself could not see the letters. 1 then passed my pencil point quietly over the letters, -- sometimes in regular, and at others. in irregular order,-the responsive sounds. coming close to my end of the table-immediately under the card indeed. And thus a very touching and sympathizing message was spelt out referring directly to what had just taken place with me at the denominational rooms, and evidently given for the express purpose of soothing my wounded feelings. The names of my two children were given at the close, though they were doubtless assisted by their mother in conveying to me a message so well adapted to my condition.

THE world had its childhood, and when it was a child it spoke as a child, it understood as a child, it thought as a child; and, I say again, in what it spoke as a child; its language was true, in that it believed as a child its religion was true. The fault rests with us, if we insist on taking the language of children for the language of men, if we attempt to translate literally ancient into modern language, oriental into occidenta; speech, poetry into prose.—Muller.



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# Woman and the Household.

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ADDRESS DELIVERED BEFORE THE HAR-MONIAL ASSOCIATION, IN NEW YORK CI-TY, JANUARY 4TH, 1880, AT ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

It may be asked why another nucleus of liberal thought is needed in the city of New York. A mighty mass of humanity surge through these streets, one day in seven, to worship in beautiful and costly temples; yet, how few in all this crowd, care to hear of any religion, however pure and undefiled, which disturbs the basis of their beliefs; though these beliefs contain no solution of these vast problems which yex every earnest soul. Some, indeed, endowed with individualism enough to leave the beaten track, cluster around one or another of those platforms which command a broader outlook, and more competent to meet the increasing necessities of the age.

A few blocks above us, a sweet voiced woman, with rare ability, lidelity and afflu-ence of thought, has ministered to the First Society of Spiritualists, during the last three years. It is no exaggeration to say that in that period, thousands have been enlighten-ed, strengthened and comforted by her testimony to the truth of spirit guardianship and communication. All honor to Mrs. Brigham, one of the Delphic oracles of the nineteenth century, for she, also, teaches the value of noble living, the overcoming po-tency of good, and the inevitableness of a natural system of justice and compensation.

A little at one side, an elequent young Jew, Prof. Adler-a second Moses-with ringing voice, leads forward an enthusiastic pand out of the Exypt of tradition and formalism, into the domain ruled over by the grand laws of ethics. All honor to these workers and their work. A little further down, the Society of Humanity have established themselves, hoping to readjust existing organizations according to strictly scientifle principles. Here, another silver-tongued woman has discoursed of those changes which must come, ere the nations shall become as one family, and rich and poor-alike shall cease to groan under bitter, souldestroying evils. And we must not forget to-day, to pay due tribute to a profound student and humanitarian. who, for many years, took the lead in rational thought in this metropolis. Worn by the stress of a too sadly earnest nature, may Mr. Frothingham find in the soothing atmosphere of the old world, the rest which his soul needs af-ter a long warfare with myth and superstition.

In this hall, during the last few months, a congregation have assembled under the name of the Harmonial Association. What is this belief? Wherein does it differ from those above mentioned, and why should it become a permanent society?

If it be a truth in mental as in physical science, that the greater includes the less, then the object of the association is to incorporate, unify and render homogeneous, the cardinal principles upon which these distinct societies are founded; ave. to do more than this. Creed it has none; its aim is simply, first, the harmonization of the .ndividual; secondly, the harmonization of society. Simply, I say, but how grand the very effort! The truth of spirit communication be-tween two different spheres of being-the scientific readjustment of society, the clearing away of cobweb myths, spun in media-val twilight—the effort to attain ethical culture and organic development, all these are grand special interests, and induce great reforms. Neither of them constitutes a philosophy, nor, we believe, has any one found the true unfoldment of Ethics, Love and Life, proceeding logically, as these do, from the Delife and immortal Spirit of all spirits. Scientific renovations are material helps, but not necessarily indices of internal growth. The Harmonial Philosophy aims at something more interior than this. It attracts its student by the LOVE of WISpom-the desire to learn of these eternal principles by which Deilie power becomes incarnate in form. It appeals to the innaie, the Divine in every' man and woman.' It deals not alone with sensuous observations and facts; but listens, in the solemn hush of earth's jarring passions, to the "still small voice" which whispers truth and peace to the waiting soul. It works centripetaily. from centre to surface. As plants, animals and worlds unfold and grow, so does the student aspire to unfold and grow. It ac-cepts nothing which does not appeal to this interior, exalted and imperishable spirit, as forever reasonable and true. It holds that one common essence throbs through im-mensity, and is the All of All. It regards each soul as a blossom, outspringing from the same Oversoul, so that an axiom here, is an axiom every where and always. Therefore we believe in studying the universal language of the great First Cause, whose alphabet we recognize in the principles of Use, Justice, Power, Beauty, Aspiration and Harmony, and so beginning their application to life, that after due progress, the result shall be, first, the harmony of the indidividual; secondly, the harmonization of society. The Spiritualist, Unitarian, Ethical and Positive Societies, are of the utmost value; each, representing, as it does, its own legit-imate idea. But neither of them, we believe, except incidentally, imparts a clear and comprehensive conception of the universe, or of the full meaning and destiny of our common humanity, though all of them (Spiritualists most of any) have great insight into the possibilities and progress of mankind. For these and other reasons, we claim that, a permanent center is needed in this metropolis. We cannot forget that thousmetropolis. We cannot forget that thous-ands of students of this philosophy from India to Australia, are anxiously waiting to see what may be done in New York city. On this platform, one of its teachers has gladly given the results of those severe, profound and consecutive investigations which have for over thirty years been marked by the same accurate methods, that enables the scientist to discover those laws which rule the hitherto undiscovered kingdom of elemental matter. And we would subject his results to the same tribunal of reason and intuition. When Galileo enunciated the true laws of the sidereal heavens, and swept away the old system of astronomy in spite of derision and abuse, the TRUTH remained. Now, as we gaze upon the dingy track of suns, planets and systems, wheel ing in solemn sweep around their far off awful center, we do not worship grand old Galileo, but we revere him as a teacher and discoverer; nor do we hear a clamor, lest men worship Edison, because that remarkable youth has sailed boldly out into unknown seas; and brought back to us treasure trove from a hundred wondrous shores.

So with Mr. Davis. After devoting his of being taken for a brain-born phantom, ptige life to researches into the arcana of Shakespeare would have had him appear to entire life to researches into the arcana of the Harmonial Philosophy, deducing results and formulating its laws, we believe that his dicoveries are of vasily more import last to Hamlet who is watching, backous, than those of astronomers, naturalists or him, and his companions would discusde scientists; for, do not the laws which under lie the progressive, eternal unfoldment of the human spirit, include all science? Here, too, on this platform, womanhood

is graced and honored in its representative. To speak what my full heart would utter of these united lives, so noble in their unselfishness and truthfulness, so attuned to "the sanctities of faith and obedience," would seem to strangers an exaggerationto acquaintances altogether too tame and feeble.

' I am sure this audience will agree with me, that to allow this fountain to be quenched at its very source, would be a crime against the advancement of the age. Out of this perpetually welling fountain, should flow streams to water every arid human desert-to float on their broad bosom, argosies of Science, Art, Commerce, Literature, Music-all the branches of a true civilizastretch high above us, on the yet untrodden mountains of Peace and Beauty. Finally, we believe that Harmony is RELICION, HAP-PINESS, HEAVEN, the entrance to which lies through the study and appropriation of this living philosophy.

### A Curious Presentiment.

C. C. Massey writes as follows in the London Spiritualist :

The following extract from a private letter records a case of presentiment belonging to a large and peculiar class; much larger, it may be surmised, than is likely to be generally known, owing to the very peculturity which gives it special interest and significance. The trivial is not often re-corded, and, unfortunately, triviality in the matter of occult communications is considered a reason for neglecting them, instead of being recognized, on that very ground, as the more suggestive. I can only say of the writer of the following that she is a lady very well known to me, of quite exceptional education and intelligence, and of the most scruppious veracity. Her letter is dated December 2nd, and I received it the follow-

ing day. "Ten days ago there came to me a conviction that I should find in the Echo-the name of the paper came to me clearly-an announcement of the illnest of the Queen. I mentioned this presentiment to ----- on i mentioned this present factor to the instant; and the forecast continuing to oppress me, I have dely to'll various per-sons of my expectation, the source of which I could not trace, for I could not recollect the Royal family having been in any way called to my mind at any recent date. More-over, we take the Times and Italy News as over we take the *Times* and *Daily News*, as well as the *Echo*; so why should the *Echo* be my medium of information? However, that was the first paragraph I saw on taking up the Echo, which reached us by this

morning's post" Now what I find suggestive in the above and similar cases, is this There is an utter Now what I that suggestive in the zerove and similar cases, is this There is an utter absence of *purpose* in the anticipation or any trace of a motive which we would ascribe to a foreign intelligence. No con-ceivable object could be served by this halv knowing ten days before that she would see a mutter by work of study to be purchase of backs, the course of study to be purchase of backs, the course of study to be purchase of backs, wowing ten days before that she would see a mutter purchase of intelligence which did the course of study to be purchase, New a particular prece of intelligence which did | York city. not concern her more than any other subiect of fler Majesty. Does it not rather point (1) to the fact, so often insisted man by Dr. Wyld, that our own souls or spirits are organs of powers-unsuspected in our normal consciousness? and (2) to the Kantian principle that time is only the form of our consciousness, not an absolute, objec-tive condition of all existence? This form, if and when we can in any way transcend it, would no longer condition cur knowledge, in which events, phenomenally future, would be revealed as present. It is a fact much to be regretted that the attention of Spiritualists is almost exclusively directed to the evidences of disembodied soul, and that thus many significant facts, which are in-reality the strongest-possible confirmations of our own sup-rsensuous being, are either misinterpreted or neglected. "Occultism? and theorophy seck to discover our own latent powers. That these are very cause such facts as the above seem to prove, to the extent that they go; we have then to decide how much they will explain.

Hamlet alone."

When the ghost of his father appears at him from following, what a splendid thought he flashes back to them:

"Why, what should be the feer? I do not set my life at a pins' fee; And for my soul, what can it do to that, Being a thing immortal as itself."

The thoughts of Mr. Calvert, always brikliant are here too good not to quote:

"The bones are in the sepulchre; the sepulchre has not opened its marble jaws to cast them up again. Hamlet sees before him what St. Paul names the spiritual body. When in his last hour, the disciples of Socrates would comfort him with the assurthat they would see to his being it. 2069 tingly buried, this areatest of the great Greeks, who had seized intuitively the deep truth about soul and body, answered them cheerfully: "You will have to eatch me first.

"The me, Socrates knew was not the cor-

Mr. Calvert makes Shakespeare a Spiritualist, as he reveals himself in his works, and rightly. A genius like his drawing inspiration from spiritual sources, could net prevent the gleams of supernal light flashing through his writings, and in this higher light not only the Bard of Avon, but all poets must be interpreted. 

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Mr. Calvert is a prolitic author, and well known by his peems. As a poet he studies his theme, and writes with the delicate appreciative sensitiveness of one whose soul is touched with sacred fire. Shakespeare is a mine which can never be exhausted. He was endowed with the rare quality of not only expressing profound thoughts, but of suggesting the most profound in others. Emphatically no two readers understand Shakespeare alike. He is like the rainbow, a new spectacle to every observer. The author divides his subject into four

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Mr. Calvert adores the great poet almost to idolatry. He finds no faults or failings, but every thing to praise. His book is sug-gestive, thoughtful and interesting, and gestive, thoughtful and interesting, and makes the reader desire to read again-which he will do with with greatef zest-the works of the great dramatist. The best part is the last, and it could not well be otherwise, as it treats of Hamlet, the greatest of all the master poet's great works as Mr. Jalvart calls it the "greatest"

works, as Mr. Jalvert calls it, the "greatest tragedy, the highest poem of literature." In it the Spirit-world is revealed and the doctrine of spirit identity and remembrance of this life fully shown. Mr. Calvert has no patience with sapieut editors and commentators who make the ghost a secondary character. The great poem hinges on the ghost, and the plot radiates from it as from a central point. "Behind Hamlet is one more powerful than he," *i. e.* the ghost. Shakespeare has with "marked design and care guarded the ghost of Hamlet's father against the damaging imputation of sub-jectivity." To shield him from the possibility of such impeachment, he brings "this dreaded sight" twice on two different nights before the sentinels Marcellus and Bernar-do. When Marcellus relates to Horatio what they have seen, the calm, clear headed Horatio assures him that it was a subjective ghost, that is an image on their brains. Had there been but one brain the explanation would have been more plausible. ... In a few moments it does appear and

Horatio is harrowed with fear and wonder. The ghost stalks away, but reappears in the midst of their talk. Here are these men who have seen the ghost, all three of them twice and two of them four times. But for this strong desire thus to secure his devoted to the or ghost against the dishonoring suspicion, the Household.

Magazines for January just Received.

Recue Spirite Journal D'Eindes Psycho-logiques. (M. Leymorie, Paris, France.) The contributions are from some of the ablest writers and thinkers.

New Church Independent. (Weller & Met-calf, Chicago, III.) Contents: Heaven; The Internal and External Man; Early Education; The Sin of Achau; Dream-Presence; Oright and Nature of the Lord's Body; A Dream of the Heavenly Life; Fellowship; Paternal and Maternal Relations; Letter from Henry James; Summary; Literary Notices.

A MONO the useful papers promised for the February St. Nicholas (Scribner & Co., New York (HA), will be one on the Anchadane, that recent and admirable invention by which persons, so deaf that they have never heard a sound in their lives, can be prade to hear music, the human voice, and all the besatiful sounds of nature. This paper will doubtless be of interest to old and young. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps will contribute a story to the February St. Nicholas. The same number will contain the two new poends by Tennyson, and a short story by Mrs. Burnett, author of "That Lass o' Lowrie's."

The success of recent numbers of Scribner (Scribner & Co., New York City) has been so marked, that the edition of the Fob. ruary number has been placed at 125,040. This number will contain the first part of Eugene Schuyler's illustrated life of Peter the Great, which is said to be graphic and interesting to an unusual degree. No less than three farmers will contribute articles on out-door topics to the Midwinter Scribner. The papers are, the fourth of Rev. E. P. Roe's series on "Success with Small Fruits," devoted this month wholy to a Southern Strawberry Farm; a chatty paper on "New England Fences," by Rowland C. Robinson; and an interesting collection of miscellanies, by John Burroughs, under the raption, "Notes of a Walker." Additional topics of a similar interest will deal with "Flour from Chestnuts," "New Fruit Press," "The Mechanical Extraction of Cream," and (in a paper on John Bright) with the famous Corn Laws of England, Hon. Andrew D. White, our Minister to

Berlin, relates that, when he was at St. Petersburg, he visited, in company with the late Col. Colt, of Hartford, and the superin-tendent of his works, the Imperial Museum, where the relics of Peter the Great are kept. When they examined Peter's Turning Lathe, Col. Colt exclaimed in language most emphatic, "----, here is the principle of the Blanchard Turning Lathe anticipated by nearly 200 years!

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of its Religious Aspects: A Comparison and a Contrast; Principal Tulloch on Table-Rapping; Voices from the Ages-The Alchemists and their Teachings; Philosophical Spiritualism; 'The Pocasset Tragedy; A Catholic Faith.

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Spiritualism--"The Philosophy of Life"-How to Study and Live It.

Years ago, in the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHI-GAL JOURNAL, its then editor and propriefor, Mr. S. S. Jones, has tersely said "Spiritnalism, in its broad and full sense, is the philosophy of life." This comprehensive statement is true, and it is suggestive of a wide range of thought and study and practical action.

Naturally enough we are greatly interested in spirit phenomena, and take great pains to witness manifestations and encourage and sustain real and true mediumship. Only for some thirty years has this new influx. from the Spirit-world, this revival and increase of the old intercourse between spirits elad in flesh and spirits robed in celestial forms, been possible, and we must be dull and insensate indeed not to have active and enthusiastic interest in it. Yet the best things may be perverted and misused, and whoever runs into the spiritual dissipation of giving time and thought and means to a wonder-seeking pursuit of startling facts, neclecting their daily duties, and not making these facts incentives to higher thought, to wider research and to truer life, is sure | have a goodly number, will interest themto get a spiritual dyspepsia, an enervating of the mental and moral senses which narrows their being into a selfish and sensuous and external egoism. Gladly and grate-) fully we grant the value of Spiritual facts of all grades, and the effort of the JOURNAL is, and ever has been, to encourage and help on all sincere and devoted mediums; but the Cui bono? To what good purpose? is the question. One great purpose is to prove the reality of the future life and the actual intercourse between that life and our own, to the soul and the senses. This indeed is of vast moment. It is one great need of the world in this day of religious doubt and scientific materialism. We may well bless and thank the denizens of the Spirit-world for their dear presence and mighty help in this hour of need. But suppose we are convinced, suppose all the world convinced, of these things. What then? Of what use? Our answer is, such conviction and knowledge should act as an incentive and inspiration to higher and broader thought, to more enlightened study of man, and of this wondrous and ever unfolding eternal life in which we now are and which opens to finer realms beyond the grave. Educated, most of us, in the old and pitiful dogmas of total depravity, and an eternal hell, or the negations of Materialism, we need a new philosophy of life, such as the facts of spirit intercourse point toward. To comprehend this spiritual philosophy we must use the facts of mediumship, and of spirit communion, as a beginning and a great help in our study of the inner life of man. We know a good deal of his outer life, of the ships he builds, his railways and telegraphs, the splendid triumphs of his art and science and engineering. We know of his intellectual life in schools and colleges and books, of his theology which takes outward authority and holds the soul captive to its sway; of his inner life we know little. Manifestly there can be no philosophy of life, without such knowledge. How are we to gain it? By careful research and study and experiment in the whole wide realm of psycho-physiological science. Magnetism, psychology, mesmerism, clairvoyance, spirit. mediumship, are all in that same wondrons interior and spiritual realm, mutually interlinked and interdependent. So far as possible we must study them all. By such study and experiment we can the better and the more fairly judge of mediumship and distinguish between psychological influences from persons in the form, the medium's own thought unconsciously given. and the real message from some spirit intelligence. Physiology and the laws of marriage, parentage and hereditary descent, we need to study in the light of spiritual ideas. These suggestions open toward a field of thought and study that will leave no idle or vacant hours, no room for that most miserable of all occupations, which none but the

aimless and thoughtiess indulge in, of "killing time." Let our rich spiritual experiences and privileges be our help and incentive to this broad study of the philosophy of life and the spiritual powers and relations of man, and then let us carry the fruits of our thought and study into practical duty, and be ready to take true and fearless part in all wise reforms,-all that shall help clean lives, true morals, natural religion and the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Heart-Touching Letters.

DEAR SIR:-- I am very sorry to write you this letter, without sending money. I am a very poor and unhappy man, and can not pay you yet. I hoped there would come a change of my fate, but I am nearly hopeless. I am no swindler, but honest; I became poor and a cripple through bad spirits. Since 11 years, I hear spirit's voices day and night, talk profane language, say I shall not make any thing, hinder my work, and trouble me in every way; say I shall live till 94 years, but many lie. I think God only knows my time. I am old, 62 years, unmarried, homeless, live in an old house with leaking roof, have no own home. What shall 1 do?

Please have charity with a poor man, and moderate my debt, and I will try to borrow some money to pay you. If you can, please send me somtimes a copy of your very valuable JOURNAL. I am here the only Spiritualist; my German friends are not yel prepared for Spiritualism. Thanking for your patience and kindness, should I ever become able, I will pay what I owe, but I am lame on right foot, and can not work, much. May God and the angels bless and lead you CHRISTIAN KLINGER.

New Braunfels, Texas, Jan. 9th, 1880. This poor, old and homeless brother has

received the JOURNAL four years on credit, and owes us \$12.60. We cheerfully forgive the debt and only regret that the pressing demands upon our charity, forbid the continuance of the paper free. He speaks of borrowing the money to pay us; we would not have him do this, if he could; there is no prospect that he would ever repay the loan, and money so obtained would not legitimately belong to us, and we should be ashamed to use it in furthering the holy spiritual cause. Surely, within the vast expanse of territory embraced by the Lone Star State, there are noble, generous Spiritualists, whose charity will turn towards this pitiable wreck of a once bright and hopeful life, and render his last days on earth more happy and cheerful. Whether he is actually persecuted by spirits as he thinks we cannot determine from the statement before us, but even if these tormentors are purely subjective, they are none the less real to him and naturally enough accounted for by his environment, which should be changed. He is evidently from his name and chirography a German, and has a good education; we hope some of our kind hearted Texan readers, of whom we

selves in his case.

large weekly expenditnres and try to the utmost extent of their ability to pay the debt so justly due. Once square with us, and it becomes a comparatively easy matter, with the improving financial condition of the country, to pay the small sum of \$2.50 yearly in advance. Friends, please act now while the matter is fresh in your minds, pay a part or the whole of your debt at once, or if absolutely too poor to pay at all, let us know it.

### The Phantom Blacksmith.

We learn from a long communication published in the Jackson' (Mich.) Patriot, that there is a good deal of excitement in the western portion of Columbia township over certain mysterious manifestations in a deserted blacksmith shop formerly owned by O. A. Powers, and in which up to the fall of 1878, he carried on the business of blacksmithing. In the year named he disposed of his property and emigrated to Kansas. where he soon after died.

Near the old blacksmith shop, which has not been used since its former owner moved away, resides Mr. Henry Towner. For several months, at intervals, Mr. Towner has heard noises at night of a mysterious nature, proceeding from the unoccupied building. One Wednesday evening all were startled by the ringing of an anvil as if from the stroke of a hammer, and that it came from the dark interior of the old shop was established beyond cavil by Mr. Towner and his family, and others living near, who walked toward the building and heard the heavy strokes and the familiar metallic ring within. The excitement, despite the unbelievers, increased with discussion, and it was resolved by some of the male members of the community to establish a watch and if possible ferret out the mystery.

One Saturday evening, lately, 'eighteen men gathered in the vicinity of the shop early in the ovening and patiently awaited results. Not a sound was heard until about half past eight o'clock, when the clear ringing sound of an anvil saluted the ears of the entire party. There was no mistaking it! It came from the little old shop which was but a few rods from where they were standing, and the sound was that of a hammer wielded by a strong arm descending in measured strokes. By a preconcerted arrangement the crowd broke for the apparently haunted building and surrounded it. Those who investigated the interior found the windows nailed down, with no means of egress save through the doors which the company had, entered, and there was not only no one to be found high or low inside, but there was no evidence of anybody having entered the place for weeks. The tools had been long before removed. It was finally resolved to close the doors and retire, and see whether the phantom workman, or what seemed to be such, would resume his labors again. The watchers thereupon stepped outside and closed the doors when instantly the hammering inside was resumed and again they heard the anvil's clear and musical ring. The noise fell upon everv ear. and could have been easily heard some distance away. It continued for an hour when the blows gave place to silence and all was still.

### Pre-Natal Culture.\*

## BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

The problem of problems of the past, has been how to become regenerated; how to be born again out of animalism into spir- The problem of problems of the present, is how to be generated so perfectly that there will be no need of re-generation. As long as the very act of entering this sphere of life was considered sinful, and the result of infinite transgression, escape could only be expected in the future, when the primal sin could be atoned, and the spirit washed from the stains of earth. A misty haze of chance or providence hung over birth, and ignorance knew no law except blind impulse. Over this function instinct held its iron sway, and gave color to the theological dogma of total depravity. That human beings organized under such conditions, were not depraved, that they were not born totally corrupt, shows the persistency with which nature works to achieve higher ideals.

Do as badly as men may, out of the seething errors there will come some good result. In the rifts of the clouds of sin, the stars of eternal truth shine bright and clear. Ignorance not only concealed her ugly form in mists,-the fig leaves of shame were woven into a garment, and the most vital subject which can engage human thought, was made the target of impure jest and coarse rejoinder.

When an author treats this subject in such a manner as to raise it into the pure atmosphere of uncontaminated spirit, so that even the cheek of educated prejudice, may not blush, and yet speaks so clearly that a child may understand, he certainly may well be proud of his rare achievement. That Mr. A. E. Newton merits this praise, no one can deny after reading his timely book. While he does not attempt to enter into causes, he fairly presents the facts on the subject, and points the way how parents may, or rather should, enter the paternal and matenal relations.

The idea that this subject is unchaste, orignated in the false dogmas of theology. Over a pure and perfect reciprocating love the angels of heaven are glad, and from it springs an entity, more abiding than the shining stars, or time itself; for the human spirit, born of love, laughs at duration. scorns limitation, and is youthful when the ashes of suns drift into space. The initial point of departure of such a being to a pure mind, cannot otherwise Than be regarded with feelings of reverential awe; and when we think how potent are the circumstances surrounding and influencing this early evolution, we say that if the mission of Jesus was to save those badly born by regenera. tive power, infinitely more valuable is the knowledge that shall teach the present gen**JANUARY 24, 1880.** 

their complete purpose, their children will be at least incalculably better than if they had made no endeavor, and the next generation, having this vantage ground, will approximate still nearer, and thus after a time the ideal will be realized.

Well does Mr. Newton say:

"All should remember that children have rights, which are as sacred as can be those of any other beings; and among the first of these is the RIGHT TO BE WELL-BORN. It hardly need be said, except for the woful thoughtlessness that often exists on the subject-that so momentous an undertak. ing as the originating and nurturing of a young immortal-a being that is to enjoy or suffer throughout cons of existence, and that it is to bless or curse its fellows on earth through unknown generations, largely according to the characteristics enstamped on it by its parents-it hardly need be said that such an undertaking should be left in no avoidable degree to chance or accident. Above all, it should not be (as it so often is) the haphazard result of blind passion, or mere pleasure-seeking indulgence. Realizing the august responsibilities involv-ed, both parents should not only act with intelligent forethought and deliberate intention, but surely should make the best preparation in themselves and their surroundings of which they are capable."

If fault were to be found with Mr. Newton's book, it would be that he has neglected the physiological side of the subject, and dealt too much on the exterior, yet had he fully developed that side, his sixty-seven pages would have been greatly multiplied and really nothing gained by the general reader. He has written enough to set the mind of the reader to thinking, and has outlined the methods by which the much to be desired improvement of the race can be effected. He has done this clearly, and over his task rests the sweet atmosphere of a pure and holy purpose.

His book going into many homes, will chasten, purify and bless, not only the offspring, but father and mother; a relationship nearer and more sacred than even that of husband and wife on which it rests. "I am glad Bro. Newton has written the book. for it shows the intensely practical side of Spiritualism in its discussion of vital subjects—not that there is anything necessary. allied to Spiritualism in the book, but it is the product of a mind cultured by a long acquaintance with the philosophy of life. and its advocacy of purity, chastity, noble living, tenderness, truthfulness and selfsacrifice in the marriage relation, and selfforgetfulness in the paternal, that the child may be truly an incarnation of divine thought, forms a prominent landmark on the coast-line of Spiritualism.

\*) Pre-Natal Culture; being successions to parents relative to statematic methods of moulding the readencies of offspring before both. By A. E. Newton-pamphiet, 67 pp., octavo-Wasnington, D. 3. Moral Educational Society. Publishers, 1852. Chicago: For sale by the Religio-Philosophical Publish-ing House. Price 25 cents.

Here is another letter, which, while it does not appeal for charitable aid, cannot fail to excite the sympathy and commiseration of the reader:

DEAR BROTHER BUNDY :-- I owe you a full explanation for my apparent neglect in not responding to your many calls for your dues. I take comfort in reading your paper but I have so many, ways to take every dol lar I get, that I find it a struggle to livehave so much sickness in my family and in the last spring the death of a dear child whose coffin is still unpaid for! I have real estate unproductive and taxed exorbitantly. I write this to show you that I am not wilful in keeping you out of your pay. Im-mediately after the 12th or this month, I will send the amount of your bill, so you need not sue it, as you will get your pay. am an old Spiritualist since 1851, and was for many years a good test medium in vari ous ways, but have lost my power, or near ly so; am in my 62nd year. If you think you can make under the circumstances a reduction in your bill, it will oblige me much but if otherwise, I will send amount at time specified.

### Wilmington, Ill., January 1880.

Here is an old man and a medium who has honestly, and with his best efforts fought a hard battle with the adversities of life; though weighed down with cares he bears them like a man, without whining or complaint. He does not inveigh against fate, nor think Spiritualists owe him any special consideration. Though laboring incessantly and living with the closest economy in order to carry on the JOURNAL, and like this brother striving hard to keep un productive real estate from confiscation, we feel to lighten his burden a little by cancelling his indebtedness to the paper, now amounting to \$9.45, and should he find his affairs more prosperous in the future, let him help some one who is worse off than himself, and we shall feel well satisfied.

We cite these cases as examples of hundreds in which we are continually taking similar action. At a rough estimate the JOURNAL office has thus given away from thirty to forty thousand dollars during the nearly fourteen years of its existence. We know it is in good taste when bestowing charity not to proclaim it to the world, and it is not to court commendation that we now do so, but to give our readers some idea of the work done in one direction for the promulgation of Spiritualism. The hearty blessings bestowed with tears of gratitude by the recipients of the JOURNAL's bounty and the consciousness of having done a duty, have been the compensation of the formerns well as the present publisher. That we have not unfrequently been imposed on is probable, yet this does not dampen our desire to continue the good work to the extent of our means. No debtor of the Jour-NAL who is really too poor to pay, need hesitate to promptly tell us so; we do not desire to oppress a single soul on earth, much less a reader of the JOURNAL. We do however, kindly, but very earnestly ask subscribbers, who are in arrears to remember our ' Kan.

#### The Wisconsin Doctor's Bill.

The alarm we sounded a few weeks since was not without cause. The Madison correspondent of the Milwaukee News, writing the 13th inst., states that a bill has been prepared by a joint committee of the three State medical societies, and adds:

"A measure that is likely to cause much discussion, and to meet with determined opposition is the Medical Bill, making an effort to provide against quackery in the State. This bill will be introduced at an early stage, and pressed with all the force of a large body of physicians. These gentlemen will come here next Monday, led by Dr. Bowers, Mayor of Fond du Lae, and Dr. Senn, of Milwaukee. They will storm the legislature for three days, and some of them express a strong belief in the success of their movement.

Let our liberal friends everywhere in Wisconsin circulate a petition, however brief it may be, protesting as a free people against any laws for special legislation for the benefit of any class of doctors, get what signatures they can promptly, and send their petitions to their respective representatives or senators for presentation. No time should be lost. Let their representatives know what the people think of these efforts to steal away their dearest rights, and confer legislative favoritism upon a favored few.

#### The Dry Rot in Churches.

Rev. Robert Collyer lately delivered a ser mon in New York, on the above subject. and it was full of genial hints in reference to life and the actions connected therewith. He alluded as follows to a prominent Chicago clergyman:

"A prominent minister in Chicago a short time since preached a sermon of Dr. Parker's and used it as his own. The papers printed both side by side in parallel columns, and then in explanation the preacher said he had so absorbed the idea from his reading that he had used it without knowing the source from which it sprang. I do not believe the excuse, and I have only found one man who does believe it, and yet that congregation raised his salary in response to that excuse That Church has the dry rot. When things come to this pass the church is not and car not be a factor to a soul's salvation.

Dr. J. K. Bailey spoke at Cawker City, Kan., Dec. 28th; at Salem, Kan., and vicinity, Jan 5-14th, seven lectures. Can be addressed until further notice, at Clifton, eration how to make the next so righteous that they will not need regeneration.

This is the task A. E. Newton has undertaken. There is need of his work, and he has completed it in an admirable manner. It should be read by every parent, for we believe it will not only point how to rear better children, but will instill a higher, purer, and nobler affection between father and mother, husband and wife. No where do we find in its pages the coarse doctrine of prevention of too rapidly increasing population, but the constant action of repression of brute instincts under the iron heel of the chaste spirit. Wisdom holds all lower faculties in abeyance, and the child is born because two loving hearts desire to welcome<sub>b</sub>it.

Mr. Newton has already published a sketch of his views on this subject in a little pamphlet, "The Better Way," of which the present is an enlargement. In that work he expressed the conviction that "it is for the mother to produce a poet, a thinker, an artist, an inventor, a philanthropist, or any other type of manhood or womanhood, desirable, or undescrable, as she will." This certainly is possible for the future, and many mothers may by the means he points out approach these desirable results, and some achieve all they wish; yet it must be remembered, and Mr. Newton does not ignore it, that mankind represent all the conditions and influences which have acted on the race in the interminable past. The mother determined to mould her child after a chosen plan, finds that she cannot free herself from the influence of the past. The energy of heredity 1s as strong in the world of life, as gravitation in the world of matter. There are subtle, psychological influences illy understood, which may completely overpower her efforts. The child may retrovert to many generations, and in its body or mind reappear the peculiarities of some long deceased ancestor, just as in the most purely kept herd, under the eyes of the careful breeder, will appear at times the markings of the original wild stock.

How strong is the conservative energy of nature against any change, is well shown in the rarity of deformities or "marks," which arise from mental impressions made on the mother. That such impressions sometimes produce most undesirable results, there can be no question, yet it is equally certain that this occurs with exceeding rarity. The offspring is preserved unchanged countless times, by this conservative power, while it is affected in a single instance. A multi tude of facts, show that this heredity may be overcome by the efforts of the mother. and sometimes so completely that the child is like a new creation. The protecting care of the father, his sympathy and unselfish support is only second in attaining this result. That it is possible, makes it incumbent on all parents to strive to rear the best organized children, for if they do not attain

Mr. J. W. Colville lectured last Thursday evening at Union Park Hall on this subject: "Woman, her True Position and her Divine Mission." Speaking of the surroundings of mothers he said:

Before coming together in marriage men and women should study physiology, and their mutual attachment should be based on love and intelligence. The reason why so many girls made bad marriages was that they had grown up to look on a good husband as a rich husband, and on marriage as the one thing which they must at all events obtain. As long as daughters were brought up to regard marriage as their only opening in life, so long they must be under a sort of compulsion to accept the best offer they can get. But if girls are taught that they may be lawyers, or religious teachers, or physicians, or merchants, they will feel encouraged to make an effort to qualify themselves for useful positions and being qualified for such positions, they would thereby become best qualified for woman's divinest duty-that of maternity. It must also be remembered that women being more numerous than men, some of them must remain unmarried, and society ought to open to these any careers they could fill. The lecturer was gratified to see colleges opening their doors to women.

He concluded his address with the deelaration that woman was to be the savior of the world, and the prophecy of Genesis that while the serpent hurt the woman's heel she should bruise his head was to be fulfilled

All the saviors of the world were reputed to have been born of virgins, that is, of perfectly pure women. While the speaker did not subscribe to the doctrine of a miraculous conception, he did believe in immaculate conception. When woman became all that she was capable of being, every birth would be an incarnation and every conception would be immaculate. In the twelfth chapter of Revelations there was described a vision of a woman clad in the sun, with the moon under her feet and a coronet of twelve stars, who gave birth to a child, who went forth and fought the beast. The explanation of this was that the woman clad in the highest intelligence with her twelve faculties in use and shining, and with all that pertained to this world under her feet should bear man who was to defeat the powers of evil.

Bro. Blanchard of New Ulm, Minnesota, in forwarding a good list of new subscribers, says: "If all your subscribers would do as well, according to their opportunities and field of operations, as I have, you would have the largest list in America." Yes, indeed, we should; the efforts of this worthy brother show what can be done when the attempt is made with a will. Bro. B. further adds: "I offered the paper one year to the reading room at Sleepy Eye, in this county, and they accepted the offer; they are getting more liberal; a few years ago you could not get a reading room to accept of a spiritual paper." - Thus it is every where that the JOURNAL is seen, the cool, independent, unsectarian character of the paper, attracts the attention and enlists the interests of intelligent non-spiritualists, and steady healthy growth of liberal sentiments and spiritual knowledge results.



## RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

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

**JANUARY** 24, 1880.

Alfred Tennyson is a Spiritualist. - Chicago Tribunc.

W. A. Howard, Volo, Ills., will answer calls to lecture.

On the 13th inst., the first snow of the season fell in Washington.

Wm. Bush, 1112 Clark avenue, St. Louis, Mo., will answer calls to lecture on liberal topics.

Please renew your subscription two weeks before it expires; this saves much work on the mail list.

Mrs. Ophelia T. Samuels will lecture during this month at St. Louis, Mo. The attendance on her lectures is large, and great interest seems to be manifested.

The lectures by J. W. Colville are exciting great interest among the Spiritualists of the city. His answers to questions are considered very fine.

Dr. A. B. Dobson, of Maquoketa, Iowa, an old time medium and healer, is highly recommended both for tests and healing by many respectable citizens of his State.

"Spiritualism in the Nethermost parts of the Earth" is the title of an interesting article by Emma Hardinge-Britten, which will appear in the JOURNAL next week.

B. F. Underwood, Liberalist, passed through this city last week en route to Mil waukee, to fill an engagement for a course of lectures in that city: from there he goes to Whitewater, Wis., thence to Iowa and Missouri.

Dr. and Mrs. Britten are now headed towards England, but we hope Mrs. Britten will find the demand for lectures so great as to long delay her departure from America. She may be addressed in care of Mrs. Ada Foye, 126 Kearney street, San Francisco, Cal.

Mrs. H. Sevrens, of Princeton, Wisconsin, who has been in the city for some weeks treating a lady who had been given up to die, having succeeded in bringing her patient back to health, has returned home. Mrs. Sevrens issaid, by those best informed, to possess great healing power.

The country roads in Hlinois have been, in many sections, impassable during the late wet weather, but are now improving somewhat. Our deep,rich black soil is the finest in the world for some purposes, but when it comes to road building, we long for the gravel hills of less favored regions.

Lyman C. Howe will answer calls to lecture week day evenings within one hundred miles of Cleveland, Ohio, where he is now lecturing. He will close his engagements there Jan. 25th. He will attend the Paine Memorial Celebration, at Linesville, Crawford Co., Pa., the 27th, 28th and 29th.

"THE SPIRIT WORLD," by Dr. Crowell, is

the Boston Herald, by the strongest implication asserted that the letters were forgeries; this shows how necessary was the publication of the evidence of his guilt. When he and his paper shall exhibit fruits meet for repentance, the JOURNAL will gladly note the fact, and the decent portion of gists. society will receive him on probation.

Beecher's outspoken words in regard to the present version of the Bible, is bringing hot consure upon him, and he rallies to the defense in his own paper, taking back not a

jot or tittle of what he has said. This is the beginning of the conflict we foresaw and stated in the JOURNAL at the time the revision of the Bible was undertaken. A great share of the dogmas of the Christian churches rest not on the Bible but the present version. Now when on unimpeachable authority it is shown that these doctrinal' texts were mistranslated, and these dogmas for generations taught to be vital, eternal happiness or damnation depending upon their acceptance, have nothing to rest upon, the very foundation of faith will be broken up. With quick prescience, Beecher understands the conflict which is sure to come, and as usual ahead of the times, is preparing for the issue.

When the seventy-five Methodist ministers called on Gen. Grant their talking man began with the singular remark, as a reason for their seeking the interview : "They had been appointed by God to be leaders of men." Admitting that God had so appointed them, what had that to do with Gen. Grant's candidacy for the Presidency? His answer was most adroit, for he told them that during the war the Southern branch of the Methodists were against the union, while the Northern were loyal. This " call" business is a sham that school boys now-a-days laugh at: God no more calls preachers, than he does hod carriers and boot blacks. Men call themselves to professions they are nowise suited for. and God should not be held responsible for their miserable failures.

A subscriber at Denver, Iowa, has sent

an order for books, but failed to give his name; when he does so, we will then fill the order.

Jesse Shepard is having his time fully occupied in giving private and public concerts. He has received several lengthy and highly flattering notices from the daily Times, after exhibiting bis powers at the residence of Mr. Story, the publisher. Mr. Shepard may be addressed in care of the JOURNAL.

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Pauline Smith, of Cloverdale, Cal., writes a communication to the Sonoma County Democrat, in which she details how she was cured by James Kennedy. She was a helpless invalid, given up as incurable by hundreds, yet was restored to health by Mr. Kennedy through magnetic treatments. She says: "With a feeling of reverence, I realize what a great blessing has been bestowed upon me, by him who has been the means of my recovery."

Mrs. R. C. Simpson has been quite ill much of the time for some weeks, and able to give sittings but a small portion of the time; quite delicate in health at the best, the severe tax upon her vital forces from the use of her medial powers, has worn her down. She contemplates an early visit to her old home, New Orleans, where she deserves to be received as a distinguished citizen who has reflected honor on the city, with which she was for so many years identified. Hercareer in Chicago is a striking lesson of the success which attends mediums, who will hold strictly to the straight line of integrity, and insist on giving test conditions, and allowing every reasonable suggestion of investigators due weight.

We learn from our San Francisco exchanges, that Mrs. Emma Hardinge-Britten had a very boisterous passage from Australia. The ship was "hove to " for thirtyone hours during a terrific gale from east to southeast, with a tremendous sea from northeast. On December 23rd, the vessel arrived off the harbor of Honolulu, but on account of the gale could not make the harbor; the pilot got on board with great difficulty, and owing to the loss of the pilot boat. he was brought on to San Francisco. Worn out as she was, Mrs. Britten was forced to obey the clamor of her friends to lecture on Sunday, the 4th inst. The Alta Culifornia, prefacing an extended abstract of the lecture, says: "Last evening Charter Oak Hall. was absolutely packed full of eager listeners, and many hundred went away, unable to gain admittance, to hear the most eloquent address delivered by Mrs. Emma Hardinge-Britten."

D. M. Bennett's admirers are loud in praise of what they call his "noble and manly confession:" to the observer whose mind is clear it would appear that instead of confessing, he has, like the shrewd fellow he is: simply pleaded guilty and urged extennating circumstances. He is not the first offender who has played the same dodge when confronted with the proofs of his guilt. Only the week before his love letters were published, his Truth Seeker in referring to a paragraph in the Index republished from 1

ary, and on Sunday the 25th, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Parry is one of the most eloquent inspirational speakers in the West.

Spiritual Fraternity.

Brooklyn Spiritual Fraternity meets at Downing Hall, corner Clemont and Fulton avenue, Saturday evenings, at 7 1.2 P. M. The themes thus far decided are as fol-

Saturday 24th, Our Conference Work. E. V. Wilson. January 31st, The New Era. Mrs. Augus-

ta Cooper Bristol. February 6th, The Christ Spirit. Henry Kiddle.

February 14th, Man's Natural Attributes. Henry J. Newton, Pres. 1st Society N. Y. Spiritualists.

February 21st, The Spiritual Body. Col.

Wm. Hemstreet. February 28th, A. Word Concerning Evo-lution. W. C. Bowen. Thirty minutes are allowed the first speak-

er, followed by ten minutes speeches by members of the Fraternity. S. B. NICHOLS, President.

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On the morning of the 11th inst., Mrs. A. D. Baldwin, of Battle Creek, Mich , joined her bushand, who passed

to the Home of the Soul two months since. Mrs. B. had been a sufferer from dethna upward of fifteen years, which on Sunday morning hest, suddenly caused her death. In less than an hour, after having walked from her bed to an adjoining room, she was in spirit-life. Deceased was a native of Cayuga Co., N. Y., being at her death in her 65th year. She is one of dar oldest settlers, having lived in Battle Creek or vicinity since '44. Two of her three children are left to mourn ber absence.

since '44. Two of her three children are left to mourn her absence. Mrs. B. was always liberal in her religious views, and nutil about ton years since was a Universalist in faith, since which time she has been a Spiritualist. She was a loving wife, a dutiful mother, a sind neighbor, and had only to be known to be loved and respected. The functal services were held at the home of deceas-ed, attended by many of her friends. The address was given by one of the spirit guides of the writer, the bur-den of the discourse was to teach mortals how to live and thereby how to promare for death.

and thereby how to prepare for death. May peace and joy be here ever more. Amen. DB. G. H. GRER.

Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 14, 1980.

At his residence in this city, Justin H. Hungerford,

after a brief illness, passed to the higher life.

after a brief illness, passed to the higher life. Bro. Hungerford was a firm believer and a fearless advocate of the doctrines of spiritual progression. He passed away in full consciousness of his approaching change, expressing not only his willingness to meet the approaching dissolution of his body, but a longing de-sire to join the loved ones on the other side of the river. Not two weeks before his dissolution, he celebrated his golden wedding, under the anspices of the Odd Fellows of this place, in their spacious hall, little dreaming that in so brief a space of time his body would lie in state in that same hall. The hall was filled with members of the Order, and other civic societies, to which he be-longed. The writer addressed the andience upon the occasion, after which a long procession of Odd Fellows occasion, after which a long procession of Odd Fellows and citizens followed the corpse to its inst reeting place in River Side Cemetery. Bro. finngerford was an old citizen, and highly respected by the citizens of Apple-ton, who had known him for many years, his memory is gratefully cherished.

A. B. RANDALL. Appleton, Wis.

#### Convention.

The Spiritnalists and Liberalists of Van Buran and adjoin-ing counties, will hold their next convention at Braedsville, in Gray's Hall, commencieg Jan. 316, 1860, at 2 o'clock p.m., and continuing over Sunday. Mrs. E. C. Woonruff, of South Haven, and Dr. McCulloch, of Holland, Mich., are engaged as speakers, and Mirs Olle M. Childs, of Ka anazzo, will fur-bight youril and instrumental music. Wrm. E. Stedman, a highly gifted medium, isexpected to be present. I. S. BURDICK, Pres't., Box B. Kalamazoo, Mich. LOTTLE M. WARNER, Sec'y, Faw Paw, Mich.

The Northern Wisconsin Spiritual Conference

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#### **RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL** JOURNAL.

Poices from the People. AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS PERTAINING TO THE HARMONIAL PHILOSOPHY.

An Angel's Birthday.

[St. Louis Post.]

Mrs. E. L. Saxon, of New Orleans, a lady very widely known by her able writings on social topics, and who was one of the most efficient work. ers during the yellow faver scourge last cummer, lost her youngest daughter by yellow fever near the close of the opidemie. We find in the New Orleans Times the following beautiful poem which expresses the feelings of thousands of bereaved hearts in similar circumstances-the test of trues postry:

"Tis your birthday, my precious, my darling— Or would be, if you were on earth, I know it must still be your birthday,

Though bern to your heavenly birth. I know that the angels are fair, and as sweet, An these fair earthly roses I twit e;

Their love may be perfect, pure and complete, But never more tender than mine. Are you glad in their gladness, my darling?

Do you laugh in your innocent glee? Or are you sad in the brightness of heaven,

In thinking of home and of me? In the night when I long for your presence, And water my pillow with tears, When I pray for the touch of your fingers,

To comfort my corrow and fears; So light is the veil that's between us The mather and child are so near;

The breath of my soul is suspended For your accepts so tender and clear, Oh, my glorified dailing, most precious Of all the sweet gifts that were mine, I have lent you, not lost you, my darling—

Only lent to the Love that's Divine.

There are moments so sweet and so soleme, That my soul barsts its prison of pain, And sours to the realm of the Spirit, And meets my own angel again. Then calm from that saintly communion I defy every foe of the world; I can scorn every breath of contumely, Every shaft by its ignorance hurl'd No black robes of darkness and mourning Should be worn for a spirit like thee-Only solemn thanksgiving and blessugs,

That you from earth's sorrow are free. MRS. E. L. SAXON.

### Rems From Philadelphia.

To the Editor of the Religio Philosophical Journal: -Permit a passing compliment as to the sterling worth of the Christmas number of the JOURNAL full of interesting and valuable reading. It must take rank with first-class journalism, and as such add large numbers to its subscription list.

With Dr. Pecbles, I am sorry that Spiritualists in general care so little to patronize that which tends directly to advance the great truths of the intercommunion between the two worlds. Take the spiritual papers, friends, redd them first, then give them to your neighbors. This, in my judg-ment, is the very best way to spread the truths of our cause. Care should, however, be taken in the selection of choice and pure literature for the home: I say this, because there is some literature claiming to be spiritual, which I deem unit, both for the family or for general circulation.

for the family or for general circulation. Bpiritualism in the city of brotherly love is steadily soning the seed for a fature abundant harvest. J. Frank Barler has filled the restrum of the First Suciety, Academy Hall, shi and Spring Gutden streets, for the mouth of December, what great success. His fectures are logical, and de-livered with an elegance and path a that would depend it has not in the mouth of D.

He has credentials of excellence from many staunch supporters of Spiritualism; his mediumship is of such a marvelous nature that many coming to his reances doubting, go away believing. In conclusion I would say that, as Spiritualists we should humbly depend on the blessing of heav-on, for every good and perfect gift; a heaven that its pasis within us. When the cobwebs of self are brushed away from the eyes of the soul, then heaven may be felt, and seem all about us. The design of Spiritualism is to set our souls as free as when God first gave them to us, to dis-engage us from those slavish fears that so long held us in chains and bondage, and that tyranniz-ed over us with an iron rad. No man, however, can by any claim to true freedom, that is not pure in heart and holy in his nature, an obedient child to the laws of his being. JOHN A. HOOVER.

Philadelphia, Pa,

### Letter from Texas.

Mrs. Mary Dana Shindler, of Nacogdoches, Texas, writes:

Having been for the last eighteen months hard at work in the political field, carried thither by a power I could not resist, and kept there still, I did not minrle as much with Spiritualists during my visit to New York, as I should have done if my time and my occupations had been left entirely to my own choice. But I was with them sufficiently to ascertain that the three spiritual organizations existing there have well attended meetings, and are growing steadily with a healthy growth, far better than a spasmodic and too rapid one. I had the pleasure of hearing the excellent test medium, Mr. Baxter; also Fannie Allyn, E. V. Wilson, Nellie Brigham; and last, though not least, M.J. Davis, with his quaint and original manaer of presenting ideas which stereotype them-selves upon one's brain, to be reproduced again and again, at unexpected times and places. I attended, by invitation of one of the members, one of the mentily meetings of the far famed "Sor-osis," held at Delmonico's great establishment in Fifth avenue, where I partook of one of those won-derful dingers of which we hear so much, and afterwards enjoyed, through the medium of the distinguished ladies of that society," a feast of reason, and a flow of soul " The subject discussed on that occasion was: Whether the modern improvements in household corveniences had increased the attractions and the love of home. The matter was discussed, pro and con, and the earnest cpirit, the outflow of pure domestic feeling, as well as the high culture of the debaters, impressed me most favorably; for I had somehow been accustom-ed to think of Soresis as merely an outgrowth of the factionable element of New York society; but while there is plenty of fashioa there, there is also the true spirit of reform, and an abundance of the right sort of womanly culture, together with do-mestic feeling, and pure love of home. I was there introduced to your excellent correspondent, Mrs. Hester Poole, a lady who adorns society, and does what she can to elevate and ennoble it. I saw no "materialization" while in New York,

nor did I seek for it. While I believelt to be a de-monstrated fact, I have too little confidence in most of the mediums now advertising their wares, to expend my time and my money in a search so often unsatisfactory and delusive. Istand firmly by the facts which have produced conviction upon my mind-as detailed in my book, "A Southerner Among the Spirits," for Treceived nothing, into the genuineness of which I did not/examine with all my powers of discernment, and with an un-

filnehing honesty of purpose. I sow, in the course of the summer, our good old friend, Dr. Watson, and also Mr. and Mrs. Hawks, who were waudering about during their fored exile from poor, afflicted Memphis. I likewise became well acquainted with Dr. Crowell, at whose beautiful residence I was always a welcome guest. He presented me with a copy of his new book, and in a future article I way tell you what I think of it, though it will probably be reviewed by abler pene then mine. Wishing you and all your readers a happy New Year, I am Mr. Editor, yours for truth and justice.

The Views of Hudson Tuttle Criticised by A Frontlersman.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: I have seen in a recent issue of your paper an artiele headed,"The Indians," by Mr. Hudson Tuttle, vherein he savs:

"There has of late been a great deal of sympathy expressed for the Indians especially by Eastern journals, whose editors have never been in the West and knowing nothing practically of the true state of affairs." One would infer from the foregoing, that the

writer has had experience with the Indians, or, at least, was a frontiersman-that being just exactly what I claim for myself, a goodly portion of my life has been spent on the frontiers, which extends back to nearly fifty years. My boyhoad experi-ence was with, what he terms, "red handed savages flerce as a wolf." Now just here I wish to say his experience and his policy is as wide apart from mine, as are the poles of the universe! In reading his entire article, I am impelled to greatly doubt his correct knowledge of the true Indian character, and that which he claims for himself is wholly of a one sided superficial nature, gained from iewspapers, which generally give but one side to the question, and that wholly in favor of usurpers. He quotes: "It is said that the government has not kept its treaties," which he admits and adds, "Nor can it keep them." Now the fulfillment of treaty obligations are generaly determined by the power of resistance of the injured party, though sometimes kept in honor. The last clause will apply to the Indians; the first to the whites.

Again he says: "There is a law of races more powerful than any written enactment; that law is, that the soil belongs to the race that makes the best use of it." An! indeed, is that so? Let us see. Who are the recognized legal owners of the soil of our own sunny South? Does it belong to that race who have been its almost exclusive tillers for the past two hundred years? We may ex-tend the same analysis throughout all Europe, and see if the facts will bear him out in the assertion. Who are the owners of the soll there? Does it be-long to the tillers? Is it not claimed and held in a national point of view by the most powerful bat tallons, and subdivided to the most crafty and greedy of individuals, at the expense of the sorrow-stricken hearts of the many? A most admirable civilization!

We may readily see where his great law of races is founded. Again he says, "When a white man wants a hundred acres of the Indian's land, he will take it. The government may pledge that he shall not, but it surely will be done. A very weak government to say the least! To more forcibly illustrate, I will interpose the following parallel proposition of justice: When a robber, or usurpercovets another man's goods, he will surely take them, providing he feels secure in so doing. The writer goes on and attempts to picture the

horrors of an Indian massacre, but facts illustrate the butcheries on the other side of the house--indiscriminately of women and children, and that, too, by your boasted civilizers. These are facts which you refrain giving, publicity to, yet would recommend a wholesale shoughter of the whole race, "devoid of any septimentality," in order to expedite the work-all for what? Simply because they would dare to contend for their homes, their firesides and the graves of their fathers, to which they had become attached.

In another instance, he declares he feels deep sympathy for the unprogressive races. Does he mean to say that the Indian is unsucceptable to improvement? If so, then he has attained perfec-tion, and needs nothing more. I can realize his sympathy which is an inborn hetred to our race. Mr. Editor, I cannot speak of these things with calmness-the fires of retalizion are enkindled within my breast. I am an Indian, and feel the

insulit "The fittest remain"--so, too, thought the Jows of old, that they were the only ones worthy of consideration.

What shall be done with the Indians? If you ash that question in a true fraternal spirit. I will teil you: Cease lying to, robbing and defrauding them, and thereby gain their confidence, and peknowledge their right to an existence at least-yes, a home, a permanent abiding place upon this earth, a spet wherein to form a nucleus of fratern-it follow. If you is no is no is the set n ieen present to their minds for consideration, they will findly receive it, and not before, for they have lost or never had any confidence in you, it being one continual series of frauds practiced upon them as a race.

Communication from Washington, **D.** C.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: To one accustomed to our quiet Northern Christmas days, the outside or street celebration of it here in Washington, is a singular and incongruous one. As far as noise goes, it reminds us of a Fourth of July, though the firing of guns is left mostly to the ushering in of the New Year in this city. On Christmas eve the blowing of horns began, lasted all night and all the next day. I had heard it before but the intervening Christmas days at home, quiet and secred to family joys and re-unions, had banished this custom from my mind. With us the stir in the streets is almost wholly confined to the early riders and walkers, going to spend the day with parents, brothers or children, and after that, there is a soothing peace reigning without, and where there are children, merry glee, and music, and play within.

But here the horn-blowing is discordant and almost constant, and on inquiry I find that it is the custom in many of the Southern States, but is said to be generally confined to children with toyhorns, which are bought for them by their pa-rents; but it is also engaged in by the rough young men about town, and those without espe-cial attractions in a nome, for how else could it be kept up throughout the night? Asking if it has long been the custom, I am told that it has; if it was mostly indulged in by the slaves; and am told that it was not. When the horns were silenced near, the sound of numberless instruments in the distance reminded us of the piping of the Seven-teen Year locusts, as we heard them in the country, somewhere in the sixties, and I assure you it brought back not only that melancholy and unmelodious sound, but the drouth and dust of that year; all the stifling dust, and thirst for rain, which marked that season. Such is the association of the senses.

Certain families celebrate the holiday as with us, but it seems to lose, and does lose, something from its genceful sacredness by the clamor in the With us the bush without, seems the streets. guardian of the housed cheer and family festival within, and to go far to make it so precious and whether to children in their glee, the sacred: young in their galety, mothers in their "sweet gravity and tender grace," fathers in their wholeheart-dness, or grand parents in their whole-happiness of the home-nest,--it seems in keeping with all.

We all know what Christmas has been to the church, but to those not bred in the church, in any ceremonial or dognatic church at least, religion, art and literature bave combined to collout much the same reverence for this festival day. Many of the sacred days are of beathen (so-called) origin, and have been adopted into Christian observance, and we know that savior's of other ages have been heralded as was our "Prince of Peace," with glory out of heaves, and with worship of the wise men. And many of them are connected with the worship of anecestors; so in our family Christmas, more and more we recall it, the elders do-as it blessed our childhood, we remember in it our grandfathers and grandmothers and if the mothers have departed, oh! with what tenderness do we remember them and the part they took in the Christmas gifts, and the remembrances for the unfortuncte. We the remembrances for the unfortuncte. We hear their voices around the hearth, and see them at the social board. The ancients were with us in the universal human love, and we also unite with them in the worship of ancestors; there is a modification of the manner, and ceremonial takes other forms, but essentially, when the higher impulses are concerned, we are one."

#### Desiring Assistance.

At a meeting of the First Sydvitual Society of Delphos, Ottawa Co., Kansas, held on the 14th of December, 1879, a resolution was passed to elect a committee, which consists of J. N. Blanchard, Chairman, M. F. Davis and Sarah J. Root, to re-selve any profilered ald friends may feel inclued

to forward as assistance to our society. It any of our friends will respond to our urgent needs, it will be thankfully received and daily ce-knowledged in the REMAND PHILOSOPHICAL JOUR. For a statement of our wants, please read NAL. my article in the JOURNAL of October 18th, on eighth page, "A Chance for the Charitable." I will briefly recapitulate:

T. H. Hussey writes: Without a wish to flat-ter you, I would say that I like the paper better now than formerly. I always leved hencest candor, and am glad there is one paper with back bone enough to expose deception.

M L. Van Horn writes: The First Harmonial Society is doing splandidity; the audiences are constantly increasing, which abows an avaluance interest in the work of Bro. Davis.

### Notes and Extracts.

We bear the marks of our habits as the prisoner does those of his chains,  $-D_{\rm P}$  BangWers.

Allowing two squere feet to each person, the entire population of the United States could stand. in Boston proper.

There are bitterer partings than death, and more heartrending farefrells than those which we breathe over the grave-Hedge

It is said by some one that evil is undeveloped good. If so, then the mystery still remains, how did evil originate, and why is it tolerated!

Socially, the attractiveness of Christman will be everlasting. Enjoyment is focussed, and human sympathy finds reciprocal answers at such a time.

History repeats itself they say,

The old *again* is now, Religious systems have their day, But the truth is ever *true*.

Spiritualists, unless they improve the mo-ments by cultivating the intellectual powers they possess, must stand before the world as fanatical wonder seekers

Physiology descends from structure to protoplasm. Psychology, moving onward and up-ward, ascends from protoplasm to soul. Physi-ology reduces man to a jelly; psychology lifts him to an immortality.

The London Spiritualist says that the strongvoiced spirit, James Nolan, who accompanies Mrs. Billing, rarely speaks now; but the low whisper-ing voices, able to give approximate evidence of identity, are in the ascendant.

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The Talmud abounds with numerous spiritual legends. One Rabbi says, 'Il you want to see if in the morning you see marks like cocks' claws, it is a sign spirits have been there."

It is the temper of a blade that must be the proof of a good sword, and not the gilding of the hill or the richness of the scabbard; so it is not his grandeur and possessions that make a man considerable, but his intrinsic m crit,

The prospect of annihilation at death, even when gilded over with such portical expressions as "a dreamless and eternal sleep," is too chilling and repellant for the mays of mankind to accept st present, even if it were their certain doom,

There is, then, no escape from the conclusion that the conceptions Jesus had of Daity were of a nature to lead to the belief that God might be worried by continual prayer into concessions and favors which would not otherwise have been grant. ed - Amberley.

All religious, except the spiritual, are based upon a Bible. The Brahmin has his Bible, the Turk his, the Obristian his, and each one of these believes as firmly as the other that his book is divinely inspired, and who is to prove that one is in error more than the others?

"Just think, my dear Rose," exclaimed a pious old lady, "just think, only five missionaries to twenty thousand capribals;" and the kind-hearted niece ejaculated, "Goodness gracious, aunty; O, my gracious goodness, the peor cannibals will starve to death at that rate!"

It is suggested that there is a sont in nature-that nature itself is soul; that all the molecular structures perceptible by our senses are not the substance but the incrustation, the shell, the in-tegument only of the molecular something that underlies it and gives to it shape and character,

Never lose sight of the fact that every previous step of life should be a preparation for that which follows: and that all the details of earth-life should be conducted with the object of attainer plaze of erience i which you means of unchainess shall be greatly increased. Thy soul was like a star, and dwelt apart; Phon hadst a voice whose cound was like the sea. Pure as the noted heavens, majestic, free, So didst thou travel on life's common way In cheerful godliness, and yet thy heart The lowliest duties on herself did lay, --Wordsworth. Cabinot scances, except when held under stringent test conditions, and preferable for purcoses of scientific research, have long been condemned in England by those who know most about them, because of the is jury they otherwise do to the medium, to the observers, and to the movement. In the case of Lot and the destruction of the cities of the pictus-neither Lot nor the inhabit-ants of Sedom and Gomorrah had any previous knowledge of the fate which awaited them, but the angels told them in advance what was to befall them, and the result proved that they knew what they were saying. However much men may try to suppress the hought of death and departure into the next stage of existence, it is a question which comes up be-fore them again and again, as the natural result, not only of its felt inevitableness, but also as revived by the repeated departure of their neighbors and their friends day by day.

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livered with an elegaence and path as that would do credit to an older champlen in the field. The facts which he gives at the close of his evening lectures, are supplyingly correct. He often gives full name, dute of death, and other incidents the could only be obtained from an infinite acquaint ance with the partices concerned. To the intel Repert and thinking mind, the tests are complete while to the ignorant (whom we hear say), "They are made up by Baxter for the occasion." Spirit uclists cannot be made; (Ley must develop to a comprehension of the divine teachings of Spirit. talism before they can appreciate them. James Burns, of London, said, "They who would make converts to Spiritualism are its worst enemies." I begin to think there is much truth in the assertion, for Spiritualism is a matter of growth, hence we find in nearly every place, men and women who are by nature Sphitualists without over having heard of any of its philosophy.

For seventeen years Brother Baxter taught school in Boston and vicinity with uniform success, giving satisfaction to scholars, parents and school directors; becoming a Spiritualist, how-ever, he lost his position; but friends locked around him-better ones than he ever had before, and to day he is doing a work that will give him a world wide, notoriety, and win for him such honer as he never could have had as a school teacher. Brother Baxter is ever ready to doitiner. ant work, and though with us on Sundays, he is off in some of the counties on week days.

Prof. Kiddle, ez Superintendent of New York Public Schools, in one of the loctures he delivered in Philadelphia, said in effect: "When I published my book I, of course, anticipated great antagen ism and sectorian persecution; it is true that it came, but in a thousand fold more gentle manner than I expected. Many friends that I love, send me letters of advice and censure; a few friends 1 have lost, but I am happy to say that where I have lost one, I have gained two in his place, more true and valuable. Hundreds of letters from different parts of the country have come to me with ex-pressions of condoince and warm brotherly friendship, that I prize far above any carthly preferments that could be offered. The public press, too, was more lenient in its criticism on my book that I expected, all of which is evidence to me that a revolution is going on in the general mind, and that men are rive for new departures from old

Dr. George Wyld, of Edinburgh, who so man-fully stood by Dr. Slade in his shaincful persecu-tion in London, writes in the Spirileulist of Nov. 2Sta

"I felt op intensely earnest in my convictions regarding the genuineness of the Slade perform ances and the profound hearings it had on the laws of mind and matter, that I felt I could have submitted to any martyrdom in its defense, and, therefore, I didn't hesitate to appear as a witness in defense of Blade, although knowing that ninety nine persons in a hundred, regarded him as a common impostor. I could not appear at a Police Court publicly in his defense without incurring great professional risks.

"The result was as I anticipated. I was abused and denounced in many quarters. I received many insulting anonymous letters, some friends quarreled with me, and my professional receipts declined. But there is a grand promise by the Mas-ter, that one who forsakes friends and worldly goods for the truth shall even here receive an "So it has been with myself; for one friend i

have lost, I have gained twenty better ones, and even my worldly prosperity has been indirectly thereby increased, and not only so, but my profes-sional reputation has been greatly enlarged also Indirectly through Spiritualism, for there came to me in a mysterious manner, in connection with the Slade trial, an idea which I conveyed to the profession through the London press, which letter showered upon me immediately in reply about four hundred letters of thanks and congretulations from medical men in all parts of England."

The Co-operative Society of Spiritualists has opened its lecture season in the Assembly build-ing, 10th and Chestnut streets. Prof. Kiddle deing, non-and Caesing ectures. Frof. Kiddle de-livered the opening lectures, and Katie B. Robin-son, of this city, filled the rostrum the two last Sundays in December. Mrs. Shepard, of Min-neapolis will supply the platform of the First So-clety during January. The Second Spiritual So-clety, Thompson street, below Front street, is making great efforts to roles finds to the street. making great efforts to raise funds for the purpose of improving its building. Wm. H. Pow. ell, the "linger" slate writing medium, has just returned from an castern tour of great success.

A Wonderful Seance. To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

The following may perhaps interest your many readers. It is one of hundreds equally as ra-markable manifestations that I have witnessed with my medium. The medium and myself were the only persons visible in the house. About tions, I closed my back drawing roan's folling nice, p. 5 doors, shut the blinds and had as line conditions as possible for our invisible friends to main est them-selves. I took my sent at the end of my bland, a large squire one, and the medium sat opposite to me, across the 100m. When we became passive our friends were present in bodily form as usual greeting us in their loving and affectionate manner. Soon a spirit, Miss Mary Dudley, asked us if we would like some music on the plano. Of course, we said, Ycc. Presently she took her seat on the stool, and asked me what tune I liked. I said that there was a music book on the plano, and that

she might please herself. She opened the instrument, tool: the book, turned over the leaves and said, "Here is an old tune, that I was very fond of while on carth. I will play it for you as well as I can. My ingers feel just as if I had a thick pair of leather gloves on, and in consequence, my fingering of the keys will not be the lightest." She played the "Last Rose of Summer," "The Meet-ing of the Waters," and "Suwanee River," from the book; then from memory a dashing spirited march. She then left the piano, and Miss Pringle took her place. She also complained of stiff fingers, but played several Scotch airs.

By this time the people in the next house, just ceross a lawn, were going to retire, and when their gas was lit, their window blinds being open, the light shone into our room through our lace curtains, showing the spirit perfectly plain. I looked and could see the medium in his place. I asked the spirit if the light would not affect her. She furned around, faced me and said not, as it was partly disentegrated by passing through the muslin curtains, and to prove that such was the case, she left the stool, walked over to where the light was strongest, where she stood for some minutes, conversing with us. She then returned to the piano and played a number of pieces; some very difficult ones, If I might judge, from the brilliant execution displayed. Between the pieces she would turn on her seat, face me, and talk on music, the drams and other subjects, though the light was shining in on her from our next neighbor's house. She was succeeded by an Indian maiden, Occlena, who never saw a plano, she said, until she arrived at her split home. Her playing was different from the others. She said that the base on this plano bothered her a good deal, as on her plano the base was mixed with the other notes. However, she managed to play some very nice pieces-all from memory. There were two others who played several airs very nicely. Last of all, Miss Fleetwood took her seat, and she was, indeed, master, or rather mistress, of her instrument. I asked her to play a certain piece from the book, and leave it open at that place. She played several brilliant places by different auth-ors, but the one selected, and left open, as I desired, was "Home Sweet Home." By this time it was nearly twelve, so our dear friends bade us good night and became again invisible.

This is a plain truthful account of what took. place in my own house, alone with the medium and myself; one, as I said before of hundreds equally as remarkable.

R. ARNOLD. Toronto, Canada,

Toronto.

The First Spiritual Association of Toronto held its last Quarterly Meeting at 351 Queen street, west, on Monday, January 5th, at which the following officers were elected: President, Mr. C. Newman; Vice President, Mrs. C. Norris; Secre-tary, Robt. Coartnay; Treasurer, Mr. S. Norris; Working: Committee, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Porter, Mr. Austin, Mr. Ross, Miss Morton, Miss Paul, Miss Moor. Being in want of a medium, Mrs. Hull was engaged for one month. ROBT. COURTNAY, Secretary.

J. Buchner writes: I feel that the JOURNAL is one of the very best means of promoting man's true unfoldment. Long may you live to enlighten the race by its issue. I read it, and let others fead, and it makes its infinince felt.

In conclusion, I would say, I cavy not the head or heart of that mus who could justify the mani-fold wrongs heaped upon the Indians as promoting the cause of civilization. SHA-EO NEH.

Naponee, Neb.

#### May's Terrible Suspense--Hanging 1,000 Feet Above the Arkansas Rapids.

Charles May and his brother Robert, in the spring of 1870 offered to pass 60,000 railroad fies down the rkansas from the mountain source. He says: Our offer was accepted, when we started into the upper entrance of the canyon with a large skiff provided with six'days' provisions and two hundred feet of rope, with which, by taking a running turn around some firmly-planted object, we could lower our boat a hundred feet at a time. In this way, at the end of three days, having set adrift many hundred ties, we reached the entrance to the Royal Gorge. Here we discovered that an attempt to descend the first waterfall with two in the boat was certain destruction, and to return was impossible. Accordingly I determined to lower my brother down the fall in the boat, a distance of two hundred feet, gave him the rope and let him take the chance of the canyon (life commed more survey) in that dispective. seemed more certain in that direction), while would risk my physical ability to climb the canyon wall, which was about two thousand feet high. About teu o'clock in the morning I shook hands with my brother, lowered him in the boat safely to the foot of the fall, gave him the rope, and saw him no more. Then throwing aside my coat, hat and boots, and stripping the sucks from my feet, 1 commenced my climbing way, often reaching the height of one or two hundred feet, only to be compelled to return to fry some other way. At length, about four o'clock in the afternoon, I reached a height upon the smooth canyon wall of about a thousand feet. Here my further progress was ar-rested by a shelving ledge of rock that juited out from the canyon side a foot or more. To advance was without hope; to return, certain death. Reach ing upward and outward, I grasped the rim of the ledge with one hand and then with the other. my feet slipped from the smooth side of the canyon, and my body hung suspended in the air a thous-and feet above the roaring waters of the Arkansas. At that moment I looked downward to measure the distance I would have to fall when the strength of my arms give out. A stinging sensation crept through my hair as my eye caught the strong root of a cedar bush that projected out over the ledge, a little beyond my reach. My grasp upon the rim of the ledge was fast yielding to the weight of my person. Then I determined to make my best ef fort to raise my body and throw it sideways toward the root so as to bring it within my grasp. At the moment of commencing the effort I saw my mother's face as she leaned out over the ledge, reach ing down her hand and caught me by the hair. Stranger, my mother died while yet a young wo man, when I and my brother were small boys, but I remember her face. I was successful in making the side leap of my arms, when I drew myself upon the ledge and rested for a time. From here upward my climbiog way was laborious, but less dangerous. I reached the top of the canyon just as the sun was sinking down behind the snowy range, and hastened to our camp at the mouth of the canyon, where I found my brother all safe, "Charley,' said he, have you had your head in a flour sack?" It was then I discovered that my hair was as white as you see it now." - Denver Tribune.

Jacob Beede writes: It has been about four years since we began to investigate Spiritualism. It has given me more consolation than all the orthodox preaching I ever heard. I use Planchette; some times it will answer questions by writing, and some times by tipping. It will write the names of deceased persons, and teil how long they have been in the Spirit-world.

Geo W. Elder writes: The JOURNAL is the best paper published in the world. • May the Lord help you in your battle until Spiritualism can stand alone without the sid of any other ism. Liberalism'not excepted.

"We have been unfortunate at Delphos, by hav-ing, two had winds or storms. About \$60,000 damage was done to our township, many femilies losing everything except their farms. The mem hers of our conciety owned a small interest in the Universalist Church, and we occupied it a portion of the time. This was entirely destroyed. The Universalists are to receive aid to build from the General Conference. The Methodists get aid also to repair their church. We have not even a good place for holding a circle, and do not expect to build a church, but we are in one of the best locations as to elimite, soil, water, etc., in the west We feel it necessary to hold our standing as a society, and we would like to secure a building lot in town before the price is too high, and also furnish the docental for our unfollunate members and such other assistance as they positively need. Remit to the committee at Delphos, Kansas. JOY N. BLANCHARD.

**H. A Budington** of Springfield, Mass., writes The series of lectures given here in Nov. by Capt. H H. Brown, of Brooklyn, N Y, were of a high order of merit, especially those from the topics, "From a Crystal to mau," and "The Astrological Origin of Religions." Capt. Brown advanced ideas on the origin of life in the first lecture, that were new and profound, and in accordance with the latest scientific discoveries of the savants in anthropology. The lecture on the astrological origin of religions, is full of research and was pre-sented in a very plain, eloquent and interesting manner. Capt. Brown is a growing man, an orator, and ought to be better known.

The society here are now listening to the eloquent, ornate and scholarly criticism and broad liberality of that genial and incisive speaker, Cephas B. Lynn. He continues through the month, and his audiences like those of Captain Brown, are made up largely of the best thinkers, and people of the faith in the city. These speakhave outgrown mere sensationalism and i ers will be a good thing for the public here to acquire a liking for lectures that instruct rather than amuse? Too many people have heretofore been willing to take twaddle if it purports to come from a spirit however ignorant, rather than accept the normal atterance of those who obtain their thoughts from study and profound experience of this life. Study! Study!! Study!!! should be the watchword of every man who attempts to instruct the people. Every inspiration is the better for the preparation of the medium by careful study. Mrs. Shepard supplied the platform in October. She is a pleasant lady, and full of devotion to the

cause dear to her heart. The Spirit-Circle. - After a spirit-circle has been formed, an endeavor should be made to sow the seed of other circles. The members of that circle should be induced to give away papers and pamphlets and lend books giving information how to sit and use mediume, and by this means they, will see much more fruit come from their labors

than in the case of those who do not sit in a wellconstituted circle. The usual method of advanc ing Spiritualism by promiscuous séances is an ex. pensive and wasteful one, and too often frustrates the end which is had in view. Too often it robs the sitters of their spirituality, and it offers them nothing in return but bitter experience. If I at-tend one of these promiscuous seances it takes as much vital power out of me as would do a couple of days' work. But, unfortunately, Spiritualism has become synonymous-with persons of leisure -with hunting up new spirit circles, and soaking in them whenever they can get the opportunity. What do you do by that practice? You give off and destroy that power—that product of life which you ought to keep as God's gift to you for the sustenance of your spirit in its work through the body, and for giving away to others as you have opportunity to do them good. The strength and hope of Spiritualism is apart from professional and paid mediumship. Let us cultivate spirit. power in the circle, and follow out the work in the way just indicated, and we cannot fail in succeed-ing better than in the case of recent experiences. James Burns.

Elenor Palmer writes: I thank you for all the light and knowledge I receive through the JOURNAL. I am always pleased to see it.

In connection with the mediumship of Mrs. Hollis-Billing, in addition to the strong voices of the spirits who ordinarily produce powerful physical manifestations and move solid heavy objects, whispering voices are heard, which show some knowledge of the private affairs of individual sit. ters, and claim to come from the relatives of particular listeners.

The day will come when we shall no more talk about God idly, nay, when we shall talk about him as little as possible. We shall cease to set him forth dogmatically, to dispute about his nature. We shall put compulsion on no one to pray to him; we shall leave the whole business of worship within the sanctuary of each man's conscience. And this will happen when we are really religious,-George Sund.

Let you and me remember this: How much good we can do-a single man, a single woman-with the life of natural religion! He who goes through a land and scatters blown roses, may be tracked next day by their withered petals that strew the ground; but he who goes through it and scatters rose seed, a bundred years after leaves behind him a land full of fragrance and beauty for his monument, and a heritage for his sons and daughters.—Theodore Parker.

Nine out of every ten of the greater public troubles which have afflicted Spiritualism in Amerca have originated in cabinet séances, and if such had been condemned years ago in that country the movement would have now been in a much better position there. Good mediums can obtain excel. lent materialization phenomena while they are held hand and foot in an open circle, off their own premises; so why should a cabinet be called into use?-London Spiritualist.

A missionary in the South Seas having created a strong impression on a chief, and convinced him that he and his people were miserable sinners, at, the same time describing the Atonement of Christ, the same time descripting the Atonement of Christ, the chief held a council of his warriors, and it was unanimously decided that hell-fire seemed im-minent unless immediate action was taken; but they utterly repudiated the idea that merely be-lieving that Jesus died to save men would avert the evil decree. In their simple logic it seemed natural that if God's wrath had on one occasion been averted by the secretice of a good and helm been averted by the sacrifice of a good and holy being, their best plan was to offer the most sacred being they knew of, in the hope that it would prove accentable in their case. The missionary consequently was invited to permit himself to be crucified; but, strange to say, the man of God did not see the force of the argument when brought so near home, and declined. Another meeting was held, at which it was resolved that although it was a pity the missionary did not fellow Christ's example and offer himself voluntarily, the next example and ones missin voluncating, the near best thing was to crucify him whether or not, with the addendum that if after he was dead they ate him it would be an effectual way of partaking of the Holy Communion; and it was only by a discreditable ruse the missionary escaped.-Harbinger of Light.

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"THE BETTER WAY."

True Justice versus Unguided Love. BY WILLIAM EMMETTE COLEMAN.

"Of all the virtues justice is the best;

"Justice from violence must be exempt; Bat fraud's her only object of contempt; Fraud in the fox, force in the ion dwells; Bat justice both from human hearts expels; But he's the greatist monster, without doubt, Whois a welf within, a sheep without." --Denho

"Charity, ceneroelty, catholicity, may go so far as to clothe the trath even in a garment of words which will shield rather than denounce sin and crime. If a thing Bhield rather than denounce sin and crime. If a thing is wrong, let us say it is wrong. If there is raseal iy, let us say raseality, and not extenuite with meaningless words. This broad spirit may be carried too far, until all distinctions between right and wrong, good and evil, are lost sight of and the blackest crimes are condened with the cell-satisfying remark that 'Whatever is, is right,' a proposition which destroys all moral distinc-tions."—Twittle.

In the Christmas number of the JOURNAL I find an article entitled "The Better Way," by Dr. J. R. Buchanan, which, in my judgment, deserves more than a passing notice. Coupled with much that is good and true, and which the world would do well to heed, there is running through it a vein of thought which to some extent vitiates the good effect that might otherwise accrue therefrom. Every lover of humanity's best interest, every philanthropist, eager to advance the welfare of his kind and to elevate the race in its social and ethical relations, must deplore the existence in the world of such a vast quantity of envy, malice, and hatred, evil thinking, evil speaking, and evil action towards others: and the problem engaging, for many centuries, the attention of the sages and moralists of earth, is, how best to remedy this gigantic evil. Many have essayed to point out "The Better Way:" and in general there has been considerable accord among teachers and thinkers as to the nature of this "better way,-that is, their several eth-ical inculcations have presented, in spirit, more or less conformity the one with the other.

While all agree as to the saving efficacy of the love principle, there is, however, considerable divergence in opinions and expression as to the "better way" in the matter of the practical exemplification or application of the love element among men. Two schools of thought thereupon may be said to exist; the one making love the paramount principle at all times, with scant reference to the teachings of justice, the conscience, true wisdom,-these latter, at least, being placed in the background, to the exaltation and glorification of love. Jesus of Nazareth in the past, and Dr. Buch snan in the present, are prominent in this school of thought. The second group of thinkers, while teaching the importance of having our minds and hearts permeated with the beneficent Spirit of Love, at the same time warn of the dangers attendant upon the injudicious and extravagant action of the emo tional and affectional nature, and urge upon all the regulation and guidance of the entire nature,-including the emotions and affec-tions,-by the intellect and conscience, the perfect union of love and wisdom. This class of thinkers includes nearly all the philosophers and moralists of antiquity, nearly all the metaphysicians and ethical instructors of the present, and nearly all the leading minds in Spiritualism and Liberalism. That the "better way" is, in truth, summed up in the teachings of this latter school of thinkers, is so clearly to be seen, even by the most unculturmat it is a matter of asion intelligent person can contradict its truth, and insist upon the betterness of the platform of an unguided and all dominating love. Such, however, seems to be the pervading spirit of Dr. Buchanan's Christmas essay. The admirable article, by Hudson Tuttle, in the JOURNAL of Dec. 13th, entitled "Frauds and Personalities," affords a fitting reply to the specious sophistries of this essay; and it is to be regretted that Mr. Tuttle's article should have appeared first. In order to determine the hollowness of the under-current of thought in Dr. B.'s remarks, it is only ne cessary to read Mr. Tuttle's most effective (as it were) anticipatory reply thereto. We would like to have seen the two articles published in the same number of the JOURNAL, Mr. Tuttle's immediately following the Dr.'s, as an antidote to its half truths and special pleadings; and we would advise all persons, if any such there be, who may have failed to penetrate the illusive speciousness and delusive fallacies of the latter, to at once look up their JOURNALS of Dec. 13th, and carefully peruse Bro. Tuttle's words of wisdom, thoroughly expositive as they are of the shallowness of, and the detrimental consequences arising from, the class of utterances found in portions of Dr. B's' paper. Had the two appeared simultaneously, or that of Mr. Tuttle's subsequent to the other, there would have been little necessity for anything more being said; but as it is, it is deemed "the better way" that something additional should be said. Through the whole of Dr. B.'s remarks two entirely different things are confounded,-such confusion being characteristic of the writer, as previously shown,---and in this confusion of thought and argument lies much of their radical defect. Great injustice is done the friends of equity, reason, and truth, by the ascription to them of the "evil passions" of the criminal malefactor or the malicious vituperator. It certainly is no expression of the principle of unguided love, even, to misrep. resent and hold up to public reprobation the ideas and motive principles of many of the best and purest men and women in the ranks of Spiritualism and in the world at large. A ing influence of the other, inevitably results vast difference exists between the anger, hatred, and bitterness arising from the influences of the "evil passions" of men, and that "moral indignation" found in nearly all earnest reformers of crying wrongs in Church and State, of in social and domestic life. One springs from the lowest elements of human nature; the other, from the higher and better part of our common humanity. One arises from blind im. pulse and overmastering passion; the other, from mature thought and calm reflection. One is of the earth, earthy: the other leads us into the realms of the divine and the angelic,-for what can be more divine than the love of exact justice between man and man, and the love of pure, undefiled truth, whether expressed in science and philosophy or voiced in the speech and action of every day life? One is due to the baneful spirit of malevolence and brutishness; the other, is the outcome of divine love, of pure philanthropy, of unselfish devotion to the progress and elevation of the human race. One is personally degrading, and debasing; the other is uplitting, progressive, purifying. The two are in many respects antipodal, in direct contradiction, as regards their origin. scope, purpose, and influence,-are radically dissimilar. How unjust, ay, how grossly un-just, then, is it to conjoin the two,-blend them in a common unity —as the venerable founder of the "Woman's Church" in New York City has, in more than one instance, sought to do, both by covert insinuation and by direct. statement; and, humbly speaking in behalf of the great and good of past and present ages, we do now most emphatically and positively repel these slanderous imputations against their moral worth.

Even Jesus, whom Dr. B. claims as the inspiring genius of his philosophy of love, and the founder of his "divine code of ethics," must be included among those so harshly crit ieised by his reputed disciples and the reestablisher of his church; for though in some of Jesus's utterances he exacts the love principle as paramount, in like manner as does Dr. B., still, at various times in his life, he, again like Dr. B., seemed to have forgotten the "divine code of ethics," and indulged in bitter denunciations and harsh upbraidings of the practices of his contemporaries, his language, etc., being as severely personal, perhaps, as those of any modern reformer. We all know how Jesus unmercifully lashed the Scribes and Pharisces, the hypocrites and canters of his time; how such terms as "scrpents," "gen-cration of vipers," "hypocrites," "fools," "whited sepuichres," etc., often fell from his lips; how he threatened with eternal damas tion the skeptic and the evil-doer; how, not content with scathing words and fierce invecives, he even resorted to physical force (though he, at other times, counseled no resistance to evil), and drove out of the temple those whom he regarded as defiling God's holy house. Judged by the standard of Dr. Buchanan, as well as by that of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus must have been an arrant offender against the "divine laws of love," of which the discoverer of psychometry is so often speaking. According to this code, the language and ac tion of Jesus must have had their origin in the "evil passions" of his lower nature; but, as every impartial, candid student of human nature, orthodox, or infidel, will admit, they sprang, in great part, from his love of humanity, his inborn philanthropy, his devotion to purity and charity in the daily walks of men. He, like all other moral reformers having any rightful claim to the name (I except a certain class of pseudo-reformers and mcralists, who. while incessantly indulging in sophistical cant, platitudes about love and charity, by their deeds and words, at other times, evidence their hearts to be full of malice, hatred, spite, untruth, slander, and cognate moral deformi tics,--the modern Pharisees, to whom Jesus's designations of serpents, vipers, etc., are not

wholly inappropriate),--like all true reformers, Jesus, in his hearty detestation of hypoerisy, cant, and vice, scrupled not to speak the plain truth, in forcible language, concerning their practitioners. "A man who thinks," says Holland, "the grand characteristics of Christ were meckness, self-denial, and patlence under injury, without apprehending the other side of his character, will be a mean and abject man. A man who thinks that there was nothing in Christ but love, that contempt of all meanness, supreme reverence for justice, displeasure with all sin, and hatred of all cruelty and oppression, had no place in him, wil expend his sympathy on prisoners, and build

palaces for convicts In like manner as the Nazarene denounced the evils of his day, so do the reformers of today denounce the oppressions, hypocrisics, social evils of the present; and for so do ing they are taken to account by Dr. Buchanan, and politely-or rather impolitely-told that they must not let their "evil passions" have such sway over them, that they must shut their eyes to impurities and follies, the evil and crime, in the world, and contemplate only the heautiful and the pure, and thereby imi tate the example of Jesus (?) and the angels and "follow the ethics of the New Testament" The transparent folly of such coun-

[1]. sel needs no elucidation from my pen. Were the world to follow such a line of conduct as 'The Better Way.' the essay on

of ethics" of our critic has been in the world from remote antiquity, and can be found fully elaborated in the works of the ablest spiritual writers. See Davis's *Penetralia*, *Teacher*, and *Thinker*, and Tuttle's *Ethics* of *Spirit*-icalian for far the second se ualism, for lengthened expositions of the divine principle of love in its higher expressions, in each case conjoined, as it should be with the action of the wisdom facultics of the mind. It is a little curious that the very defeet which Dr. Buchanan so unjustly attributes to Mr. Davis's writings, is now so conspicuous in his own, -- that while appealing to the benevolent and the sympathetic in man, but little is said calculated to stimulate the principle of justice, of conscientiousness,—this latter being depreciated to make room for the extravagant laudation of love. Yet we know, as Colton said, "If strict justice be not the rudder of all our other virtues, the faster we sail, the further we shall find ourselves from that haven where we should be,'" and Goldsmith tells us, that "justice, properly speaking, is the only virtue and all the rest have their origin in it."

Dr. Buchanan, in his "Better Way," attempts (though but very lamely) to criticise those "who recognize the law of justice" and at tempts to controvert the statement, "that truth should be proclaimed without regard to persolution is inverticed without regard to per-sonal injury,"—that is, he feebly endeavors to exalt falsehood, or *quasi*-falsehood, at the ex-pense of truth. When the interests of society, or even of a single individual, demand it, the truth should be told without regard to personal injury, and a suppression of the truth is virtually equivalent to falsehood. When it is said that "harsh views and partizan views are necessarily unjust and untruthful," our critic is merely favoring us with one of his characteristic misstatements. The truth is often harsh, and justice is often harsh; while partizan views, if the views of the partizans of morality, virtue, and truth, are often both just and true. All views, if of any pith or point, are partizan views, virtually. Dr. B's views are those of a partizan of love and the "divine code of ethics" imparted to him by Jesus and the other angels; his views are therefore un-

just and univathful. Q. E. D. "He who spares vice," says an eminent mor-alist, "or apologizes for it in the high places of the world (e. g. : among the prominent ones in Spiritualism or Liberalism, such as medi-ums, speakers, writers, editors, etc.) wrongs-virtue in every place. He helps the good to look upon it leniently, and thus to lower the tone of morality within themselves. He assists the bad to make it respectable, and thus to give them warrant and license in its imitation, and even in its emulation.... He disturbs the moral apprehension and unsettles the mor-al balance of all to whom his words and influence come.' Fort Sill, I. T.

## Are All Human Souls Immortal?

BY R. TOWER

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: In your excellent JOURNAL of Dec. 27th 1879, I fied articles written by J. Murray Case and Hudson Tuttle; also answers to questions by a spirit through the mediumship of Mrs. Clara Robinson, upon the sub ject of man's immortality. I am surprised to see such disagreement in their views. yet I must acknowledge that the spirit's answers are most reasonable and wise. I have ever before been an admirer of Hudson Tuttle's writings, but in this reply to J. M. he pres link sustain his assertion, that some of the human family fail to be immortal. This statement of his clairvoyant view of the spirit of the man and the beast, certainly goes to show that the spirit of the man, the inward man, was being resurrected and did finally show himself resurrected in his own individual form, whilst the beast failed in its resurrection. Jesus and his Apostles talk to us very plainly about our resurrection and immortality, and as they were highly approved mediums, is it not wisdom on our part to examine what they say upon the subject, especially Jesus and Paul. Jesus says, according to Luke, chapter 20, verses 36, 37, 38: "Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. Now that the dead are raised even Moses showed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham. Isaac and Jacob. For he is not a God of the dead but of the living, for all live unto him." This saying, "all live unto him," means all the human family will be resurrected and live on though the mortal form dies. Paul, in 1st Cor., 15 22. says: "As in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive." Brother Tuttle's clairvoyant vision showed that when men's mortal bodies die, they are resurrected, are made alive, made living spiritual beings that shall die no more, as Jesus said, and will be no more corruptible or mortal but incorruptible and immortal, as l'aul said. Then why should Brother Tuttle say that some of these resurrected ones will finally die or perish after they have put on immortality. Paul says that all shall put on immortality, become incor-ruptible and thus get the victory over death, but it would be no victory if after being resurrected, and so having put on immortality any could perish and lose their immortality. Paul says though the outward man perish the inward man is renewed day by day (that is, lives on); this is proved to us to be so by the appearance of the spirits of the departed from earth (15 chap. 37). Thou sowest not that body that shall be; that is we bury not that body that shall be,---it perishes, but we put on spirit bodies, immortal, incorruptible bodies that cannot perish. 44th verse says, "There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body." How clearly Brother Tuttle's vision shows the difference between the beast and the man; the man had a spirit body for his continued existence. but the beast had not; so the beast rose not but the man did, consequently was immor tal. 49th verse: "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." 50th verse: "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot mherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption mherit incorrup-tion. Behold I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump; for the trump shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we [that is all] shall be changed." 53rd verse: "For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality." 54th verse: "So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immor-tality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed

Nicodemus about; man's resurrection to a life wholly spiritual, all of which is perfectinfe wholly spiritual, all of which is perfect-ly natural, just as much so as the birth of an infant child upon our earth planet. The one is the mortal, the other the immortal state of existence. The one is the birth of a mortal body, the other of a spiritual immortal body; therefore we believe that Brother Tuttle and Case in thinking or say-ing that any of the resurrected ones will ever ing that any of the resurrected ones will ever die and perish, have made a mistake, which gives the Materialist an advantage over the Spiritualist. It is an admission that gives them an advantage in argument, for if one or more of the human family is shown not to be immortal, how prove that any are? If the spirit after putting on this immortal incorruptible body (as Brother Tuttle saw) loses his immortality, then there can be no security for the resurrected immortal ones. The enlightened thinkers of the Bible age and of the present age, have rejected the theological doctrine of the resurrection of our mortal bodies and believe as Job says, 7th chap., 9th verse: "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away, so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.' This of course means only the mortal man, for Job further says (14 chap. 14th and 15th verses): "If a man die shall he live again i All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come. Thou shalt call and I will answer thee, thou wilt have a desire to the work of thy hands." So we see that what we call death, Job considered to be only a change; that the mortal body would come up no more; that it would have no resurrection, but we should live on in spirit. The Apostle John told us that God is a spirit. Jesus told us that God was his Father and our Father, that we were heirs together in God's great kingdom, and he said of us, it is written, "I said that ye are God's." Paul said of Jesus he was made in all things like unto us his brethren, and stated that he was God manifest in the flesh. Then we are, and are his spirit children, and so by nature we are immortal if God is immortal

What Paul said about putting on immor-tality, does not show that the inward man he spoke of, was not immortal from the beginning of our existence. The true teachngs of the Scriptures throughout are that the inward man, the spirit man, which is ever the real man, will live eternally, consequently must be immortal. John 11 ch. 25th and 26th verses: "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall be live. And who soever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." And when Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and life," he meant that the inward man, the real spirit man Jesus was the power that should raise him and continue his life, which was im-mortal, and as it was with him so it would be with all mankind, and the Apostles prov-ed that all men would rise because he their elder brother did. So we see that we have it in his own words, that whoseever liveth, shall never die. Thus it can be seen that our resurrection is natural and sure, and if the words of Jesus are true we shall not die. cannot die and must be immortal. Such are the teachings of great nature and the two great mediums, Jesus and Paul.

I cannot think with Brother Case that continued individuality must in the after life, depend upon obedience to law, if he means our obedience. It cannot be expect-ed that finite beings will be perfect, and this shows the need of the great law of progress, and how well it is adapted to the family of man.

our growth upon pagan foundations. All we have achieved we owe to the pagans. Spain is the most religious country and the worst. Portugal next, Italy next. Since they came, under Christian rule they had never developed a genius—not one. He called for a 'new miracle.' The immense audience applauded vigorously, and at times were as silent as a group of flowers."

#### Dr. Crowell's Book.

The Brooklyn *Eagle* speaks as follows of Dr. Crowell's work, "The Spirit World: Its Inhabitants, Nature and Philosophy:"

The Biblical truth contained in the verse, "For He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways," is as true of to-day as of the past, according to the teachings of Spiritualism. The Spiritualists believe, or rather this representative Spiritualist teaches that every mortal has a spirit guardian whose duty is to watch over, and to the extent of his or her power, to protect and guide his or her ward. These spirits are in the closest rapport with their wards, and they are able to hear and understand all they say, to read all their thoughts, and necessarily to perceive their intentions. They are able to hear, with equal distinctness, the words of any person who may be conversing with their wards, while at the same time, it may be, they cannot under-stand what is said by other persons in close proximity to them. Guardian spirits are intended to be our monitors, as well as guardians. Their duty is to impress our minds, and by this means to instruct and guide us, to instill virtuous thoughts and resolves, inform us of our duty, and commend the performance of it, reprove us when we go astray, dissuade from evil ways and assist the development of special and other talents and the exercise of every gift. These guardians possess the faculty of pre-vision to the extent that by an effort of mind they are generally able to foresee any immediate danger which may threaten the interests ( f their wards or the safety of their persons, and they endeavor to impress, and when our minds are not closed to their influence, often succeed in impressing us with a sense of impending danger. Failure of-ten attends their efforts. These guardians are always of the same sex as their wards. They encounter many obstacles, have many trials and disappointments, yet they do not lose their affection for their wards or cease their merciful efforts in their behalf. The difficulties attendant on spirit intercourse are detailed in the chapter on guardians, which is, perhaps, the most aggreeable one of the book, and the barriers that separate the two worlds are explained. The philos-ophy of spirit intercourse is also explained, and in this connection the subject of medi-umship is considered. Dr. Crowell dissents from Swedenborg in many of his opinious regarding the intercourse between the two worlds, and his views in nearly every instance are diametrically opposite to those of Andrew Jackson Davis. The subject of materialization is handled in the concluding chapters of the book, and the assertion is made that spirits can and do materialize, and have done so in all ages. The book is closed with remarks upon the vastness of space and the limited knowledge we possess of the universe. The spirit in which the volume is written will commend itself, it being eminently kind, charitable and Chrisrowell

in a very short time vice and crime would cover and govern the earth, and virtue and goodness be crushed out. "He who makes himself a sheep will be eaten by the wolf,"so runs the adage. "In the remote future," Tuttle observes, 'love may lead, because it will not meet antagonism, but now there is so much of brute force in human nature, that it must be restrained by wisdom, at least till love can have a hearing.... There are times for the gentle influences of love; there are times for force,-that force well directed by wisdom. .... Life is the effect of antagonisms, and har-

mony may mean stagnation and death. It is idle to cry 'Peace, peace,' when the peace de manded is the quietude which brings effete ness and death."

As things are now, "namby-pamby tender-ness" alone will not suffice to restrain the arregance of vice and crime. Something more than love is requisite to stem the tide of im morality, which seems in our day to be rising higher with each successive wave. Not that love should be ignored, but what is demanded is a combination of love and wisdom, of justice and mercy, of love to the criminal and erring, and love to our brethren and sisters preyed upon by them, as well as love of all mankind. leading us to institute measures preventive of the depredations of the less virtuous, and the feebler in conscience upon their friends and neighbors. No unnecessary harshness should be used, no vindictive or retaliatory punish ments should be inflicted; but the truth should be plainly spoken concerning the nature of the wrongs done by evil-doers, the enormities of their evil practices should be pointed out, and every effort made to prevent the repetition of similar assaults upon justice, truth, purity, or humanity, by the reformation, if possible, of the offenders, or failing this, by such other preventive measures as in wisdom the best philanthropists of the age may devise. On the one side we should have humanitarianism to its fullest extent; on the other, the highest wisdom, prudence, justice. The harmonious combination of the two. in dealing with evil constitutes, in verity, "The Better Way;" but the application of either, without the modify.

in social and ethical disaster. "As there is one class of men in the world," says a noted writer, "which is interested in magnifying the sins of others, so there is another, bardly less numerous, bent upon making the sins of others respectable." It would seem that in Dr. B., as in many other Spiritualists and Liberals, there is concentrated both these classes: for he and they not only "magnify the sins" of the lovers of truth and righteousness, ascribing their praiseworthy efforts for morality and purity to the influence of "evil passions,"-in some cases all kinds of scurrilous epithets and abuse being shower. ed upon them (no reference to Dr. B. in this,) -but they also seem "bent upon making the sins" of the vicious and the criminal "respect, able." For numerous examples of this, see the current liberal and spiritual literature.

When Dr. B. tells us, that bitter denunciation, angry rebukes, etc., are the armament of hatred, not of love, we can agree with him, in great part; but we should remember that there are two forms of hatred, in contradistinction to love: hatred of individuals, which is always reprehensible, and to be strongly condemned; and hatred of the practices of individuals, or of evil in the abstract, which is generally & virtue. As regards vice and criminality, hatred and not love is "The Better Way'" So it is our bounden duty to exercise hatred just as firmly as we do love. We should love the good and hate the evil,-that is; hate the cvil done but not the svil doer, towards whom love, fraternity, beneficence, should always be extended. Every healthful precept in the "divine code

ap in victory." Thus we find Jesus and Paul teaching that when our mortal bodies die, we are changed, are resurrected, and then we put on immortality by putting on our spirit bodies, incorruptible bodies, which cannot die. Such a body, Brother Tuttle saw. It was the spirit body after the man's change, the new birth body that Jesus spoke to Progressive life on earth begins, Our imperfection leads to sine, Which endless life outgrows. Progressive life the Father knew, Would lead his children safely through, Revould all sin end woos Beyond all sin and woes.

The human family are creatures of conditions: make the conditions right and there are none so low that they cannot progress. Warm up the divine spark within and the God-like spirit will unfold and expand, Transplant it to the heavenly world where all is angelic and God-like love, and there it will continue to be a resurrected immortal being, and an eternity's unfoldment may ring those that are now the lowest to stand bigher than the highest now stand.

Judge Edmonds gives us an account of a murderer whom he condemned to be executed. It was nearly a year after his execution, the spirit of this man communicated with the Judge, and exhibited his malice and hatred against him; but the Judge talked with him in kindness, and finally succeeded in persuading him to strive to become good. The Judge felt pity for him, as the spirit made known his awful condition, seemingly as bad as any spirit was ever in, but the advice of the Judge and his friends and kind, good spirits was the means of his becoming good and conse-quently happy. In the Spirit-world such are considered to be unfortunates and good spirits labor to make them better and wiser.

Instead of any of the immutable laws of nature ever being the means of the annihilation of any of God's children, we shall find such laws are their eternal security for their immortality. Different laws govern in the spirit realms from the laws governing material things on our earth: material forms are constantly dying here and perish-ing, but nothing fades, dies or perishes there. Remember, the great teacher Jesus said the resurrected should die no more; and the spirits speak of immortality as the crowning glory of the spirit realms; of the durability of all things there; of the beauty and fadeless wonders that ever appear before the spirit's enraptured vision; of the immortal youthfulness of all the inhabitants of the heavenly world, and the exceeding great happiness of spiritual beings.

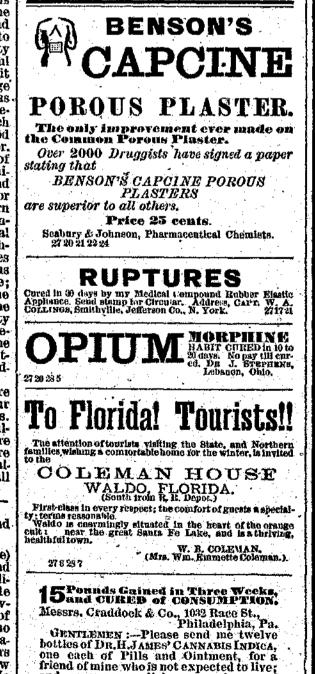
In summing up, we remark that there are but two classes of religious believers in our world, namely, Spiritualists and partialists. l'hose that would turn off any of God's children from their immortal inheritance, are partialists. Those that believe that all are immortal and will be happy, are Spiritual-ists and rank with the Spiritualists of all **3285**.

#### Lyman C. Howe, writing from Cleveland under date of the 15th inst., says:

"Last evening I heard (for the first time) Robert Ingersoll on "The Gods," He had Case Hall, the best in the city, and an audi-ence of about 1,600 at fifty cents a head. He denounced Joseph Cook as a "liar" for having stated that he (Ingersoll) was in favor of polygamy, and every clergyman a liar, who stated that he favored or justified the circulation of obscene literature, and the papers which published such stuff in this city, knew they were lies when they printed them. He thundered these charges with terrible earnestness. He said Joseph Cook had been a year in an Insane Asylum, and they made year in an Insane Asylum, and they made two mistakes: (1) they did not put him there soon enough; (2) they let him out too soon. Christianity destroyed the records of pagan Beience, and inaugurated a reign of super-stition and midnight ignorance which last-ed a thousand years. When learning revived we collected the fragments of pagan records, put them together, and commenced

ualist in contradiction to Spiritualists who are unbelievers in revealed religion, and though his book is not likely to meet with recognition from Christians, it must in all frankness be said that it is most Christian-like in its spirit and intent.

AN IMPO RTANT PEBSONAL ITEM.--Charles 8. Prentice, of Toledo, O., went to Paris and thence to England to be treated for Bright's disease, and after the best physicians of both countries had done what they could for him, gave up in despair and returned to America to die. Here he receiv-ed further treatment from other skillful physicians without benefit, and while "listlessly lingering in pain and anguish," as he says, heard of the Safe Kidney and Liver Cure, took it, and was com-pletely cured in a few weeks. He gives circumstantial details of his painfal experience and as-tonishing cure, in a long letter to H. H. Warner & Co., which will be forwarded on application. 27-21-22



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