

## ANOTHER IMPOSTOR UNEARTHED.

The would be Martyr a Foul-Mouthed Libertine.

> D. M. BENNETT. The Apostle of Nastiness.

Professing Devotion to his Wife, he Teaches Free-Love.

THE TRUE INWARDNESS OF A FILTHY CON-CERN, NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED, AND NOW EXPOSED ONLY IN THE INTER-EST OF TRUTH AND DECENCY, BY A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE

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D. M. Bennett has placed himself before the D. M. Bennett has placed himself before the public as a teacher and leader. He has at-tacked the prevailing system of religion on the ground of its being ignorant and degrad-ing. He has sought to make his case by dwelling on the objectionable passages of the Bible, the reported conception of Jetus, etc., and by proclaiming the short-comings of the clergy. He has in many ways evinced his clergy. He has, in many ways, evinced his determination to oppose the Christian religion -and morality, and to put himself before the world as the exponent and upbuilder of a hetter morality and a finer intellectual culture.

In doing this he has declared his hostility to fraud and avowed his devotion to truth. His paper, the organ through and by which he proposed to work this grand reformation, he called *The Truth Seeker*. Thus from the out-set of his career as a public agitator, he has virtually proclaimed that whatever the Christian part of the world might say of his work, he should first, last and always be bund a fore, not only presumptively, but beyond peradventure, a sincere and unswervingly honest, pure and upright man. In his defense before Judge Benedict a strong effort was made to establish his claim to sympathy on the ground that he was, and always had been, a man of the highest kind of exemplary character. And, indeed, the prosecution knew so little about the man that it admitted that claim. His domestic relations were more than once alluded to as being of the most sincere, confiding and happy kind. And in his own defense in his paper, he frequently alluded to his long and happy union with his yet loved and loving wife, and in his farewell address to his readers, on the eve of his removal from Ludiow Street Jail to the Albany Penitentiary, he makes the following touching allusion to Mrs. Bennett: "My devoted, retiring little wife will do all she can in my absence. The injustice that has been done me, has nearly broken her heart. The publishment has fallen more severely on her than on myself, and so it will be when I am far away. We both think it is better to suffer wrong than to do wrong. She and I have lived by ourselves. We have no children and no other members of our family. She misses me sadly, and mourns over my wrongs. Her health is not good, but she means to bear up bravely. I have been her support, her sunlight, and her all. I trustingly commend her to your kind consideration. Now I must take my leave of you. The time has nearly come for the officer to call for ma." Assuming that the writer of that passage was a truthful man, and that this devotion to his "retiring little wife" has ready been such as is therein indicated, it is a proper appeal to public sympathy. That it has touched the public heart so largely, as is evidenced by the general readiness to petition for his pardon, is proof that the public did not know the man, that it was, in point of fact, deceived by his pretenses of honor, virtue and probity. Now, while it is true that Bennett did not receive a fair trial, and is therefore entitled to so much sympathy as a fair-minded people would readily accord to any bad man who had been denied a candid trial, he is justly entitled, to no more. So much more than that as he has received is due to the deception that he has practiced upon the public mind. And in order to place this whole matter where it belongs and give the public an opportunity to measure its devotion to Bennett by its knowledge of his real character and his just deserts, it becomes necessary to expose him. And as he has set himself before the public as a destroyer of the prevailing religious faith and morality, in order that he may inculcate and establish what he professes to consider's higher, nobler, better religion and morality, it becomés

society, it becomes its duty to protect liself, and if that course demands the forcible restraint of the offender, then that too becomes a duty that society owes to itself. Any other course

must end in anarchy. Dropping for the present any consideration of the question upon which Bennett was tried and condemned, the duty of those who hold evidence that will convince the public that he is ulterly unworthy of any position as a feach is utterly unworthy of any position as a teach-er of moral culture, is first to supply that evi-dence and allow society to decide for itself as to its future course. Bennett has offended society in most grossly insulting and persecuting an honocable member of society; let it decide upon its own retaliation.

But this much may be justly claimed-and this point will be presented again,-that whatever may be his proper grounds of complaint against the court before which he was tried, and however much many Spiritualists and Liberals may have believed in him, being de-Liberals may have believed in him, being de-ceived, no honest exponents of these parties can longer acknowledge him to be their repre-sentative; that while they will always stand ready to contend for freedom of thought and speech, they are not willing, and will not longer allow, themselves to be understood as in any way countenancing a man who, under the pretense of teaching Free Thought and Spiritualism, hides the character of a filthy read.

rescal. The antagonism of Scientific Materialism and the Spiritualism of the JOUBNAL to the prevailing theology is one of *principle*. While Bennett is entitled to all the justice that should direct the action of all our courts in their treatment of real or supposed offenders, yet he does not and cannot represent any principle for which the teachers of the Materialistic and Spiritualistic philosophy are laboring. When popular theology encourages and applauds the dishonest and contemptible methods of Com-stock it places itself on a par with those whom it would condemn and punish. And in the name of purity and liberty both must be con-demned. Both sides must stand on principle, and the one that has it not must yield.

"As round and round we run Ever the Truth coupes appermost, and ever is

with me in business and otherwise. I fancied you would fill the void which has a long time existed in my breast. I wanted to bestow my love upon you and hoped for a little in return.

But I insist it was not wicked, it was not sin-ful. It is natural for me to love and I do not 101. It is natural for me to love and I do not feel as though it was wrong for me to love.... If I can express myself comprehensively, let me say—there has been an uncongeniality in my domestic relations—a body without a soul —a union without love, or if love once existed, now unfortunately dissipated and fied. I long-ed, ardently longed for a person, a companion whom I could love with all the ferror of my nature and who could give me a little love in nature and who could give me a little love in return, but not sinfully nor immorally. I thought you would fill that want, that vold in

my existence. I loved you more than any woman I had met in many years and I wanted your society. I will say more I wanted to kiss you, to embrace you and to he very near to you in spirit and in body. This may be very 'vile' and very 'wicked,' but I cannot realize it, I cannot believe it. And if I ever spoke my honest convictions in my life I now believe you could have yielded to my wishes, done all I wished you to do, yielded to all my most 'villainous' desires, and I believe you would still be as pure, as good and as virtuous as you are to day.".

"I have no reverence for the ceremony mouth-ed over by a priest, and because a man and woman join themselves together under a mistaken belief that they are fitted to each other, it does not follow that they are compelled to spend their days together. The marriage cere-mony does not change the nature of man's impulses or passions, nor make that right which in itself is not right. It does not convert lust to love, it does not change purity to impurity. Again a man and woman may, in my belief, entertain just as exalted an opinion of each other, may have just as pure affections for each other and may entertain just as holy love without a matrimosial ceremony as with love without a matrimostat caremony as with it. The ceremony makes no difference one way or the other. If the property of their being, have a right to do so best the a cheir being, and all the men and denote the cost there are in existence have a statistic provest it, nor can all their power contained make it nor can all thair pop wrong for them to do so." "But one may feel this love and the other not ... I am convinced you have not felt towards me as I have towards you. You and I are very differently-(?). I am, you may think too sensual, too gross, too earthly. I do not think I am. I am simply human being, with the impulses, affections and passions of a human being, and I am not the most grovelling and unclean of men either. I love those I love and detest those I detest. I am positive, and am one side or the other. I cannot be lifeless, I cannot be soulless, I cannot be indifferent in matters of the affections or of the heart. You are much more of an angel than I am. You are too far above the low, sensual, earthly, human plane to match with a fellow like myself. Pardon me if I say, it appears to me almost, that you are on the wrong side of the 'shining river.' . If you had crossed over and were numbered with the clorious hand who spend their time in tipping tables and playing on corsets, you would be more in your element than among those crude sensuous mortals who make up the mass of mankind. I feel pretty sure there is no use in your and my trying to make each conform to the other. I cannot make you see and feel as I see and feel, nor could you mould me over to be as you are, and to have the passionless nature you possess. I could not be so if I would, and would not if I could." You very kindly remind me of what I said in my letters that offended you. I thank you. I had almost forgotten those remarks. You make the 'blackness of my heart' very apparent. How could I have been so vile? How could I have so insulted you? I have said and done so much amies during our brief acquaintance that I am almost sure that I can never be forgiven. Just think how bad I have beenwhat improprieties I have committed." [Here follow twenty-two lines, too filthy and obscene to publish in a family paper.-ED. JOURNAL.] "If you can forgive me for these great improprieties, I will say this much in truth while in the vulgarity of my nature, in my talk with you and in what I have written you I have so often forgot that you are a lady, that you have never said a word to me nor never told me a story or an anecdote that made me think one particle the less of you, or that made me think you any the less a lady. No! I am glady have not any such charges to bring against you. You have never offended me in the way I have offended you." "When I come think over the great wrongs I have been guilty of, I cannot wonder that you found it necessary to write me four pages last Monday, in censuring the language I had the baseness to use' towards you and in for-getting that you are a lady. You certainly have had plenty of reason for faulting me on every occasion we have been together and reminding me of my want of discretion. I can realize that my life will be too short to duly stone for all the had things I have done." "I cannot think strange that I fail to make enyself agreeable to you. Nor can I think strange that you repel mg. In every interview we have had I have acted improperly and you have had accasion to reprove me for my con-duct or imprudance. Every letter 1 have written has been ungestiemanly, vulgar or obscend. I have turned you from my door when I ought to have kept you regardless of what affect your presence produced upon a person when duty, not love, impels me to acception them duty, not love, impels me to somewhat regard. I really do not know what I have done that you should have any esteem or any respect for me. . ... But,

badly my conduct may look to you, I would be glad to assure you that I have entertained manly and honest feelings towards you. At manly and honest feelings towards you. At first I wished to place you in a business wherein you could do well for yourself and for me.... Then with some misgivings, I thought I would make you an offer to come to the office to work. I feared the result and hinted the same to you before you came, but the outburst of anger, malice, vituperation and abuse which was dealt out to me in conse-quence was more than my fears had betrayed. Home was made unpleasant, and I thought what you was able to do here was more than neutralized by the hell' I had to feel at home, and that it would be better for me to pay you and that it would be better for me to pay you the same as though you were here until I could effect a change, and that very unhappy person could be at a convenient distance..., I felt that my character and position was or should be some guarantee to you for my professions and my conduct. I thought I would in a very few weeks, take the room adjoining where I now live and make an inner office, and that then there would be a place for you that would then there would be a place for you that would be permanent. I resolved also that I would make a proposition to you to convey to you a certain interest in my business (which I feel sure is destined to reach greater proportions than it now holds) so that you might be part owner with me in it and to take a certain part of it to attend to. On the night we went to the 5th Avenue Theatre I wanted to give you a statement of what I would do, and com-menced to do so but you curtly and I think menced to do so, but you curtly and I think cruelly cut me short and said you wanted to make no arrangements for the future. I saw my plans and what I had to say about them, were distateful to you and I did not say what I intended to have said. Of course there were some 'conditions.' I would not make such a proposition to any one without exacting some conditions....Further talk about it is unne-cessary, but I do honestly think you spurned and rejected a good, friendly, honorable inten-tion, and you coldly trampled on an honest upright loving confiding heart,"

Comment is unnecessary. Judged by his professions of devotion to truth, chastity, wife and home, the man becomes a canting hypo-opte. While he was trying to induce the girl to accept an interest in his business and a home in his "inner office," he kept sight all the time of his main-object, which was have prostitution, and would not allow her to account of his ostensible generosity without submitting to certain "conditions," and thus his protests. tions that he meant "nothing immoral," "nothing sinful," only shows the moral blindness and corruption of the man. It is not enough for him that an honest woman spurns his lewd advances with contempt. He is irrepressible. Having treated his wife like a slave for years, he cannot realize that any woman should not surrender to him love, honor, chastity, selfrespect, everything, and become his slave also. On one occasion the lady emoriated him so terribly that he became enraged and discharg ed her. In a few days he returns to his design as follows:

calling upon you once in a while and having a friendly chaf."

And he sends another after that one by way of addendum/saying: "Let me add to my offer, that I will procure

for you such books as you need and will un-doubtedly do more for you as needs arise and your state of feeling towards me is developed. If you maintain silence I shall understand-that you spurn this offer as you have several others. I think of you a great deal and others....I think of you a great deal and value wish you could feel more friendly towards me. I do not write this with any expectation of changing your mind. I have already tried that until I have seen its futility. There is no use in 'crowding the mourners.' I wish and wish and wish but wishing does no good. Will you write me once more? Goodnight.

Your real friend, D. M. BENNETT." But one after another of the poor old fellow's missives go out from the ark of his hope, like Noah's dove, and day after day goes by with-out sight or sign of the olive branch (of peace), and night after night his bitter tears add to the flood of his despair, and his love lorn old hulk still tosses on the dismal sea of woe, until at last the October frosts of the maiden's chastity begin to chill the fire that consumes his blood and dry up the water that covers his brains, and a streak of sense shimmers across his bewildered mind as follows, to the same:

"I think I am correct in thinking that keep-ing up a correspondence with me is not desir-able to you and I will not ask it....Pardon me if I express to you the thoughts I entertain. I doubt whether you take much stock in me or in anything connected with me. I doubt whether you have read one of my papers yet, or an article I have written, and I have even wondered whether my letters interested you enough to induce you to read them through, In fact I have come to regard you as the quintessence of indifference."

But the disease is in his blood, and the first warm day reveals him suffering under the fever again. Hatred of theology, opposition to Christian morals, dislike of the clergy, devotion to Truth-sceking, domestic happiness, the inculcation of better morals, the general and speedy improvement in the happiness of every man, woman and phild in this world and a little good advice thrown into the provid to come, all these grand projects of the re-former disappear and his faculties of mind, and powers and passions of body are all concentrated on the one real and damning object of his life, at that time, to prostitute a virtuous woman to his beastly desires. He has discharged her because she will not yield. He knows that times are hard and business dull, and chances few for a poor girl to obtain em. ployment or a living in New York in the long blue months of '76 and '77 without selling her body and soul. And he attempts the "starving out" process. Seeing that even that is not likely to succeed, he appears, in his next let-ter, to be on the point of hiring another girl to fill the place. That bait is flung out and trolled in a postscript as follows:

#### THE IMPERATIVE DUTY

of those who know him to be unworthy of emulation and his character to be degraded. and demoralising in its influence, to condemn him. It needs no argument to convince any candid mind that when a man places himself before the public as a teacher, he becomes amenable to that public. As a community may object to the methods of the character of the teachers of its children in the public schools, so does society possess the right to criticize the character of its teachers stillarge whether they be clargymen or editors. All when the character of such a public personage phows itself to be such as to work against the rell-being, the virtue, honesty and bealth of

THE FACTS ARE,

that while Bennett was laying claim to his right to be considered a public teacher of better morals than the prevailing Christian religion afforded, he was endeavoring, with a beast ly persistence, to obtain control of the person of a young woman who had touched his fancy and who had been induced to accept a salaried situation in his office, evidently under the design on his part to obtain her consent to become his mistress. The advances of the libidinous old Lothario produced only astonishment and disgust on the part of his intended victim. But in spite of her repeated protestations against his course she was made the object of attentions that assumed the character of a villainous persecution. He holdly proclaimed to her that his home and wife were distasteful to him, that his love there had long since died. and that she alone of women was the object of his undying love. It only added to his unboly fiame that she who refused to listen to him bore an unblemished reputation. From a mass of letters written by Bennett to this young woman, abundant evidence may be obtained to prove that while he persecuted her under the vilest impulses of his lewd nature he still knew her to be pure; and the testimony of friends who knew her before, during, and since her business association with him is all strong in her commendation. But if it were not so, if she had been like himself, it would not in any way change the evidence against him, or lift the black cloud from his character. The only difference would have been that in that

case the public would not perhaps have learned so early the true character of an audacious impostor. The passages quoted below are from Ben-

nett's letters to this young woman. They are in all cases given word for word. The orthography, etymology, syntax and prosody are strictly observed. The original letters are in safe hands and will be preserved, and can be produced if necessary. It was known to a few many months ago, that Bennett was utterly unworthy of the confidence and sympathy of honorable people and this exposure would have come sooner, but the fact is that the lady was living in dread produced by the efforts of Bennett and his friends to obtain possession of these letters and was afraid to allow them to be used. The delay is therefore, dub to the dif-ficulty of obtaining the evidence. Out of regard for the lady's feelings her name is for the present.withheld. Only enough of the evidence is used now to unveil the

#### MARTYRED IMPOSTOR.

A letter that reveals the true inwardness of a man whose whole nature seems, by this re-velation, to be steeped in filth, so much does he repeat it, cling to it, daudle it, and roll it like a sweet morsel under his tongue, reads as foilows:

## THE "WARTYR'S' LOVE LETTER.

" / Marter ..... -, I ask you to bear from me one more infliction .... You evidently are unable to make any allowance for my impetuousness of nature or my honest feelings and impulses.... I want to say a few things and if possible make you understand me. .... You are 

#### FURTHER SPECIMENS OF OLD LOTHARIO'S LETTERS.

"I presume you are hardly able to appreci ate how I felt the night before that day and on that day, and if I tell you I felt chagrined, rejected and dejected you may form a slight conception of the state of my feelings; but a week sometimes makes a great difference in a person's feelings, it does in mine I know. My grief has become partially assuaged and I can

think soberly and talk rationally...." "The truth is, ——, I feel not the least un-kind feeling towards you in the world. You know I like you-yes, I suppose I like you most too well but I am going to try to moderate my feelings. I think if I should be fortunate chough to live a hundred years more or so that would learn to behave myself tolerably well. I mean to watch out and see if it will not be so. One serious trouble with me is I can't. remember that I have become to be an old man. I feel about as young as ever and somehow I want other folks to regard me so too. And then I love too hard. I let my fancy almost run away with me. I must try and check myself up to the rules of propriety. Do you think I can?. Julf you knew just how I felt that day I don't believe you would blame me severely for what I wrote. Oh, I did feel badly! And it has been such a long week to me-Oh so long and lonely. I have felt as though I had lost a near friend by death or removal. May 1 not have that friend back again! Bay yes,

Failing to produce the desired effect by a letter, the persistent teacher of better morals tries a personal appeal, to which reference is made, in the following extract from another letter to the same lady:

"I must say my visit to you nine evenings ago turned out very differently from my anticipations.... I wanted to chat with you pleasantly and to make a proposition to you, but your severe upbraidings knocked all my intentions out of me.... I slept very little that night, so much did our altercation affect my feelings. I was so sorry that you regarded me in so unfavorable a light, and that you thought me so insincere and inconsistent as a reformer. But I hope you were happy after the blast you gave me....I do not remember that I ever told you a falsehood or made you any propositions that I did not intend to keep in good faith. When I made you an offer of partnership in my business I meant it and would have carried it out faithfully. When I offered to heard you while you were studying I meant it.... When a few weeks ago I proposed to pay the rent of a room for you and furnish you what you needed to live upon, I meant it in all honesty and would have been glad to have done so much of a favor, and I asked nothing in return but the privilege of

#### EXTRACTS FROM THE "REFORMER'S" POST-SCRIPT.

"Sam has a girl .... She and Sam correspond and Sam shows me her letters. ... I think she is really smart." [It portrays how he instructs "sound" the girl and see if she will Sam to come and work for the eminent reformer of the Truth Secker.] "Sam was delighted with the idea....But, \_\_\_\_\_, if you and I could be permanent good friends and you could have a little higher opinion of me and the work I am trying to perform, and if I could only feel that there is a little place for me near your heart where I could nestie and that I could confide in your friendship and esteem. I should much prefer you to any other woman I know....If you had as much regard for me as I would like you to have, you would not speak to me as you sometimes do. Am Preaily a person to be despised? Have I not some qualities worthy of respect?"

The reformer, even from his secure and quiet home at Albany, may now hear the distant murmur of the answer that the public will return to his anxious questions,...

But, meantime, what of the lady? In going to work for Bennett she relinquishes an opportunity for steady employment at fair wages. He has persecuted her for months. She turns upon him time after time in the indignation of her insulted womanhood. He discharges her. She is thrown out of employment where she had been promised a permanent situation. She knows that her assistance is needed in the office and that she is being starved for the purpose of compelling her to yield to the depravity of this man who is professedly labor-ing to increase the virtue and happiness of the human race. Here and there she tells her trouble to a friend. She shows Bannett's letters to convince them. In astonishment and disgust they turn back and follow the reformer no more. It comes to his ears that at last this "little woman" has dated in defense of her "In the woman" has used in delenge of her womanhood to expose his baseness, in part. The conviction at last flashes through his maudiin brain that this woman will starve before she will stirrender herself to him. The mask of hypocrisy falls from his face. His matching of how matching on the face has protestations of love vanish in curses, and the natural brass gleams sharp and hard upon his countenance that has been so long powdered with pretended affection. His next letter is addressed, not to "Dear -----," but to "Miss

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This force is poverned to inherent law, and has these these qualities in one: The physical or ground quality of force, the meet entropy quality of force. There is no other God then this, and the spiritual qual-ity of force is the very God of gods. Don't understand us as saying there is no God, but rather a universal, every present God, but of, a parrow, limited being. Is it not a self-evident proposition that separate individevident proposition that separate individ-uality is a limitation of power and knowl-edge? therefore all-wise, all-powerful can never apply to an individual being, but can only be found where there is no individual-ity, no limitation, but a diffused power and force permeating all things. As soon as the child is detached from its mother then for the first time it begins to take in the force by taking air into its lungs. This air con-taining oxygen effects a new centre of pulsa-tion, the heart. Then commences a new pulsation which throws the blood into evpulsation which throws the blood into ev-ery part of the body, the extremities and the brain. Then at each pulsation of the heart the life principle is diffused through-out the organization. Thus this being car-ries on within itself a pulsation which throw in unison with the pulsation at the great cantre. The same rule holds good with the animal and wegetable kingdom. with the animal and vegetable kingdom. The organization of the vegetable is such that it has within the sap, what in the spring receives the influence of the outer pulsation until the sap commences its pulsaion and is carried through the whole body and to the end of each limb; and here there is another pulsation which brings forth the leaf, the hud and the fruit. There is an inward pulsation through the sap and there is another from without which comes from the heat and sunlight. This pulsation is simple in the plant and more complex in the animal, and still more complex in man; and as you go on in the ascending scale the same law must govern, the same pulsation must becarried on, but in the spiritual world and the great apheres, this system of pulsation must become more and more complex. • Our theory of the difference in all life from the lowest vegetable to the highest intellect, is this: All life exhibits itself through matter. The exhibitions through gross mat-ter are direct and simple; the exhibitions through refined matter are complicated and intricate, so that development of life in refinement, is in every complexity of action on matter. The force is the same as it acts on leaf or brain, but in one instance it acts on a simple arrangement of matter, on the other on a complex arrangement of matter. All of this force, according to this theory, proceeds from the One, and wherever there is life it comes through the effect of this primal pulsation and that living thing, whatever it may be, is part and parcel of that One and its life throbs in unison with each. nuisation of the One. Thus we see, according to this theory, that every living thing depends upon the One for support and life; and in like manner and for the same reason the One depends upon every living thing. The most insignificant is a part of the One and of the whole. Here, then, we see the harmony of things. There is a correspond-ence between man and the universe. Each individual life is a microsoft of the other individual life is a microcosm of the whole. There is one common centre or heart with which we are all connected, and each pulsa-tion of the great One goes throbbing on to the lowest animal and plant. There is a nerve, as it were, running from the lowest up to the great Centre. Each centre of each living thing is connected with the great Centre, and thus connected with and of all other living things. As the central force is necessary to the life of each part, so is each part necessary to the life of the centrepart necessary to the life of the centre-And that organization which from sur-roundings or hereditary virtues, is the high-est and most refined, is canable of receiving the most refined part of this general force. The plant only receives that part which its organization is fitted to receive. The animal receives the part which its higher organization is fitted to receive; and man, who has a finer organization of perve and to has a finer organization of nerve and texture of brain receives the still higher qualities, all from the same common centre, but appropriated according to the organization. Han is therefore an exact counterpart, a ministure universe. If we could thoroughly know ourselves we would know the universe. In speaking of individuality we mean not only human individualities, but all separate individualities; the animal, the plant, the sun, the rocks. Now each individuality is not only a microcosm of this world, but of this solar system, and also of the universe including all systems. This force, which emanates from the great centre and permeates all matter in the universe, and in its different and varied conditions, is given different names, although it is the same force acting differently and pro-ducing different results by acting on matter in different conditions. When it acts direct. ly on masses of matter we call it the force of gravity. When it acts on particles of matter we call it the force of affinity. When it acts on matter in an etherealized condition, such as atmosphere, the result of the action is heat, light and electricity. When it acts on particles of matter uniting them into new and different combinations, it continues to act upon these accumulated combinations until the matter reaches a point which re-sults in vegetation. And at this point we give it the name of life. It is the same matter and the same force, but the continued motion and continued combination have gone on in an ascending scale until there is an organization of vegetable matter which we call vegetable life. (Eternal motion for gennal refinement.) As a part of this or-ganization there is formed a germ or seed which represents the who's organization in miniature, and by and through which the whole organization is reproduced. This increasant action of force, not only has its separate results, but each result has its effect upon all other particles of gross mether, and also upon the condition which environ all things. Verstable life therefore has the effect of improving the general con-tions, and the force continuing to act, the environs and environments being in an increased condition, must from necessity re-tion a higher organization, and that high-real more complete ergenisation is animal for. Certain conditions were necessary be-This increases at action of force, not only

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In this theory we have attempted to show the unity of all things acted upon by a universal force, emanating from a common centre. This force in its emanations and in all its effects, is governed by a fixed and unalterable law, and by law we mean the inherent obligation of nature. In the origin and development of all individualities, from solar systems down to the lowest individualized organization of plant or animal, all are moulded and formed by virtue of this inherent law, which cannot err because it is inherent in the force which produces all individualities.

Science has established the dogma that matter and force are indestructible and can not be lost; that whenever we find matter, whether in the solid rock which forms the earth's crust, in the texture of the most refined brain, or floating in the highly etherealized other, it is the same matter under different conditions of refinement, and from and out of this all visible and invisible things have been formed. While we are unable to define what force is as distinguished from matter, yet science has been able to follow it in its circle from simple force down through light, motion, heat, electricity and magnetism, and then back to simple force again, showing that it re-mains the same force under different conditions, and can never be lost or destroyed. To define it as that which produces motion is to give it a defective definition. A heavy weight resting upon a solid rock produces no motion, but we know there is a constant force acting on the articles under the weight, and we call it pressure. In this condition of rest force actually exists and is potent, but there is no perceptible motion. May we not therefore assume that it is possible for force to exist independent of matter? an independent, self-existing thing, eternal in the past as well as in the future, ever changing but never being lost. In this theory, then, we assume there are but three things in the universe, namely: matter, force, and the inherent law of their governance, and that from, through and by them all other things have been evelved. The law which emanates from the centre govthem. erns and controls the force which acts up on the matter producing all things; and the effect of this action is to produce all organ-ized matter, the universe, the solar system, the world and all vegetable and animal life the world and an vegetaties and animat inco-including man, and all of their various pro-ducts and qualities. In short, the ingredi-ents which go to make up all things are particles of matter under various conditions of refinement. Then all force would be all the power and energy in the universe, and if this force and power was guided and con-trolled by an inherent law which was perfect, and could not err the force would be all powerful, ever present, all-wise and in-fallible. Then with all matter for material, with all force as a power and means of bringing all results, and with an inherent law which cannot be in the formation, development and control, may we not with reason assume that there are but three things in the universe from and out of which all other things have been derived. Death is no interruption to the general progress of the individual human being in its onward march to the Infinite. The sctive forces which induce and keep up all the involuntary motions of the physical organization during life, are not destroyed by death. Force being correlative, these forces are not lost, but only change into other and different forces suitable to the changed condition of matter. In the life of man there are five elements nearly in equal proportion, light, heat, electricity and magnetism, and where there is any excess of any one of these, there is a proportionate loss of some other. The proportion of magnetism in the lower animals, is very small, compared with man and scarcely perceptible in the vegetable. Then in the lower stages of life we find these corelated conditions of force, are unequal, and as we go along upward in the development of life we find they are nearer equal, until we reach man, and there find they are nearly equal. With our view of matter and force, which is the one adopted by science, et us look into the process of what we call death. The same force which acted on the body in life acts on it in what is called death, but when the heart ceases to beat, and there is no further internal or external motion, then the heat in the body leaves it, but on the principle of the conversation and core-lation of forces, the internal heat is converted into motion and magnetism and there is a large increase of magnetism, and there is tion is a new motion before unknown to the body. The motions in life were the in-ternal motion of circulation, pulsation, etc., and the external was the power to move the limbs and body at will. The new motion which arises when internal-heat ce the active motion of each molecule in the body; this new motion is intense like fermentation. The magnetism first leaves the body and rests over it and draws to it the fner particles thrown off from the body by means of this intense molecule motion, I

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instructural remain, and thus a pre-individ-uality retained. This new organization is so refined and othereal that it is not per-chabile to the human senses, but at the same time it is made up of matter is a high-ly elbercalized condition, controlled by all the forces and the same facalties which controlled the physical body. It is the same identical person in a new and more refined dress. Thus man enters a new shage in the line of his progress, and the position which he will occupy when he enters upon this new stage may be a high and exalted one, or it may be a low and degraded one. There is not only the high and exalted and the low and miserable, but there is every grade be-tween the two extremes. By this theory we have assumed that there is a universal force governed by inherent law which em-anates from the centre, and forms and con-trols all things. This law having its com-mon centre, must have its lesser centres, dentical person in a new and more refined mon centre, must have its lesser centres, so that we may term the conscience, the lesser centre of law in a human being; it is the guide and control of the individual, and when it is properly cultivated and obeyed; the life of the individual moves on in har mony with itself and with all that is good and true and in harmony with the universe as it moves forward to a grand and glori-ous destiny. Man in this view is a microcosm of the universe, and has within him all the forces, faculties and qualities which are requisite in his grand march to the In-finite.—The Oil City (Pa.) Derrick.

The Mission of Spiritualists and their Press in the World's Present Religious Crisis.

## BY REV. S. L. TYBRELL.

Fanatics have always some great crisis on their hands as a theme for their exciting harangues; but their cry of "wolf" has so often proved a false alarm that the world now pays little heed to warnings of real danger. It has been so often said of late that the world is in the midst of a great religious crisis,-that it is an age of universal skepticism, that the remark excites little attention from the very busy world, yet the momentous fact remains; and thoughtful statesmen and moralists are anxiously seeking answers to the new, dark questions,-"What is to be the effect on morality of this decline of religious beliefs ;" "What will be the condition of a world without religion ?" and with their science and metaphysics they are making a new analysis of human nature to see if it contains within itself a basis to sustain morality when the supports and sanctions of religion are entirely re-moved. Some hopeful, conservative religionists think the estimates of modern unbe-lief much exaggerated, and say as the Cath-olic professor said to Huxley: "It is only a fresh gust of the old storm and will soon blow over;" but their observations are su-periicial. A high Catholic authority lately gave the opinion that in twenty-five years at recent rates of disintegration, the Prot-estant churches will be totally disorganized. This prediction seems almost too hold for belief, yet there are so many unmistakable evidences of waning faith even in the most conservative evangelical churches as to make its fulfillment quite possible; for how can their extreme sensitiveness in regard to the scientific examination of the Christian evidences be rationally accounted for, except upon the theory that they are fatally honeycombed by a latent half-unconscious infidelity. Genuine, honest faith, whether right or wrong, is always fearless, courts inquiry; knowing that truth in its very na-ture is indestructible, and a church should regard itself far gone in infidelity when it detects in itself the least fear or unwilling-ness to have the grounds of its faith probed to the very core to the very core. Galileo believed the sun was still, and he desired the most searching examination of his scientific faith; Jasper, with equal confi-dence, challenges the world to disprove his theory that "the sun he do move." The as-sertion seems reckless at first, but facts ful-ly warrant it, that the enlightened Protestantism of to-day at bottom is only a disguised rationalism, and rationalism when slightly analyzed is simply a form of deism in clerical costume; for there is, and can be, no logical half-way or middle ground for faith to rest upon, between an infallible Bible and natural religion; for the very moment the Bible is admitted to be in any sense imperfect, and its ideas subject to revision by un-inspired human criticism, it at once fails to the level of ordinary religious literature, and while men by a curious sort of self-de-ception fancy they are reading divine rev-elation, they are in reality only receiving back from the scriptures the thoughts which they themselves put into them, and since every intelligent clergyman in Christendom admits that the Bible in science, chronology and history is very fallible, the singular and unexpected fact comes to light that the great Protestant body which is accustomed to speak so arrogantly of their su-perior light of revelation, is in reality but a great organization of natural religionists who bend the Bible at will to conform its teachings to the science and higher morals of modern times, and who like the rest of the world, are trying as best they can to follow the light of nature. Lest our gener-eral assertion, in regard to the extent of eral assertion, in regard to the extent of Protestant akepticism be thought too vague and extravagant to be convincing, we would refer to the statement of Dr. Oosterzee, of the University of Utrecht, at the late con-ference at Basic. He said that many of the clergy in critical, studions Holland "now discuss with all seriousness, the question whether Jesus or Buddha deserves the higher reverence." The great English church cannot be far behind Holland when the great delational Coleman and very broad Dean Stanly can hold high positions within her Stanly can hold high positions within her pale. Even in conservative Scotland, Prof. R. Smith's scholarly, ambiguous, yet ill-con-cealed skepticism is entinusisationly sus-tained by the young rising clergy. As an indication of the state of orthodexy in Indication of the state of orthodoxy in Amarica, we quote from Prof. Hovey, the the Newton Baptist Theological Seminary. He says his theory of impiration does not compet him to believe Joshna made the sun stand still and other objectionable nar-ratives of the Obl Testament. Thus it is plain, that modern Protestant-fue is by a fair available other different

The 10 ej is control generalities incomining control can the mathem converting the field is made the relation ways as there is relating on a mountain two millions of miles broad, is cannot in the porthern part of asworld only could be as a second with a resear and aswerson the figure scheme. It is clear, then, that the policies problem of our age is nothing inte theology. It is impossible to grasp the vast significance of this revolution un-less for a moment we calming reflect that less for a moment we calmly reflect that the happiness of rational beings is mainly dependent on their interior or soul life, and also consider that religion having its seat deep in the spiritual emotional nature, has power according to its character, to make a heaven or a hell for its possessor. Who but heaven or a neil for its possessor. Who but the Infinite One can ever know the amount of mental acquish and soul torture poor humanity has suffered from the terrors of false religion during the long ages of its sad religious history? Who can calculate the final power for good or ill, of a theolog-ical idea, when once is muched on its puical idea when once launched on its unknown journey down the scee in human minds? How little could Zorosster dream that his philosophy of evil would develop as it did into the monstrous devil of the Jews-be engrafted upon Christianity, hold the millions of the medieval church in abject terror for a thousand years, and retain so conspicuous a place in the theology of the most enlightened nations of the earth twenty-five hundred years after his death. How marvelous the fact so clearly recognized by the philosophical historian, that the "Empress of India" sways the sceptre over the millions of her vast Eastern Empire today chiefly in consequence of the emasculating power of an enervating system of theology hatched in the dreamy brain of some Hindoo mystic thousands of years or some range myster mode and or years ago. Such being the almost emplotent power of religious ideas over human wel-fare, how infinitely important the question of what shall be the character of the relig-ion that is to influence the world for ages if not for all coming time if not for all coming time. It requires but a brief survey of the situ-ation to see that this vast work of re estab-lishing religious faith, must devolve upon

inshing religious raith, must devoive upon the spiritual philosophy for that system contains within it more than any other the indispensable elements of a religion. Belief in man's immortality is the foundation of all religion, and without that fundamental thought any talk about religion is the most meaningles farce, and since Spiritualism in its philosophy and material phenomena presents clearar proofs of a future life than in its milosophy and material phenomena presents clearer proofs of a future life than any other faith or philosophy, it must con-sequently mainly determine the character of the future theology. Pure primitive Christianity as given by Christ contains all the essential elements of an absolute uni-versal religion, and had not its authority been so much impaired in thinking minds by ignorant theologians, who made its evi-dences so largely depend on the doctrine of the perfect inspiration of the Old Testa; the perfect inspiration of the Old Testa; ment, it would have stood, and eventually met all the religious needs of humanity But the masses having long been taught from the pulpit and all orthodox sources, that the Bible is of equal authority in all its parts, upon discovering the unhistoric and unscientific character of the Hebrew records, have been logically led to put the well attested fact of the reappearance of Christ after his death (which is the Christian's only "proof palpable" of immortality) in the same catalogue with Jewish legends of the creation and the flood. Facts are eternal and unchangeable and as the Bible is proved fallible it must so remain forever; and hence to affirm or to deny its full perfect inspiration is about equally fatal to honest intelligent faith; and as the evan-gelical world must take one or the other of those positions it can have no power with-in itself to reestablish confidence in its creeds; and consequently can exert little influence in the Ecumenical Council that is to determine the creed of the future. All forms of ilberalism except the spiritualistic, are destructive; -- they recklessly tear down the world's cherished faiths, and leave poor humanity shelterless; exposed to the chilling storms of unbelief. How cold and paralyzing to the soul are the creeds of materialism. How vague and barren the hopes of its noblest representatives. How sadly doe, Tyndall refer to events in the far future, when he "shall have faded into ethereal nothingness." The philosophical Harrison seeks to draw inspiration from a noble life from the hope of a shadowy immortality in the grateful memories of posterity when he himself is a nonentity. The noble, tender Renan almost despairing-ly says, "who knows whether the final term of programs is, the millions of area will not ly says, whick hows whether the main term of progress in the millions of ages will not bring back the absolute consciousness of the universe, and in that conclousness the awakening of all who have ever lived?" Ingersoll's hope is but the faint flutter of an imaginary fining?" Bread desided (but imaginary "wing." Broad, deistical Chris-tianity and these negative philosophies which give such yague response to the in-stinctive yearnings of the soul for life, contain no positive elements of religious faith, and can have no influence in re-establishing religion. Mahometanism, Romanism and the great heathen religions having nearly run their race as authorities, it remains for Spiritualism alone with its scientific demonstrations to supply the world with its final theology; for it has at its disposal all the constructive elements embraced in the real Christian evidences, all the metaphysi-cal arguments of philosophy, and also the crowning advantage in this doubting age of material phenomena. Religions, hitherto, have been too much the work of chance or accident to be permanent. Voices of fanat-ies and enthusiasts crying in the wilder-ness of ignorance have been mistaken for the oracles of God. Too much faith and too little of the critical skeptical spirit in former Bible compilcal skeptical spirit in former Bible compil-ers was the cause of the fatal errors that now render obsolete so much of so-called secred literature. If salvation is of faith, doubt should share the glory, for the firm-est faith is always the outgrowth of the profoundest doubt. Obristlanity itself is the work of infidelity. Jesus was the dread-ed Voltaire of Jerusalets; he stracted the established religion and was crotified for heresy. The world owes all that is solid in

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Suit. Ideas rule the world, and the press is now the recognized leader of the world's thought, and hence upon an independent, searching, truth-worshiping, spiritual press rests the main responsibility of guiding this divine. movement to its grand beneficent results. It is containly a strange and purplice mon It is certainly a strange and puzzling men-tal phenomenon, that any intellects of so skeptical a type as those most common in the spiritual ranks, and which objected so recently and intensely to the Bible on ac-count of its marvels, should seemingly be anxious to accept as true, greater wonders on so slight examination, and offended rather than grateful to the press for expos-ing their delasions. This class who by some unexplainable reaction or reversion of the logical faculties, have become as over-cred-ulous as they were formerly skeptical, should not be surprised that some of their severe sarcasm upon orthodox guilibility should be returned upon them. Never be-fore in history was the public mind so divested of religious preudice—pever so plastic to receive impressions of truth, and never had the religious press an opportuni-ty to do so glorious work for humanity in giving the right direction to its theology. It is gratifying to every lover of his race, to see a journal of such wide influence as the BELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, fully the spiritual ranks, and which objected so BELIGIO PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, fully awake to its responsibilities in this crisis, and by its unreleating blows on religious shams and humbugs of every name, so rapidly fitting the vast body to which it adheres to fulfill its obvious mission of re-Adheres to fulfill its obvious mission of re-instating in the world original Christianity. An unfettered press like the JOURNAL which shall prevent any form of religious deception or superstition from getting a firm foothold on the public during this plastic transition age of thought, deserves, and will receive, the gratitude of the world; and the day is not far distant when "Spirit-ual Pilgrims" will flock to the office of the RELIGIO PHILCSOPHICAL JOURNAL instead of Terre Haute, and specimens of worn of Terre Haute, and specimens of worn type that did good service in war against humbugs and frauds, will be sought for as relice, like revolutionary bullets, and prized more than samples from the glittering robe of Jesus manufactured at Mrs. Stewart's Fox Lake, Wis., Oct. 10th, 1879.

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Prof. Wm. Denton on the Infernal Traffic of Stewart and Morgan, Et 1d Gonus Omne,

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

.The true medium's best friend is he who exposes the false ones; those who are mediums for fraud and who care nothing for Spiritualism save to fleece those of its be-lievers, who are anable to discern the dif-ference between their shams and genuine manifestations;

Our spirit friends, through a true me-dium, can often do but little and sometimes nothing; they may rap, show a hand and possibly a face, for a moment when condi-tions are favorable; but these sham medums, like the prestidigitator, are always ready to perform when the money is forthcoming, and their performances are gen-erally of the most astounding character. You can take your choice, Jesus or General Washington, for the low price of fifty cents, and I have no doubt that a class of twenty at a dollar each, would call out the great Jehovah himself.

I cannot express to you the satisfaction with which I read your thorough exposure of the infamous villains, who have been carrying on their all but infernal traffic at-Terre Haute. In exposing them, you are doing a great service to Spiritualism and every genuine medium; and though ignor-ant and fanatical Spiritualists may hate you for it, they will yet bless you for your maniy efforts to rid our cause of the bloodsuckers, who have been draining away its. very life.

The intelligent and the good are with you; you need not let the rest disturb you. Yours for the right and true only, come what will. WILLIAM DENTON, Wellesly, Mass., Oct. 18th, 1879,

Raphael did well, and Phidias did well; but it is not painter or sculptor who is mak-ing himself most nobly immortal. It is he who is making true impressions upon the mind of man; frescoes for eternity, that will not shine out till the light of Heaven reveals them; sculptures not wrought in outward things, but in the inward hature and character of the soul.—H. W. Becher.

If churches do not object to filling their pews by the use of horse and steam cars, but do object to opening the public libraries; if they employ operatic music and call it praising God, and condemn sacred concerts. worldly men and women call it cant, and go on excursions.-Golden Rule.

The great principle and foundation of all virtue and worth is placed in this, that a man is able to deny himself his own desires, cross his own inclinations, and purely fol-low what reason directs as best, though the appetite leans the other way .- Looke's Eduoation

Trath ought to be the object of every man, for without truth there can be no real happiness to a thoughtful mind, nor any as-surance of happiness hereafter. It is the duty of every man to obtain all the knowl-edge he can and then make the best use of t.-Thomas Paine.

Many a Christian, says the Alliance, trusts Christ to carry him through the valley of the shadow of death, who does not rely apon Him to take him through the dread to morrow.



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ASTIMMA SHITTINHONT'S Asthing HENEDY analogy between the things compared, and as the conclusion rests solely on the argu-ment from analogy, the two must fall to the ground together. In a secture to which I once had the pleas-ure of listening --- shorture characterization in a dipstick extending from between her lips. This consists of a bit of wood softened BEYOND THE WALL. TRANCE MEDIUM. The purple clusters or the fertile vine In their rich fullness ripen and then fall, Each globe a cup, holding its ruby wine Beyond the wall. and frayed out at the end to form a brush: 24-18-17-1600W being dipped in anuff, it is rubbed upon the teeth and held in the mouth ad itbitum. The 136 Castle Street, Boston, Mans. REPAIRS FOR STOVES INSUSACERED AS ITOF. Albany, Euchester, Cieveland, Cincinnai and se-vinere, at W. C. METZNERS, 17 W. 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to be self-supporting or self-respecting; if it unlocks storehouses of Use and Beauty, and gives an insight into order, design, and the laws of development, then it does a grand work. But, if it awakens her senses to the existence of an interior universe within the husk of matter which encloses it; if it de-velops and balances the faculties, and then assists the soul to expand its wings in the serene, spiritual air of intuition: if this finds an expression in life through those genuine, refined. harmonious and lovely traits of character which are the sign manual of true ladyhood, then will the opportunity of such a course of study prove to be a blessing to our youth. While an effort was being made to establish the Camden collegiate school, in London, an appeal was made to the public for funds, which resulted in raising six hundred dollars in a few months. In about the same time and by the same means, \$300,000 were raised for a boy's middle class school, showing the great indifference of the average Britisher to the education of young women.

ences may be, there is nothing which pre-cludes a comparison of the properties of living matter with those of lifeless. When, however, we say that life is a pro-

perty of protoplasm, we assert as much as we are justified in doing. Here we stand upon the boundary between life in its proper conception, as a group of phenomena having irritability as their common bond, and that other and higher group of phenomena which we designate as consciousness or thought, and which, however intimately connected with those of life, are yet essentially distinct from them. When the heart of a recently killed frog is separated from its body and touched with the point of a needle, it begins to beat under the excitation of the stimulus, and we believe ourselves justified in referring the contraction of the cardiac fibres to the irritability of their protoplasm as its proper cause. We see in it a remarkable phenomenon, but one nevertheless in which we can see unmistakable analogies with phenomena purely physical. There is no greater difficulty in conceiving of contractility as a property of conceiving of contractility as a property of protoplasm than there is in conceiving of attraction as a property of the magnet. When a thought passes through the mind, it is associated, as we now have abundant reason for believing, with some change in the protoplasm of the cerebral cells. Are we, therefore, justified in regarding thought as a property of the protoplasm of these as a property of the protoplasm of these cells, in the sense in which we regard mus-cular contraction as a property of the pro-toplasm of muscle? Or is it really a property residing in something far different, but which may yet need for its manifesta-tion the activity of cerebral protoplasm. if we could see any analogy between thought and any one of the admitted phenomens of matter, we should be bound to accept the first of these conclusions as the simplest, and as affording a hypothesis most in accordance with the comprehensiveness of natural laws; but between thought and of natural laws; but between thought and the physical phenomena of matter there is not only no analogy, but there is no con-ceivable analogy; and the obvious and con-tinuous path which we have hitherto fol-lowed up in our reasonings from the phen-omena of lifeless matter through those of living matter here comes suddenly to an and The cheem between upcousions life end. The chasm between unconscious life and thought is deep and impassable, and no transitional phenomena can be found by which as by a bridge we may span it ever; for even from irritaulity; to which, on a superficial view, consciousness may seem related, it is as absolutely distinct as it is from any of the ordinary phenomena of matter. It has been argued that because matter. It has been argued that because physiological activity must be a preperty of every living cell, psychical activity must be equally so, and the language of the meta-physician has been carried into biology, and the "cell soni" spoken of as a conception inseparable from that of life. That psych-ical phenomena, characterized as they es-cantially are by consciousness, are not pesentially are by consciousness, are not ne-cessarily co-extensive with those of life there cannot be a doubt. How far back in the scale of life consciousness may exist we have as yet no means of determining, nor is it necessary for our argument that we should. Certain it is that many things to all appearance the result of volition are capable of being explained as absolutely uncon-scious acts; and when the swimming swarmspore of an alga avoids collision, and by a reversal of the stroke of its cilra backs from an obstacle lying in its course, there is al-most certainly in all this nothing but a pupely unconscious not. It is but a case in which we find expressed the great law of the adaptation of living beings to the con-ditions which surround them. The irrits. ditions which surround them. The irrita-bility of the protoplasm of the cillated spore responding to an external stimulus next in motion a mechanism derived by in-heritance from its successors, and whose parts are correlated to consistent and the parts are that every living cell was a con-science and thinking being, are we therefore justified in appeting that its conscionsees, like its isritability, is a property of the mat-ter of which it is composed? The sole argument on which this view is made to

ceeded in emancipating itself. But have we, it may be asked, made in all this one step forward towards an explanation of the phenomena of conclousness or the discovery of its source? Assuredly not. The power of conceiving of a substance different from that of matter is still beyond the limits of human intelligence, and the physical or objective conditions which are the concomitants of thought are the only ones of which it is possible to know anything, and the only. ones whose study is of value. We are not, however, on that account forced to the con-clusion that there is nothing in the universe-but matter and force. The simplest physi-cal law is absolutely inconcervable by the bighest of the brutes and no one would be highest of the brutes, and no one would be justified in assuming that man had al-ready attained the limits of his powers. Whatever may be that mysterous bond which connects organizations with psychical endowments, the one grand fact-a fact of inestimable importance-stands out clear and free from all obscurity and doubt, that from the first dawn of intelligence there is in every advance of organization a corres-ponding advance in mind. Mind as well as body is : thus traveling onwards through higher and still higher phases; the great law of evolution is shaping the destiny of our race; and though now we may at most but indicate some weak point in the generaliza-tion which would refer conciousness as well as life to a common material source, who can say that in the far-off future there may not yet be evolved other and higher fac-ulties from which light may stream in upon the darkness, and reveal to man the great mystery of thought?

John W. Chadwick, of Brooklyn, dedicates his "Poems of Nature" very tenderly to his father and mother, then

And two-of such the kingdom is,

Whose winsome prattle helps me more Than sught that I have ever gleaned From Bible text or scholar's lore;

But most of all, to me whose hand

Lies close in mine where'er I roam:

My sternest critic, safest guide, The dear wife angel of my home."

The carrying on of instruction by corres pondence, which has been so happily begun in Boston, was first instituted in Cambridge, in Boston, was first instituted in Cambridge, England. It proved at once a great ald and stimulus to self-education, where pupils have sufficient intelligence and energy to make it a substitute for personal instruc-tion. Correspondence is carried on at inter-vals of two or four weeks, and theses or es-says are frequently demanded. Drawing is one of the last things which it would be thought possible to direct by letter, yet some most heautiful and excutsite nen and ink most beautiful and exquisite pen and ink pictures were the result of written direc-tions of Mr. Ruskin.

A few years ago, seeing the necessity of sanitary knowledge to the well being of the household, an association of women, with the Duchess of Argyle at their head, was formed, for the purpose of "promoting the physical and social well being of those about This desirable object is carried out hem." by popular tracts upon hygienic and domestic subjects, written for general distribu-tion. Loan libraries have been established in a number of cities, also, and lectures given to the poor, upon health and domes-Eic economy.

Dr. Mary J. Safford, one of the most efficient of eastern physicians, sends to the "Laws of Life" an account of a camping out experience in North Garolina, which ex-hibits a most deplorable condition of life in that picturesque northwestern portion of that State. She says:

"We traveled on highways so execrable that our average amount of speed was only that our average amount of speed was only two miles per hour, and we made long jour-neys on foot, in order to relieve our horses of their burden. We frequently entered the wayside, windowies loghuis; they are light or dark, if the doors are closed, according to the size of the cracks through which the light of day finds its way. We have often seen a family of eight or tan axisting in one room. Children, unwashed, unkempt and untatored, swarm at every open doorway. nntutored, swarm at every open doorway. Large families are the rule; from ten to Large families are the rule; from ten to thirteen children were frequently met with in one family. We saw those from tweive to fifteen years of age, who did not know their own age. The coal solute seens as ap-pendage to the big, open faced mud chim-neys built outside of them. There is no draft, and the inmates are smoked like so many herrings. All the clothes worn-by the family are still homespun and wor-en, as is much of the bed carrening. A naid-en sat at her loons terming the four yards par day of a coarse cotton plate for women's

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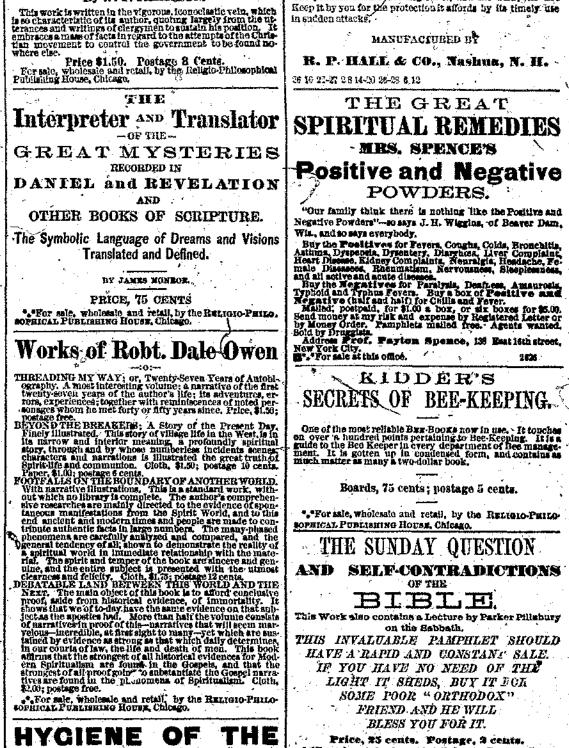
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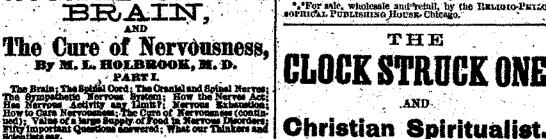
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We give this week a good deal of space to the consideration of the person named above. The communication is long, yet necessarily so. We ask for it the careful sitention of all into whose hands it may fall. We ask for it the candid consideration of both orthodox and heterodox. But if its length deters any of our readers, let all at least read the extracts therein given from Bennett's letters. There can be no possible question as to their genuineness and authenticity. They present a matter of vital importance. It is one that should have been sooner brought to light: but though we have known for some time of the facts, yet in absence of the proof we have, in accordance with our usual cautious practice, refrained from touching a subject, the awful import of which was so fraught with disaster to a fellow creature, until we should have

"Proof stronger than holy writ," and now that we have it in all its repulsive proportions. it is

"More in sorrow than in anger" that we lay it before the public as a most unwelcome, but imperative duty.

The question involved in it is not only a national one, but, in touching, as it does, the very foundation of society it becomes cosmopolitan in its proportions.

It is not, we emphatically claim, a question of Mr. Bennett's present imprisonment or of the motives of those who procured his conviction. We wish it to be distinctly understood that we as heartily despise Comstock's methods as any lover of fair play and justice can do; and we even go so far as to admit that Mr. Bennett's trial was, to a great extent, a judicial farce. We think that a much stronger case could have been made sgainst him for publishing obscenity in his own paper than the one on which he was convicted. And we desire it to be understood also that in bringing the exposure to light now we are aware that we seem to be attacking a man who is down, as it were. chine all intention of either touching Mr. Bennett on the question of "Cupic's Tokes," or of intermeddling with the efforts of his friends to have him pardoned. With those things we have nothing to do at present. We have not signed, and will not sign the petition for his pardon as drawn by himself and published in the Truth Seeker, Banner of Light and Boston Investigator, and scattered in other ways by the thousands, because we believe that he sought and urged on his quarrel with Comstock. and that in being convicted he obtained the first strategic point in his design. We have good reason for saying that Mr. Bennett's lavish reciepts of money on the occasion of his first arrest and threatened prosecution were an astonishment to even himself, and that when that case was quashed he determined to create another for the money that was in it. As we look over the man's character as portrayed in his letters, we cannot suppose that he has been for a moment sincere in his professions of devotion to mental freedom and "batter morals," and so we must look for his motive elsewhere. The objective point of his scheme evidently was to tap the till of public generosity under the guise of martyrdom. That object could only be gained through an ostensible persecution; therefore he defied Comstock and the government to prosecute him, advertised that he would sell and sendthe book that a United States court had decided to be "obscene" through the mails. and did so. He thus gained his point. /He was very successful, but evidently mis? calculated on his chances of obtaining a pardon through the influence of honorable men and women who had been from the first fully deceived in regard to his real character. But having taken the risk of imprisonment in playing a dishonest game, he ought not to be surprised that he has been. caught." He is only paying the price of illgotton gain. That is entirely his affair and does not concern the public at all. And hence, as we have said, we will neither seek to hold him in prison nor to release him." The point upon which we make the issue is that Bennett has aimed to establish the conviction that he is suffering, not because of his own or Heywood's obscenity, as charged, but because he is the disseminator of "infidel" literature and ideas that are obnoxious and dangerous to christianity. This we must in the absence of proof, deny, just as in the absence of proof we would not charge acything against Mr. Bennett. Comstock has not yet attempted to line or imprison anybody for writing, speaking or publishing anything that can be justly stamed as anti-theological. When he does make that attempt we shall stand ready to oppose him to the end. Whenever Commak dares to bring his angine of suppresich, oppression and persecution, if such maily be the power he wields, into play that any clean and decent effort of man man to atter their thoughts on anti-

theological quastions, or against may ebaits and proper presentation of any subject bearing upon the intellectual freedom and moral culture of humanity, he will find us ready to take the field and prepared to stay there until victorious liberty breaks in pieces the last link of the corroding chain of priestly arrogance and mental bondage. We tio not court quarrels of this kind, but if they are forced upon us we will not shirk our duty. Only, when the issue does come it must, on ourside, be one of unquestionable right. one of sterling grandeur and high, holy and enduring PRINCIPLE, and not the personal grievance of any man or men.

As the case now stands, the fact is, not that any worthy principle, or indeed any principle, has been attacked, but that in a personal encounter between two unprincipled men, one whipped and the other got whipped. And the claim has ever since been incessantly urged that the man who got whipped is therefore a martyr in behalf of a principle that was never introduced into the quarrel. It was but little more than a disgraceful street fight which respectable people did not care to see, and which they would go a long way round to avoid. Therefore, we maintain that the case of BEN-NETT S. COMSTOCK now before the public, is not one in which there is any principle involved upon which the Liberal public should waste any fire in the supposition that they are fighting the battle of either their right to think or their freedom to speak. Neither of these has been attacked as yet. Nor do we think they are likely to be at present. The powers of the theological world know well that their army of subjects is too ripe with the sedition of freedom, to precipitate any conflict with the "inslienable right" of all to think, pelieve and worship according to the dictates of conscience. The darling policy of such a creature as Comstock is to get obscenity. vice, free-love,etc., to fasten themselves upon the fair name of freethought and so furnish him, and such other blatant falsifiers as Flavius Josephus Cook, a pretext for branding freethought itself as obscene. Not daring to fight it openly on the highground of principle, he seeks to destroy it by slander and lies. And to this end it almost seems as if Comstock had himself been one of the directors of the "Truth Seeker." and its school of morals and that Bennett. in disgracing Liberalism, has been his apt pupil and accomplice.

Free thought, scientific materialism and Spiritualism, as such, repudiate obscenity and obscene men and women just as heartily as orthodoxy can do. The cause of Liberalism and Spiritualism, as maintained by their real leaders. the world over, is identical with the cause of right-reason and pure lives. They strangle and die in the atmosphere of free-love and moral lith as quickly as the purest Christian life that can be found. If they tolerate as long as possible the vile parasites that cling to them for a name and a cloak, rather than endure the sickening toil of removing them, has not and does not Christianity do the same? But as in all things there is a point at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue, so here Liberalism and Spiritualism rise as one to protest against the assumption that a man, over sixty years of age, who by his own hand writes himself down a villainous libertine or a lecherous fool, is therefore because he pretende to be devoting his life to the spread of what he chooses to call "Liberalism," and "Materialism," entitled to the recognition, sympathy and aid of honest people who honorably bear these names. Whatever, may be Bennett's ability as a worker in any field, he cannot be a representative of, and a leader in, any movement that wise, pure, sincere men and women love. His character forbids it. He belongs to those who have fallen below the church, he derides and opposes, and is a stranger, out of place and unknown, unadmired and unloyed among those who have grown out of and above it. He may steal their name and attempt to build a false reputation upon it, but the fraud is none the less a fraud, and the end, under the sure laws of the eternal right, is the end of a fraud. The man or woman who would lead the world of man to a higher level must be above, not below it, for the noblest aspirations turn our eyes toward the stars for grander life, not to the offal that soils our feet. He who would elevate society must begin by elevating himself. Mr. Bennett has not done this. From the pride, purity and devotion of the young love that won the heart of the woman he vowed to cherish against all the world, he has fallen to the slums of free-love and grovels there for a victim to feed his passions, while he sits in his office and essays to convince the world that he has devoted himself heart and soul to the establishing of a better than the Christian morality of his time. But the mask has not been complete, for in spite of his professions the language and leer of Mephistopheles, "the old one" who always renews and reproduces himself with the changing, growing ages, show themselves along the columns of his paper, and sincere men and women have long been pained to see how surely he was dragging the holy cause of liberty of mind and speech into reproach. Now, whatever the professions of such a person or teacher, his actual effect upon society is only, can only be, bad. He is an assault of liberty, for true liberty is only possible with parity of life, character and motive. Vice is always a tyrant and a destroyer. To instill even diluted nastiness into the lives of the people either by word or deed is to weaken and endanger the well-

being of spelety. And this is what Beauett has done, both in his paper and by his conduck. Therefore, in face of these ugly facts, it becomes the duty of the public, the conservators of society, to repudiate him as a teacher and guide. This is all we aim to do: and we believe that the fathers and mothers of this country have far too much regard for the purity, character and happiness of their children not to thank as for our timely, and we trust, efficient warning; and tommuch respect for themselves longer to follow such a leader. - Put such - person where he belongs, among his own kind, and iet him have his say. With the glamour of deceit and hypocrisy torn away from him, he will gradually be outgrown in the up. ward movement of society. Or, if he would but.

"Tak' a thought an' mend"----

but at his advanced age, with his disposition to "love too hard." and his tendency "to let his fancy run away with him," that supposition is hardly tenable. And so we must leave him with the sincere hope that in that grand time far hence.

"When God hath made the pile complete." he, too, will fill a worthy place.

As calmly and dispassionately as the peculiarly aggravating nature of the case would allow, we have endeavored to fulfill the task, and now submit it to the judgment of that august body by whom the blessings of liberty are upheld; through whom the noblest aspirations of our race forever keep their starward way; and without whom the baser passions of our nature must drag humanity from its grand hights of development into the poisonous circle of those crude, uneasy, designing, passion-fed people who mistake impudence for independence. license for liberty, passion for principle. a lascivious dream for mental freedom surfeited vice for moral repose and maudlin sentimentalism for manhood,-we submit our task, not to these, but to the wise and good of every land. Against us the bottomless pit of filth and fraud will howl its horrid discord and bigs its vile curses in our ears, but, upheld by the knowledge that our cause is just, that right and truth are on our side, and that even "one, with God, is a majority," "We can calmly smile at Satan's rage,"

and face the verdict of an unfrowning world.

Brother Watson Accepts-Dr. Pence Déclines.

Before putting last week's paper to press, we forwarded to Bro. Watson and Dr. Pence, copies of our proposition for test seances with Laura Morgan. Dr. Pence peremptorily declined it; afterwards the father of Laura Morgan was urged to have his daughter accede to the proposal, but like Dr. Pence he would not entertain the ides. The following prompt reply from-Brother Watson, is just what was to be expected, and shows his anxiety for the truth:

anch noble point as Brot Walson and out they enmot place any rollance on the interrity of these manufacturers of commercial "spirit" phenomens, the sooner will Spiritualism be able to throw off these (noubl.

To Col. Incersoli, B. F. Underwood, and Others.

Col. Ingersoll holds the respect of the entire country for his devotion to the family, and for his advocacy of all that is pure and clean in morais. However much the Christian world despise his theology, there is only warm praise for his advocacy of the sanctity of the marriage relation. Col. Ingersoll, what have you to say of D. M. Beunett's record? Do you consider such a man a fit teacher of Liberalism, worthy to be looked upon as an exemplar of Liberal morals? B. F. Underwood is widely known as a staunch defender of good morals and an active opponent of free-love. With Col. Ingersoil he places the sanctity of the marriage yow and the purity of the family circle. as the highest fruits of modern civilization. Mr. Underwood, what is your verdict on D. M. Bennet? Do you want to work in harness, shoulder to shoulder, with such a man 7 Do you regard him as a proper man to mould the free-thought of the country and to be held up by the world as an evidence of the fruits of Liberalism? Col. Ingersoll, Mr. Underwood, Prof. and Mrs. Wm. Denton, Dr. Peebles, Mrs. Ernestine L. Rose, Prof. Felix Adler, Rev. O. B. Frothingham, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, unto whom the Truth Seeker has appealed for help, Mr. James Parton, with your splendid prophecies of the religion, morality and manhood of "the coming man," Mr. Elizur Wright, with your life-long devotion to "liberty," which is not possible without purity; ladies and gentlemen, one and all who believe that virtue is better than vice, that truth is better than falsehood, that character is better than pretense, do you not owe it to yourselves to speak out and tell the world where you stand? The revelations made of D. M. Bennett in this paper, must draw a distinct line between real and pretended Liberals and Spiritualists. The public cannot fail to see it, and it will not be slow to mark upon which side of that line our prominent men and women are hereafter to be found.

If it is claimed that dirty linen should be aired in private; is it not true that truth, virtue, decency have no privacy, and need none? We have neither Presbytery nor. Pope before whom to lay our party wrongs, and we should have no liven, no lives, no advocates that will not bear the fullest noontide light of scrutiny.

Science Endorsing the Spiritual Idea.

#### Testimeny of Professor Feeburg.

However incredible the spiritual facts may at first sight appear to be, we must altogether give up trust in human testimony, and the possibility of proving facts by observation, and thus part with all knowledge derived from experience, if we do not accept the mass of testimony lying before us in favor of the reality of spiritual phenomena. We refer our readers to an article by Prof. Fechner in another column.

Our subscribers who have for years been asking us to send them the JOURNAL on credit, now no longer need to ask a continuance of the favor, thanks to better times, Some of them are paying up promptly at the earliest moment, while others are still largely delinquent. Friends, in your prosperity do not forget the sacrifices we have made that you might have the paper when you had no money wherewith to pay for it. We need every dollar you owe us; we have wait. ed long and patiently; we now ask you to do your duty at once. Pay up old scores, and renew for another year at the reduced rate. And don't forget to send along a new subscriber, or what is better, get up a club, and thus save money for yourselves and swell our list.

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

Dr. Watson is lecturing at Augusta, Ark. Frank T./Ripley is at present at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Frank Morgan sends ten dollars for renewal of subscription, but fails to give his postoffice address.

Mrs. E. Saxon is about to leave New Orleans for a year. She needs rest and a change for the benefit of her health.

The Texas Spiritualist, for October, published by C. W. Newnam, Hempstead, Tex., is at hand, and as usual filled with articles of interest.

Charles H. Foster, the spiritual medium, has created, through his wonderful tests, a great deal of interest in Spiritualism at Troy, New York.

The JOURNAL office has been daily thronged with friends and inquirers, and our trustworthy medium's have been obliged to turn away hundreds of investigators.

Dr. J. M. Peebles commenced a threemonth's engagement with the Spiritualist Society of San Francisco on the 1st Sunday of October. His address is 884 Lombard st., San Francisco, Cal.

E. V. Wilson's lectures in New York have been enthusiastically received. He illus-

AUGUSTA, Oct. 16th, 1879. To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

Your "advance proof" of editorial was received this evening and read with interest. Your proposition is both fair and liberal but it seems to me that three persons could as well settle that question as thirteen. I do not see how I could go at the time you have named. It is about the time we hope to be able to return to our home. That, however, will depend upon the fever, as I shall not take my family back to Memphis until the Board of Health advise that it is safe to do so. Then I have engagements too near the time you have set for the seances. I have, day after to-morrow, to fill an engagement at Searcy, and I have another a week later.

If I had to make a proposition, it would be for you and some other gentleman, to meet at Terre Haute at a given time, and take the gentleman you have selected, Judge C. F. McNutt, to act as referee, and you three make out your report of the seances. This I think would be as satisfactory as a report from a large committee. Indeed, if you were to go alone, and were to see full form materializations, as I think you would, and publish what you saw under test conditions it would be perfectly satisfactory to your sceptical readers. If, however, you insist upon my being present, and the parties at Terre Baute agree to it, and you will make the time a week earlier-say the 29th. 30th and 31st of October I would be willing to meet you at Terre Haute at that time.

I am in favor of the closess scrutiny in all my investigations, and am willing to do all in my power to learn the truth. If these manifestations are not genuine, then I will confess that I have been badly deceived. I do not think it fiecessary for so much import-ance to be attached to Miss Morgan's manifestations, as to wager so much on her mediumship. Even if she is what you think she is, it will not affect the great truth of materialization, or Spiritualism in its varied phases.

I will write to Dr. Pence and send him your slip, and tell him what I have written to you. The time I have suggested is as late as I could agree to be from home. Please let me hear from you. I am yours for truth. S. WATSON.

P.S. If you are disposed, you are at liber-ty to publish this letter. I hope they will accept a proposition that will give you an opportunity to fully test the matter of the enuineness of the materializations. I they do not, then I shall feel that they are not what I have believed them to be; and if they accept, and fail, I will join you in detecting fraud, if it can be found out by any process that we can legitimately make in our investigations.

I hope you can well, and will, change your proposition and time.

Dr. Peebles told me of your proposition to him. I told him he ought to have accepted it at once. He was the man, as he was there ten days.

Dr. Watson, Dh. Peebles and all other high minded investigators, will find themselves grievously disappointed, if they expoot fair dealing from such people as constitute the Punce Hall Oembination. An honest man stands a thousand times more chance of fair treatment in a face Bank than in the hands of such chests and swindiers as Stowert, Morgan & Co. The sconer

The President-elect of the British Association of men of Science. which met at Shefield the 20th of August last, is Dr. G. J. Allman, formerly regius professor of natural history in Edinburgh. We publish in another column, under the title of "Protoplasm and Conciousness," an extract from the address which he delivered on this occasion. In it he takes a view very different from that of Huxley and Tyndall as to the all-sufficiency of matter as an explanation of the mental phenomena. The whole drift of Dr. Allman's argument is in confirmation of the spiritualistic theory of the coexistence of a natural and a spiritual body. This corroboration is all the more valuable because he evidently knows nothing of Spiritualism, but draws his reasons from considerations quite apart from our conclusive phonomena. In his winding-up. however, he makes a reference to something in "the far-off future," which may give added light; his words are:

"Though now we may at most but indicate some weak point in the generalisation which would refer consciousness as well as life to a common material source, who can say that in the far-off fature there may not yet be evolved other and higher facalities from which light may stream in upon the darkness, and reveal to man the great mystery of thought?"

Already "other and higher faculties" are being manifested through Spiritualism, and already light has begun to "stream in upon the darkness." We have an abundance of facts for Science to investigate as soon as she is in the mood. No system of biology. can be complete without those facts, and we hope that Dr. Allman will not be repelled, by the sneers of Huxley, Tyndall, Wundt and Haeckel, from giving them a faithful examination.

Falseboods Nailed. Every devotes of the mock-materializing shops from Boston to Terre Haute, is industriously circulating the story of the JOURNAL's great loss of subscribers since its crushing exposure of Pence's Pande-

monium. The fact is that we have yet to lose the first subscriber from that cause: our receipts are somewhat larger than before. The silly "Jesuit" fantasms of Hazard, or "Shepherd Tom" as he calls himself, and Jonathan Roberts, which are eagerly monthed by every detected trickster, can deceive no intelligent person. It goes without saying there is not a shadow of foundation in truth to found them on.

Every lover of pure morals, every parent who is anxiously guarding the sweet children of his household, should belp hold up our hands in the warfare we are making on the human jackals who infest society; who whether they hide themselves under the mantle of Liberaliam Materialism, Spiritualism or Christianity, are the dendlist enseries to our homes and happiness. These uncleas wretches must be skripped of their various diagrames; once their true character and stins are known they are powerious for svil

trates them by practical demonstrations, and in so doing he establishes the truth of all he Bays.

More instructive, valuable and trustworthy matter relating to Spiritualism, and Liberalism proper, can be found every week in these columns, than in all other progressive papers in the country. Such is the verdict of thousands of readers.

With the imperial resources of the West and her produce bringing good prices, she seems entering upon an era of prosperity that must make her people rich and attract to her generous fields millions of new settlers within the next five years.

Professor Denton is death on all shams when once he knows their true character. He gives good evidence of it in another column; as also does the silver tongued and true-hearted poet and Spiritualist, Warren Sumner Barlow, who puts himself on record in this issue.

The following is the Executive Committee of the National Liberal League of Kansas, for 1879 and 1880: E. Campfield, Chairman, Vermillion; W. E. Coleman, Fort Leavenworth; A. V. Coffin, Leroy; Mrs. C. R. Doster, Marion Centre; Miss P. Z. Clark, Topeka.

Dr. J. H. Rhodes has removed to No. 440 North Ninth street, Philadelphia, where he will keep a general assortment of books. papers, etc. He says that he has long looked for the expose of Mrs. Stewart, and many think it is more damaging to the "materializers," than the Bliss expose,

THE COLEMAN HOUSE is the name of a. new hotel, at Waldo, Florida, just opened. by Mrs. W. B. Coleman, the accomplished wife of our contributor, William E. Coleman. Waldo is pleasantly located, and is a prosperous, healthy town. Qur headers will do well to make a note of this house before starting for the land of oranges.

Prof. Wm. Denton lectured at Florence. Mass., on the 17th, 18th and 19th of Octorber. He has engagements to fill as follows: Willimantic, Conn., October 25th and 26th. and November 3d, 4th, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th and 80th; at Bristol, Conn., October 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 81st, and November 5th; at Hartford, November 3rd. 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th.

Prof. J. M. Allen, who has been doing good work in Kansas for some months past, left Leavenworth, his last point, on the 18th. and is now in Michigan, where he expects to be busy for a while previous to going still further eastward. Being held in Kansis longer than was expected, he felt obliged to disregard calls from Nebraska, etc., and procood directly east. Societies in Michigan desiring his pervices, are requested to address him at once, with particulars. He will give week evening isoiares and public seances in violativ of Sun day appointments Address for a short time at Pokagon, Mich



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L but FOR PROTECTION. Society demands it, \* and candor, honor, decency and justice compel it. Persecute no man, not even a bad one, but let no mawkish sentimentalism stand in the way of the exercise of laws for the protection of society against evil-doers. Laws are made for bad people, not good. The good are laws unto themselves. Therefore when the laws are violated let them rectify their violation in the discipline of the offender. If they are unjust, let them be improved. But remember that repeal of protective laws for society means social chaos and barbarism come again. If "Cupid's Yokes" be not an obscene book, then was Bennett innocent of the charge preferred against him. But in that case he is innocent because Heywood is a cleaner and better man than himself. For if the term can be applied at all to filthy, vile, and beastly English, then, though Bennett be innocent on that free-love pamphlet, he is surely guilty of obscenity in writing and sending to a lady through the mail, the letters copied in his exposure. And though he were set at liberty to-day, as being innocent of the charge on which he was tried, he would still be guilty in a tenfold worse degree. Therefore, whether in the Penitentiary or out, he is still a person utterly unworthy of the sympathy of decent men and women; and as such he is now left with the public he has outraged by his deceit to hear its verdict upon himself. Our duty is done.

\*Moses Hull while on a visit to New York, learned of the existence of this evidence of his Brother Bennett's coltishness; and hastened to place his newly-acquired knowledge where it would fo the most good for him-self and another party. It appears that he was soon sent back to New York with instructions to obtain the evidence. For this purpose he sought out the lady and repeatedly attempted to get possession of these letters. Bennett, knowing that Hull was in the employ of men who were and are eager to see him cast down, didn't want him to get hold of his letters, and so in one of them he says to the lady, "I make one request of you and that is that, you will give up all my letters that I have written you to the friend who calls upon you for them, not to Moses Hull." Hull represented to the lady that he was ancious to aid her in bringing Bennet to you the was ancious to aid her in bringing Bennet to New York was a failure. But this explains Bennett's coupling of the lady with his brother Moses. Whea he saw that he could do nothing with the girl and that he must desurey her to save himself, this attempt of Hull to get the letters, of which H. was congrisent, was one of the points upon which he aired his "pole-cat" charges.

#### Dr. Slade in Germany.\*

#### BY PROFESSOR FECHNER.

To state more precisely the grounds of my recognition of the facts upon which Spiritualism is founded, I add the follow-

ing general remarks upon that subject. In the report which Professor Zoellner has given in his work (Scientific Treatises) on the Spiritualistic sources which were held in Leipzic and Breslau with the American medium Slade, he has, besides printing the testimony of Professors Weber and Scheibner, also mentioned my observations in their favor, and L to not withdraw my testi-mony, although it does not reach nearly so far, and even to myself carries much less weight, than that of Professor Zoellner and his fellow observers. I was, in point of fact, only present at a few of the first of the scances which were not the most decisive. and I was present more as a spectator than as an experimentalist. Those seances did not, even to myself, amount to demonstration in the face of the suspicion of jugglery.

If, however, I take what after all I have seen myself, without being able to detect any deception in spite of the keenest attention, and add to it the results of the continued observations and real experiments of my scientific friends in their subsequent sittings, and also those of the English men of science; and if, moreover, I remember that the phenomena which in Leipzic have been questioned by being called humbug and jugglery, have in other places been demmonstrated to be facts by good observers, when mediums were employed who were above suspicion, then all this reacts upon me with a force of conviction which I am not able to withstand, however much, as regards certain phenomena, I should like to do 50. Indeed, however incredible the spiritual facts may at first sight appear to be, we must altogether give up trust in haman testimony, and the possibility of proving facts by observation, and thus part with all knowledge derived from experience, if we do not accept the mass of testimony lying before us in favor of the reality of spiritual phenomens.

to the mass of those who, so to speak, throw to the maps of those who, so to speak, throw stones at them from a distance, who heap up against them all possible indefinite, im-aginable, or unimaginable reasons for sus-picion, and then think they have done something to the purpose.

Superficiality in this field of inquiry is much more on the side of the opponents of Spiritualism than on that of its supporters. among whom I, of course, only count those whose names are also of weight outside of Spiritualism.

In other matters inferences are drawn only from successful experiments, and unsuccessful ones are rejected because they are unsuccessful; as regards Spiritualism, anti-Spiritualists draw conclusions only from unsuccessful experiments, and they reject the successful ones just because they are successful. If Professor Zoellner's ex-periment with the knot in the rope, conducted in Leipzic and Breslau under the strictest test conditions, had been unsucceasful, importance would have been at-tached to it; but as it has proved success-ful it is valueless. Easily repeated conjur-ing tricks, not producible under our safeguarding conditions, are thought to be of value. The same rule is applied to all successful experiments in this department of inquiry. In all other matters when a new field of observation is opened up, the conditions under which the experiments succeed are searched for. But in this subject the conditions are prescribed beforehand; and if, for instance, an experiment conducted under careful arrangements for insuring safety has proved successful in darkness or emi-darkness,\* it is of no value because it did not occur in the light; if, however, it also succeeds under more favorable conditions in the light, still no value attaches to it simply on account of it having been successful at all. In other matters, ripeness of experience and ripeness of judgment are held to be favorable to any investigation; in this it is held to be weakness from old age whenever the results turn out favorable to Spiritualism, and upon this subject eggs believe themselves to be wiser than hens. In other matters, if people point their fin-gers at certain things, one looks to ascertain whether the objects are there; here the fin-gers which point at them are chopped off at once, thereby saving the trouble of looking, whilst treatises are written to prove that nothing at all was to be seen.

Why, instead of this, which only demon-strates impotence in dealing with Spiritual-ism, is not the method adopted which alone could be effectual, namely, to bring forward in opposition to the observations which are alleged in favor of Spiritualism, such as have been conducted with equal circumspection, care, conscientiousness, and impartiality under equally varied circum-stances with the best professional as well as unprofessional mediums? And has there been nothing of this kind? There has. Only this road, whenever entered upon, has led to the compulsory recognition of the facts instead of the intended refutation of Spiritualism. Indeed, none of the physicists who, after a serious and searching investigation of Spiritualism have declared for it, were likely at the outset to have intended anything but its refutation.

The talk and the writing against Spiritualism go their way, and Spiritualism goes its way too. The former way does not run counter to the latter, but only by its side; the bawling against Spiritualism does not stop its progress; it has been so in the past, and IL WIII DE 50 ID THE IUTURE.

Pence-Stewart-Morgan & Co. will receive some further attention at our habds next week. The gang is a disgrace to any civilized country, and it would seem that the citizens of Terre Haute have endured it as a sort of "necessary evil." How long will the hundreds of good Spiritualists in Terre-Haute continue to allow such disgraceful work to go on, under the cloak of Spiritualism? Let them unite and demand test conditions, as did the representative Chicago Spiritualists, of, the notorious firm of Bastian & Taylor, and a like result will follow. Bastian & Taylor knowing their show would not bear test conditions, refused to grant them and the result was, the concern soon starved out for want of patronage, and our city was relieved of their disgraceful presence.

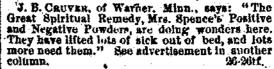
The Chicago Exposition closed last week after a most successful season of six weeks. Immense excursion trains from neighboring states have been arriving daily during all this time, bringing to the Garden City hundreds of thousands of visitors who have taxed our splendid hotel accommodations even beyond their capacity, and crowded our theatres, street cars, sidewalks, parks and business offices as never before.

The First Religious Society of Progressive Spiritualists, of Cleveland, Ohio, have elecded the following officers to fill vacancies: Thomas Lees, President: Samuel Russells Vice President; W. A. Lathrop, Treasurer: Tillie H. Lees, Secretary. Lecturers and others corresponding with this society should address Tillie H. Lees, 16 Woodland avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

We are obliged to use an odd size and a different quality of paper for a part of this issue, owing to the impossibility of procuring enough of our regular grade,

OPPOSED TO VACCINATION .- A meeting of medical gentlemen was lately held in the lecture room of the United States Medical College, New York, at which strong grounds were taken against the practice of vaccination. Dr. Wilder, a prominent physiciar, and chairman of the meeting, said that he had detested the idea of vaccination for years, and has seen sufficient of the misery which the practice had worked, to satisfy him of its evil. . .

Can man be so age stricken that no faintset sunshine of his youth may revisit him once a year? The moss on our time-worn mansion brightens into beauty; the good old pastor, who once dwelt here, renewed his prime and regained his boyhood in the genial breezes of his ninetieth spring. Alas for the worn and heavy soul, if whether, in in youth or age it has outlived its privilege of springtime sprightliness.-Hawthorne.



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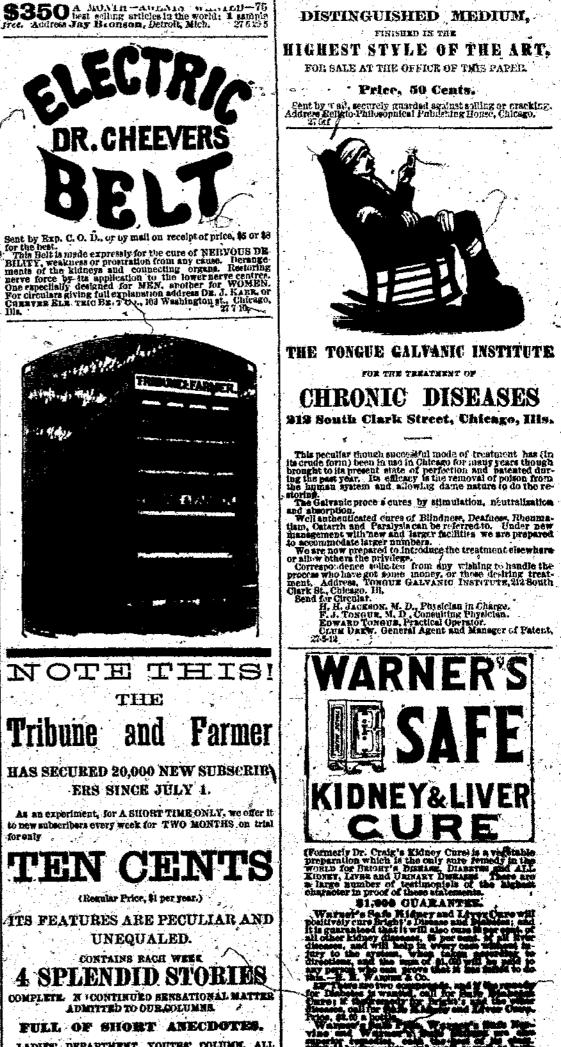
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Without adverting to the greater number of the witnesses, I will here mention only a few, to whom it is natural to refer at this time.

If Professor Zoellner, who may be taken to be the chief spokesman for the reality of spiritual phenomena in Germany (as well as myself, who do not lay claim to independent authority as an observer in this field, but who supports his observations), is declared to be a visionary who sees what he wishes to see, it should be shown firstly in what region of observation he has ever proved himself to be one; and, secondly, whether his beautiful inventions and discoveries, which have proved so fruitful of results in the exact sciences, are fancies. If to rebuke the boldness with which he draws conclusions, it is said he founds them upon bad observation of facts, and if his criticism (for which I will not stand up) is met by the prescription of his person, which would be returning a death-blow for a hit, then it must be remembered that his spiritual facts do not stand upon his authority alone. They stand also upon the authority of a man in whom, so to speak, the spirit of ex-act observation and modes of reasoning are embodied, viz., Professor Weber, whose fame in this respect was never attacked by any one until he stood up for the actuality of spiritual phenomena. If 'from that mo-ment he is alleged to have become a bad observer, the dupe of a conjurer, of become a visionary, led away by a predilection for mysticiam, it is somewhat strong, or rather weak, excuse for the rejection of his testiwoak, excuse for the reproduct of this testi-mony. Throughout a whole course of sit-tings, incompany with Professor Zoeliner, and mostly also with Professor Scheibner, one of the keenest and most rigorous of mathematicians, Professor Weber has not been simply a looker on of the experiments performed with Dr. Slade, but has himself taken them in hand, and has had all the taken them in nauci, and has had all the apparatus and arrangements under his own control. One word of his testimony in favor of the reality of spiritual phenomena is to me of more weight than all that has been said and written against them on the part of those who have never seen them, or who have only seen them once, as if looking at a conjuring performance, and who after wards full themesives justified in descrip-ing them as conjuring tricks.

Yet Dr. Weber is but one among a num-ber of estimable men of science who, after equally excelul investigation, stand up for the reality of the plantement in opposited

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If in the foregoing I have advocated the reality of the facts of Spiritualism, I have done so not, on account of my sympathy with them, as will appear from what I said before, but because the subject and the men must have justice done them. And how-ever much we should like to get rid of Spiritualism at any price, the price of the sacri-fice of truth is too costly. The *Philosophy* of Light can stand with Spiritualism and without it; but would rather stand without it than with it; for though the two meet at important points, and thereby might be led to seek mutual support, as they have done upon certain lines, yet Spiritualism disturbs by its abnormal phenomena not only the scientific aspect of the world, but the whole system of hitherto acquired knowledge; and the only way I can come to terms with its reality is that I recognize its abnormal character, in consequence of which it dovetails neither with healthy life nor with the science of healthy life.

It is no satisfaction to the supporter of the Philosophy of Light to have to deal with a dark side of the great world-problem. That I reluctantly submit to mystical phenomena my little work, On the Last Day of the Od Theory, proves. Meanwhile, I count seventy-eight years; have written the book Zendaresia and the present work. What more is wanted by opponents who com-bat Spiritualism in the meaner described bat Spiritualism in the manner described aboye?--London Spiritualist.

\*That darkness is favorable to the success of Spirit-milistic experiments ought not to appear so very strange, because thereby the distarbance caused by a stimulus is removed. Speaking generally it has, however, been shown that with more powerful media action, those ex-periments succeed in the light which in the case of a weaker power would have required darkness or schil-darkness. darkness,

# Quarterly Convention.

The Spiritualists and Liberalists of Van Buren County and the counties adjoining, will hold their next Quart-erly Convention at Decatur, Marcown Hall, on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1st and 2nd? 1879, commencing at 2% o'clock r. w. on Saturday. Dr. A. B. Spinney, of De-troit, and Mrs. L. A. Pearsall, of Disco, Mich., are en-gaged as speakers, and Mrs. Ullé Childs, of Kalamazoo, is expected to sing for the occasion. An earnest effort will be made to entertain visitors free of charge, and the Buncombe House has kindly of-fored to entertain members of the Convention at \$1.00 per day.

per day. A cordial invitation is extended to all lovers of Free Thought to attend and assist in making this Convention the best of the season, as those interested in conducting it, are striving to make it such. L. S. BURDICK, President,

o make it such. L. S. BURDICK, President, BOX B., Kalamazoo, Mich. LOTTIN, WARNAR, Secretary, Paw Paw, Mich. 

The Index, of Boston, has been dealing some heavy blows against the immoral adventurers who are trying to foist themselves upon the Liberal movement. Since Mr: Abbott's return from his long vacation. he has commenced a vigorous warfare on the barnacles and vermin which are clinging to the Liberal ship, and he should have the active support of every clean and elear-headed Liberalist in his efforts. It is a notorious fact that every reform movement has more to fear from unworthy and incompetent persons whe are constantly forcing themselves to the front, than from all other causes combined. The Index is a paper, pure and elevating in tone, and must | of prestor, sent free on application. evert a healthy moral influence wherever it

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#### [From the Infer Ocean].

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[From the Infer Ocean]. I motice that John Besson has been giving ad-dresses on the wrongs of the Iddians. He is an aged man, and has spent his life in works of be-neveluent, and is now known as father Besson. Forty years age I knew him as a prairie farmer on the Vermillion River, in Lafalle county, where he made the acquaintance of Benjamin Lundy, and became a medions abolitionist. I lost track of him until some years later, when I heard of him in the far West residing among the Indiana, and acting as their triend and adviser. He has made acting as their triend and adviser. He has made a himself familier with their history and the outrages that have been perpetrated upon them. He is now known as the ploteer in the ensue of the wronged red man, as Benjamin Lundy was as the ploneer in the cause of the enslaved hack man. May the day of the triumph of his cause come, even more spendily than cause to the world the sense for which Lundy spent his days. He has traveled over the country and spent years with the Indians, among the for the state days. He has the scale of the work the far best the day of has the sense for which Lundy spent his days. He has the relates of the work the country and epent years with the Indians, among their tribes and at Wash-ington, whill y endoavoring to get justice done them. Near the close of the war he had an inter-view with Freedent Lincoln upon the subject of

them.' Near the close of the war he had an inter-view with President Lincoln upon the subject of the wrongs inflicted upon the Indians, and Mr. Lingoln gave him this note: "My aged friend, I have heard your statement and have thought much and said little, but, I as-sure you, that as soon as the business of the war is settled, the Indians shall have my first atten-tion; and I will not rest until they shall have jus-tice, with which, both you and they will be sails-fied. "This note was written but a faw months before

fied. This note was written but a few months before his assassination, and no president has yet follow-ed him who could not rest until he had seen that justice was done the Indians. Let us do what we can to aid father Bresson, my aged friend, and sec-ond the wishes of our dead president in securing justice, protection, and satisfaction to the aborig-tions. Zearran ines. Z. EASTMAN,

FATHER BEESON'S NEW PLANE FOR A NATIONAL PLATFORM.

After a series of public meetings in New York, Chicago and other cities, and thorough discussion of the Indian question, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by a standing vote of several subsequent meetings:

Respired. That the fadian's right to protection in the enjoyment of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happingen is as inalienable as the white man's, with the same freedom to chose his own religion and forms of government within their own domain, which they allowed our fathers when they lived in peaceful neighborship under Qusker rule, and which the Shakers and other communities enjoy. to day.

Resolved, That to deny these rights and by fraud or war to force the Indians from their native homes, is nothing less than robbery and murder, in doing which millions of dollars have been spent and thousands of innepent women and children of both rices, have been slaughtered.

Resolved, That the demoralizing use of distilled liquor, has stimulated the worst passions to per-petuate all this waste of life and treasure. Recoived, That the progressed spirit of the are,

demands that reformers shall unite their efforts for the success of that political party whose plat-form is most thorough against the manufacture and sale of distilled liquors except for chemical use,and for equal rights irrespective of race, color, creed. or sex

Resolved, That pastors of all denominations be hereby requested to present for the consideration of their respective sudiences the questions contained in the 2nd chapter and 10 verse of Maischt: Have we not all one Father? Did not God create us? Wherefore, then, should we deal treacherously every one with his brother and thus blaspheme the covenant of our Fathers.

#### I Want Him to Try Arain.

To the Editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL:

Mr. A. E. Newton cannot but feel highly grati-fied and flattered at being patted on the back by Mr. Frederic F. Cook of the Chicago Times. Mr.

Dr. C. D. Grimos writes: It pleases me much to see that the JOURSAL is improving from weak to weak and from month to mostle, and I feel a corresponding interest in it and the ever plorious and immortal truths inseribed upon and illustrating its columns. Long may it contigue to improve, and its banner wave over a progressive result. pe enle.

"A. A. Hollogy writes: I commend the JOURN-AL for its independent and just course in exposing fraud, and its high moral standing and integrity.

#### Notes and Extracts.

Use phenomenon as a stopping stone to some-

thing beyond.

Mature betows nothing upon any of her children in vain,

Marriage, truly considered, is the union in true love of the two halves of one period dual being.

Too much belief and too little knowledge is why there is so much ignorance manifested in re-ference to spiritual things.

To cast out devils truly means to cast out pas-sions, jesionsies, strifes, and whatever is injurious to the peace of a community.

If spirit intercourse had no practical every day beneficial infituace on man's condition in this life, it would be comparatively useless to mankind.

Much of the ovil in man has been outgrown; and to day the race is climbing the hills of pro-grees as was never even dreamed of by our prozenitors.

The struggle between theologians on one hand and the scientists of the age on the other, has not been inaugurated any too soon for the benefit of the race.

Depend upon it that revelation, if needed to-day; will be given to-day. Indeed it is being given, Spiritualism has come to lead humapity "out of darkness into His most glorious light."

Every Christian minister claims to have been called to do just what he is moved to do by the spirit. Then by what right does one man or an assembly of men say to Mr. A. or Mr. B., we revoke your commission?

The God that Moses worshiped was partial, conferring great favors on those that loved Him. but very revengeful, visiting the iniquities of par-ents that hated Him, upon their unoffending chil-dren to the third and fourth generation.

The teaching of Spiritualism is, prove all things, prove your belief, if you have one, by actual de-monstration, and in the crucible of investigation, knowledge will be found; which is the ultimate of faith and the grand realization promised by belief.

The child is ever a promise of a manhood. The Buirfual child of this age will be the matured man of coming ages, and you who are doing duty as ploneers in the cause of freedom to day, will receive the reward of your labors in the by and b٧

There can be no doubt that unbelief is spread. Ing far and wide. To all, except a small minority, faith, in the old sense of the word, is growing more and more cold and shadowy, and the ancient "miracles" once so sacred and so certain, fail to bring the conviction they once brought.

Spiritualism being the foundation stone upon which science and knowledge rests, must be the Christ which was to come-the savior of the world-not a salvation based upon atoning sacri-fices, but a salvation through, knowledge reveal-ing a hidden power in every soul which is divine.

Spiritualism can demonstrate to science that revelation is not contrary to and at war with nature; that inspiration is an actuality; that so-called miracles are not violations of but occur-ences in strict accordance and conformity with natural laws; that existence beyond the grave is not an illusion but a fact-real, palpable and tangible.

Im a great affliction there is no light either in the stars or in the sun; for, when the inward light is fed with a fragrant oil, there can be no darkness though the sun should go out. But when, like a sacred lamp in the temple, the inward light is . quenched, there is no light outwardly, though a thousand suns should preside in the heavens.-Beecher. \*The most sublime pailm that can be heard on this earth is the lisning of a human soul from the lips of childhood. The babble of an infant is more and less than speech; not measured, yet a song; not syllables, yet a language; a murmur that began in heaven and will not finish on earth; it commenced before birth and will continue in the sphere beyond."- Vieler Hugo. "Im the huge mass of evil, as it rolls and swells, there is ever some God working imprisoned; work-ing toward deliverance, and triumph. Amid the wrocks and dust of universal decay new powers are fishioning themselves adapted to the new time and its destinies. What wonders lie in every day, had we the sight to decipher it; for is not every day the conflux of two eternities! *Carlyle*. The growth of Spiritualism is the best proof that can be presented in support of its claim as being of divine and human origin—God the pro-jecting cause, spiritual messengers the instruct-ors, through and by which man is made to read big till clark to an inbusiement that is don'then his title clear to an inheritance that is desthiess: Spirits are responsible for the doctrines they teach, and man is responsible for the manner in which he receives and imparts spiritual intelligence intrusted to him. Jesus declared war against the ceremonies of the Jews, against the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and the materialism of the Sadducees. He set in-motion the first of free thought which is to day sweeping like a tidal wave over the land, burning up the stubble of sectarianism and casting all creeds and dogmas into the flory furnace of rea-son, that crucible through which everything per-taining to man's spiritual condition in life should pass, and all that is found to be impure, or to be detrimental to securing a full rounded manhood, shall be cast out with the stubble to be burned up. Spiritualisms is to the Christian a stumbi-ing block, because it demands permanency in all the affairs of life. It is not in the circle or in the locure room that this Christ of the multitude's creating is to be found, but in all the walks of life. It is an over flowing fountain, fresh in the morning, reviving when the noon day sun burns and blisters the tiller of the soll; in the evening; as the clouds begin to darken the horizon, it be-comes a lamp to light the weary pilgrim in fearch of truth; and it reveals to him the gateway lead-ing to the home beyond. Its mission does not end at the hour of change, but continues to lead on to higher realization and worlds to mortals unknown. Spiritualism is to the Christian a stumbl.

Composed and sume by M. C. Tandaroook. We are drifting to day on the Bivar of Time, " Adown through life's flowary decked dale, And our songs are as light and as free as the birds, That sing in the green leafy vale. We hear the waves break on the rude juiting rocks, And we love their low murmuring rhyme, But we have not a fear as we guide our frail barks, On the beautiful Biver of Time.

Ob, murmaring Biver, ob, beautiful Biver, Thy songs with our voices we chime, For life's but a dream with its sorrow and joy, Oh, beautiful River of Time.

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The River of Time.

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Along thy wild shores are the loved and the lost, Where barks were o'erwheimed in thy tide. We drop sorrow's tear o'er the lives that went

Gown, As o'er thy blue waters we glide. Away through the vale, the magical vale, We eatch strains of music sublime, And we know we are nearing the "city of light," Oh, marvelous River of Time.

Down, down on the River, the sunlighted River. When life and its longings are past, We will told in our sail from storm and the gale, And float in that city at last. Oh, keep a brave heart, stand, stand to the helm, When wild storms of sorrow oppress,

He steady, he firm, keep an eye on the light, For Time is the River of Death.

#### The Poet Barlow on the Terre Haute · Affair.

To the Editor of the Religio Philosophical Journal: I am a Spiritualist, and was made such by the knowledge of spiritual communion. Any thing less thin what seemed to be actual knowledge of this fact, could not convince me of its reality; but It took me ten years to reach this conclusion. A degree of evidence short of knowledge, may

be termed faith or belief; but that was not suffi-cient. Mere faith or blind belief has been the millstone around the neck of orthodox religion. until it has become so strangled in the depths of Ignorance and superstition, that its very name is a reproach to reason and common sense. Spiritua reproach to reason and common sense. Spiritu-alism is not a religion of faith, belief or dogmas; hence all phenomena claimed to be spiritual, should be divested of all possible deception and uncertainty, and firmly establish its adherents upon the bed rock of truth and knowledge. I am led to make these statements after care.

fully reading your exposure of Mrs. Annie Stewart and Laura Morgan, of Terre Haute. I say exposure; for I feel confident that no one can read the candid, and apparently reluctant report by Dr. Kayner. including the various statements and affidavita, without entertaining grave doubts as to the genu-ineneas of the manifestations, but especially so when Mrs. Stewart will not allow herself to be examined offer the seance is over, when no rea-sonable excuse can be given for not allowing the most thorough investigation, and indeed the very most inorough investigation, and indeed the very thing that any honest medium, it seems to me, would urge. I say this one fact is enough to es-tablish a doubt so dark that it is no kin to faith, and cannot be testh cousin to belief, and is so far remote from establishing a knowledge of material-ization, that such a conclusion should never be

named as a fact under such circumstances. But this is not all, for it is proved by Mr. Price. under eath, that Mrs. Stewart acknowledged herself to be a fraud and produced the manifestations by mackery, and personated the spirits herself. Yet thousands may still believe that Christ and his Apoeties, ancient/bards and philosophers have almost forsaken the realms of bliss; to hold carni-yal with a woman who declares it all to be a trick !

From the frequent letters and inquiries in regard to our spiritual conference, held every faturday evening at Evereti Hall, 306 Fulton st., Brooklyn, N. Y., perhaps 1 may as well relate its history and work. In July, 1877, that veteran Spiritualist, E-William may letter in the and other V. Wilson, was lecturing in our city and at the close of one of his addresses he announced that there would be a conference hald at Downing Hall there would be a concreme had at howning main the next Saturday evening. At this first meeting there were just seventeen persons. Mr. Wilson presided, and on the third meeting the writer was called to the chair. He has held the position for two years of its existence, accepting four months, in the summer of 1878, when he positively refused to serve, owing to matters of a personal nature. During these four months Wm. C. Bowen, E.g., occupied the chair. It has been the aim of the writer to knop our conference in its legitimate work -- a conference of Spiritualists to confer to gether on the phenomens, philosophy and kindred subjects pertaining to Spiritualism-not a debating club where every man or woman who has a hobby, can get a chance to occupy the platform for that purpose, and fritter away our usefulness by splitting heirs on metaphysical questions which no one can solve. We have, of course, had these men and women come to our conference, and occasion-ally they may have spoken, but the rule has been

SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE.

NUMBER STREET,

to not invite such persons, no matter how able to not it it it is such persons, no matter now and speakers they may be. In the early history of our conference, one man who was a professor of biology, wanted to occupy the platform, and tell the Spiritualists "what he thought about Spiritualism." In reply he was told-that it was a matter of no consequence to us-as to what he thought-facts and the truths of our faith were what we were seeking for. Occasion-sly we have had reformatory subjects discussedone "Co-operation." Many of our numbers are much interested in it, thinking, perchance, that the conference may solve the problem which is now conference may solve the problem which is now agitating our country, that of "labor and capital." We have had many able lecturers speak from our rostrum, notably Prof. J. R. Buchavan (who has spoken three times during the last year), Dr. W. H. Atkinson, of New York, Andrew Jackson Davis, John Tyerman, of Australia, Lf. J. M. Peebles, Mrs. Hyzer, Mrs. Shepard, E. V. Wilson, Charles. Partridge, John C. Bundy, Mrs. Anna Kimbali and Fannie Allyn. Among our home talent we have many estnest speakers, among whom are Deacon D. M. Cole, Wm. Fishbough, Judge P. P. Good, of Plainfield, N. J., (who is a regular sitend-ent and chairman of our executive committee). Judge Wm. Coit, Mrs. Dr. A. E. Cooley, C. R. Mil-ler, Wm. C. Bowen, Thomas S. Tice, Dr. John C. Wyman, Wm. R. Tice and many others. Elder F. W. Evans and two sisters, Antoinneite and Mar-W. Evans and two sisters, Antoinnette and Mar-tha, from the Shaker family at Mount Lebanon. N.Y. spoke for us last winter, and we enjoyed their visit very much, and we know that they were highly pleased with our conference and the fraternal spirit that characterized it." We have given considerable attention to the

phenomena, considering it in our cause, what the primary school is to education, or the Sunday school to the church, the beginning of knowledge. We urge upon our members to form circles in their own homes, and as a result many mediums have been developed and an increased interest on the

subject created We have had many tests given from our plat-form by such well known and reliable mediums as E. V. Wilson, Mrs. Louis, M. Kerns, Fannie Allyn, J. Frank Baxter, J. V. Musseld, and Mrs. Julia M. Hindley: We also had that arrant charlatau, James of Philadelphis, and his exposure by some of the members of our conference, ureated con-siderable interest in our work, and the writer received congratulating letters from representative Boiritualists all over the country, thanking our conference for its efforts. We, of course, called down upon our heads maledictions from the editor of a paper in Philadelphia, who at that time was the sponsor for this man James. We have a committee on "phenomena," whose duty it is to accer-tain and record all fasts pertaining to medium-ship, either public or private, and no honest medi-um has had any cause for complaint that they have not always been kindly and courteously treat-ed by dur conference, individually and collectively. We have lost two of our best home mediums and speakers—notiost, for we feel their influence still. in our work, but they have been taken to the other and better home. Mrs. Laura Jarvis, a well known healer, was called to lay down her work here some-thing more than a year ago. She was an excellent medium, a fine speaker, and had graduated from an othodox church where she had long been a member. Mrs. Jennis Dixon was another of our-heat aneaker. who has been taken to the world of best speakers, who has been taken to the world of spirits. Mrs. Dixon was of Quaker descent, a good test medium, and possessed a fine harmonious organization. She was very active in the work while in the form, and we feel her presence in our meet-loga always; she comes to ald many of us in our forte to know "The way, the truth, and the life." Our organization is very simple: we have not even a constitution and by-laws. Our executive committee have that in consideration, and we may dopt a simple code of rules for self-protection. We have a chairman, treasurer and an executive committee of three, with whom all matters, per-taining to the conference rest. They hold office on sufferance or good behavior. We take up a voluntary, collection at each meeting, which usually is enough to meat current expenses. Our hall is centrally located on the main avenue of our hall is centrally located on the main avenue of our city, is pleasant and confortable, and will seat about three hundred persons. We have our hall well maguelised by spiritual influences, and all speakers from abroad who have spoken there gen-erally notice the kind fraternal spirit that gener-ally prevails. On pleasant evenings our hall is filled with thoughtful and intelligent men and women, whose more and intelligent attains will women, whose moral and intellectual status will compare favorably with any religious congrega-tion in our\_eity-Beecher's and Talimage's not tion in our city-Beccher's and Talmage's not excepted. We contemplate a new departure, -- to organize a series of "conversational" meetings in many homes, each week where matters pertaining to our faith can be considered informally and in a fraternal spirit something similar to the class meetings of the Methodist church. We have experience meetings as often as once s month, where personal experiences are related and these gatherings are among the most interesting. Usually we invite some brother or aister to give the opening address, limiting the time to thirty minutes, followed by ten minutes speeches by members of the conference. Our session usually continues from 71-3 to 10 p. w., and the interest does not flag, and often it is hard work to get the peo-ple out of the hall before eleven o'clock. The success of this conference has been remarkable, being

# BY S. B. MICHOLS, PERSIDENT OF THE BROOKLYN

Does not every fipiritalist recognize the fact that the exhiust and dark circle are now, and have been, the grantest stambling blacks in the way of the program of our cause?. Who can explain the necessity of the cabinet or dark chole? Did augule in anchest times have a hiding place, a box or a "pantry," where they visited the adas of earth ? or did they necessarily come in the dark? They ap-peared to Abraham at noon, as he sat at his tent door. They had no medium. Two of the same company of estastials appeared to Lot at the close of the day while it was yet light, abiding in the street of fieldow. One appeared to Joshus in the dark shifts is flod's heat. I might name scores of angelic visits in open daylight.

is God's host. I might name scores of angelic visits in open daylight. Some have triad to explain the necessity of darkbes by setting forth that the magnetic cur-rants through which, or by which spirits mani-fested themselves, seted more freaty in the dark; and who but the learned can explain it, and who but them can understand the chemical philosophy relating thereto? This riorious dispensation was first, like the religion of Jeeus, made known to the lowly and unlearned, but how soon were the trammels of philosophy thrown fround it—it must be manifested in the dark, and hence a road be opened for tricksters and charlatans to fool the people and flower them, not -hay man and idle women going around exhibiting what is claimed to be spirit manifestations as a show, making women going troub with think what a characteristic of the spirit manifestations as a show, making money by ft! Did the ancient prophets make a show of their medial powers for money? No! they set no price. People made them presents, and that I have no objection to. Every honest medium who can do his work in heaven's broad light, either sun or lamp light, ought to be sup-ported by voluntary contributions. When I take a clear look at the subject I am

istonished that respectable Spiritualists have so long borns the shame and diagrace of the cabinet and dark circle. Look at the Terre Hante scandal! Do we suppose the exposure is going to wipe out the effect of the same? No! It will be circulated until some new trick is brought to light, like the Katy King affair.

I have been for several years honestly investigat-ing the subject of Spiritualism, and this is one of the main things that has kept me from fully comthe main things that has kept die from fully coul-mitting myself to the cause. In the first place, it has a suspicious appearance. In the second plate, the idea is wrong of tasking a show of so glorious a manifestation of the angels, like a gang of East India jugglers at their tricks, and it is worse than that, for the latter exhibit in open day or lamp light; nor did I ever hear of their making charges for exhibiting, but they accept what pres-ents the apectators are willing to give.

I have wondered why Spiritualists, as a body, did not repudiate all these deeds of darkness. In the name of God and the angels, in the name of our departed loved ones, if they can come to us at all, let them do so without requiring a hiding place For my part. I have tried to vindicate the general practices of Spiritualism, and though I could never fully understand the necessity of darkness, I tried to believe it was right, only abus-ed by rescals and lazy women, but from this time I shall not try to even excuse the dark practice, upless it can be made plainer than I ever saw it. Cawker City, Ka., Sept. 28, '79.

## REMARKS.

This letter teminds us of a passage in Hudson Tuttle's "Arcana of Spiritualism," a work published in England in 1876, and written two years before, at a time when dark circles were awakening much attention. With clear prescience its author even then foresaw their tendency, and placed them at their full value:

"As an incentive to investigation, dark circles have their uses; but they are usually of far great-er disadvantage than benefit. The cause of Spirit-ualism is the worse for what they have done. The opportunities for trickery and deception are so great and the chances of detection so small, that it is difficult to distinguish the true from the false. They should be discouraged by Spiritualists. The semising feats of rope triog. Lefgerdemain, at amusing feats of rope tying, ledgerdemain, at best, are the work of earthly spirite, and without instruction. There are no spiritual phenomena that cannot occur in a room sufficiently lighted to allow objects to be discerned, as well as in abso-lute darkness; and the medium who refuses to submit to conditions which do not conflict with those necessary for the manifestations, should be mistrusted. So far as true spiritual phenomena are concerned, tying the medium with thread or twine or tarred cord, or confining with handcuffs, twine or tarred cord, or confining with handcuffs, is as well as with ropes. It is by pretends to the contrary that charlatans flourish, who insist that a rope, easily slipped and intied, is essential. They flourish, because whenever praper safeguards are used no manifestations occur, the 'conditions' not being right; and, when these are removed, they give 'astounding manifestations,' because there is no chance for detection. The time is not far distant when all those who have been convinc-ed by 'dark-circle manifestations,' or have been ed by 'dark-circle manifestations,' or have been connected with and upheld them, will suffer deep. est disappointment. The faith based on such 'tests' constantly seeks new wonders, asking for greater and still greater; and the believer thus brought into the fold is not of value in extending the true influence of Spiritualiam. These mani-festations have given no positive evidence in favor of Spiritualism. They are impossible of demonstration, and the most exact so liable to error as to be valueless as proof." Dark circles may be necessary but they must from necessity be unsatisfactory. Especially does this apply to "materialising" seances, which can never be of unalloyed value until "conducted with sufficient light to make the sense of sight reliable, which it is not, in an obscure light.

Bro. Bundy, these facts are not pleasant to dwell upon, but every Spiritualist and every genuins medium will thank you for separating the "tares from the wheat"

I am fully aware of the fact that mediums are very scnattive, and conditions are often suggested and urged that are upreasonable, and calculated to thwart the very manifestations they seek to obtain, even through honest and reliable mediums. But what excuse can a medium have after a séance is seen, in not permitting herself to be thoroughly examined by a committee of her own sex, to see whether the paraphernalis so abundantly exhibited during the so called materializing is not concealed on her person.

We know that frand has been resorted to, and in demonstrating the truth or falsity of so wonderful and important a subject, requires the most undoubled testimony, and I can see no reason why a truthful house medium should not urge, and even insist on the most rigid investigation. All who refuse this, will be doubled, to say the least, and cause honest investigators to discard Spiritualism as a fraud, which they gladly would establish as an ail-important truth. But let all honest mediums take courage, for

true Spiritualists are their friends and will aus tain them by love, sympathy and money, and by uniting with them in suppressing and exposing fraud, honest mediums will so polish and bring their beautiful powers into contrast with the spurious, that they cannot fall to be recognized and appreciated as the golden links that connect time with eternity, and this mortal with immor-tality. WARREN S. BARLOW.

Paterson, N. J., Oct 12th, 1879.

#### Most Excellent Suggestions.

Well, dear JOURNAL, the great Moguls of Terre Haute have fired their guns and the evidence is all in. It appears that the witnesses are all liars. Bundy, the tool of the Jesuits, is a fiend, and W. E. Coleman is a medium hater, and all the rest of mankind that would question the wisdom of Mrs. Stewart's infallible body-guard, are knaves and fools!

This is about the pith of all that was, said in what they claim as their side of the question, though spread out through several columns of a paper. How much better and wiser would it have been for this committee to say, "Spirits your work is questioned. Mrs. Stewarf, the people de-mand and deserve test conditions. Our honor is at stake. Your mediumship is questioned.

Medium and spirits, what answer do you give that we may tell the people?" Miss Wood, of London, says: "Test me all you please." The witnesses say that Miss Wood was put in a cage. It is a light frame work of wood, covered with muslin, tacked most securely on the outside to the wooden framework, and the whole secured to the wall and floor by boits and screws. secured to the wall and floor by boits and screws. There is not the alightest chance of any one seat-ed inside, to liberate himself without rending the musilu or breaking the framework. "We sang?" said the writer, "and a spirit stepped out and placed her arms around my neck." Releasing the medium, we found everything just as when we placed her in the cage.—(Medium and Daybreak, Rest 20th)

plased her in the cage. (Medium and Daybreak, Sept. 20th.) Mrs. Mellon, of London, is willing to be tested, but has no need of it, as the spirits very often show their medium. Mrs. Reperance, of London, Willie Exglestou, Dr. Monek, and many others give the same satisfaction to honest investigators. Now, friends of Terra Haute, if you have been maligned and missepresented, you have been malies only one that will set you right before the world, is to give tost couditions. Call a com-mittee of a few good reliable men and wimen, who will do you justice. I for one am willing to rest my faits upon the report of scale a commit-tes. If you refuse this to the people, have your refances as you file, but give no further heed to what is said mont you, pro or con of the question. L-A. HOOTHE: Philadelphis, Ps.

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held on Saturday evening when most every one have either pressing domestic cares or engage. We have reached a class of people who have nev-er been to the public lectures on Sunday, and so they come to our conference and become interest. ed in the facts and philosophy of Spiritualism; they want to see if they can hear from their own loved-ones, and are educated in the primary principles of

our beautiful faith. Reader, you can have just such a conference. or a better one, in your own town or eity. Will you not try it? We know our conference has been an educator to us all, and we know that the angel world are in full harmony with its work. In the coming fall and winter months, five hundred conferences like ours ought to be catablished. If two or three are gathered together in a kind and fraternal spirit, it will be a nucleus from which may grow strong local organizations. Spirit-ualists of America, when will you be ready to be-come unitizers and cease to be iconoclasts?

S. B. NICHOLS, Brooklyn, N. Y.

S. M. Bush writes: I feel at times as if I could not refrain from writing you to express my cordial approbation of the honest and independent course you pursue, in facing and combating error course you pursue, in facing and combating error in any shape it may appear. If the entire press of the civilized world would do the same, regardless of creed, party or clan, with what speed would enlightenment and true religion flash over the world.

H. W. Oarr writes: Lam very much pleased with the JOURNAL. The siddress on the first page of Oct. 6th, was grand. I hope we will have more of the same birts.

## The Beauties of Spiritualium. BY MRS. H. N. G. BUTTS.

To the Editor of the Beligio-Philosophical Journal: Instead of speaking of the wrongs, deceptions, and abuses which so often accompany spiritual manifestations, we shall, at the present writing speak of its uses and heavenly beauty. Spiritualism does not come to us dressed in sable

arments, telling us that the dear departed still live, only to inhabit a region of gloom and despair; but it comes to us in the radiant light of heaven's own brightness. It whispers of rest and peace, and reveals to our dim vision a land of supernal beauty, a happy laud where na chilling theology comes with its dark and blighting influence to make more desclate the stricker coul. It comes, like the serve breath of summer's morning, fana our sching brows, and bears our fainting spirits -npward, and introduces us into the Desutiful gar-daps of the spirit home: dens of the spirit home: What tradition of the past, what historic mira-

cls, can give to the socking sout that completeness of joy which these spiritual realizations impart? What doctrins so well calculated to impire the soul with reverence for all that is good, true and beautiful-for every sunbeau that illunges our darkened way-for every pebble that glistous in the well of truth-as the cheering doctrine of Spiritualism?

Spiritualish? This beautiful philosophy acknowledges no. death. The warm heart of love still throbs on in that brighter sphere, and to the sllver chain of memory has been added a firmer link, which an similates more closely the immortal spirit to the human soul. There cannot be unkind volces speaking from the spheres above -- childing us when we weep for our translated ones, but rather gentle whisperings fall upon our sars, while abgel hands smooth our care worn brows, and sing sweetly to us of heaven. 🗟

Spiritualism comes as a harbinger of joy to the soul that has long ground in materialistic dark-ness-who perhaps in vain has asked the question, "If a man die shall he jive ag ain?" The popular church, with its dark theology, has driven many sensitive souls into atheisni; they choosing rath-er to believe in no God, ho' future, than to am-brace a theory which clothes the heavenly Father with wrath and rengrance, and chibds the intera-with impenetrable gloom. But Spiritualism, like the morning star, dawne upon the receptive scoul, and the long night of doubt and imbelief is ex-changed for the happy belief in immortality. It is given to the newly avakened scal to knew that when the scal leaves the mortal body, & will ga-cead into higher scames of action; where it will progress in windom and goodness, until becomes a fit companion for the wisest angels. Hopedale, Mich. Spiritualism comes as & harbinger of joy to the Hopedale, Mich.

Gook was a baby when Mr. Newton was a well known Spiritualist and editor of the first spiritual known spirituality and caltor of the infit spiritual paper. But the tables are tunned; and our brisk friend, Mr. Cook, now poses himself in the atti-tude of a patron, and affects a superiority, the sirs of which are rather comical, towards Mr. Newton. Referring to Mr. Newton's reply to his nonsense about the absence of evil spirits from the universe. Mr. Cook away universe, Mr. Cook says:

"I satisfied myself to the perusal in the full con-viction that I was about to enjoy a treat. I arose from it keenly disappointed. I am not unfamiliar with the current literature of our movement. What is worth a thoughtful man's attention is easily perused at even a busy man's leisure. Glaucing over the whole field, I have for a long time regard. ed Bro. Newton as one of the ablest among writ-ers on the subject of Spiritualism. His is not what should call an eminently original mind, but it is In its best sense a critical one-without strong bias, free from malice, and gifted with breadth and penetration. Having formed this estimate of Bro. Newton, I expected to find him fully abreast of the argument he casayed to review. Knowing what my reviewer has done in the past I refuse to accept this as the best he has to offer on the subject. In justice to himself I want him to try again-from a higher stand point."

The Indicrous coolness of these patronizing graces will be recognized only by these persons who are familiar with the relative positions of the two men in regard to Spiritualism. Imagine a fittle. hat Timouse mounting a stool to enable him to look down on si Macaulay, a Channing, or a Long-fellow and you may get some idea of what, Mr. Cook would call "the humor of the thing." He may impose on the uninformed by his assump-tions, but those who know the two gentiemen and the character of their services to Spiritualism, will be prompted to what old Homer calls "inex-tinguishable laughter."

It would seem that the nature of Mr. Cook's in--Which phenomens are co-extensive with the whole world's history. Christian and Pagan, -is foreshadowed in the following estimate which he puts on the stypendous subject: "What is worth a thoughtfal man's attention is easily perused at even a busy man's letwers." We do not doubt that you think so, Mr. Cook! But you may rely upon it, that so does not think Mr. A. E. Nawton. He knows that Holdwaltern

Mr. A. E. Newton. He knows that Spiritualism lies back of everything else, and that a man cannot know too much, who wants to get accurate and consistent views of what John Bright has called, "if true the greatest fact of the ages; a fact beside which every other fact dwindles into insignifcance." JULIAN.

J. Br. Smipes writes: In contrast with the numerous frauds of to-day, & have the following words from Staunton, Va., from my brother-in-law, In the faith, regarding a lady medium in that olace:

"In regard to the materialisations through Mrs. C. I think I can vonch for their genuineness. She slis regularly three times a week, and the mani-festations are getting better and better. Four of our best and hard sense citizens have say with her under strict test conditions, and she has baffled all their skill to detect the least show of fraud. They prepared their own tests, and would not give up until last Friday night, when they came out like honest man, and acknowledged that the faces, forms and hands were not the fabrications of the medium, nor of any confederates. These parties had witnessed these manifestations several times pefore, and since they applied their tests, and af-ter their last festing to their theory shifts con-they pulled out twenty dollars Friday evening and gave her. I don't think there are any four citizene in "In regard to the materializations through Mrs rave her. I don't think there are any four citizens in gave ner. I don't thim inere are any jour enterene in Biannton of more good sense than those four men; men, too, who have been reading carefully all their lives. I tall you the city is stirred on this spirit subject. I have been only twice, and then shoek hands with the spirit visitors. She is all right, mare. Dr. K. is wonducing the citele, and she is developing rapidly. Dr. K. will give the Journan. an account of the work at the proper time."

T. Wanney writes: The Journat, has made a spiritualist out of me and my wile. We are well pleased with the REARTO PERIMETRICAL JOURS-at. Pall up the words wherever you may find them, that the goiden grain may grow. May the good asges blow you in the groat, grand and able work which you are doing.

Mins Agreed Houseser writes; I always find omething good in the JOURNAL.

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SPITAPH ON & MAID OF ALL WORK.

"Here lies a poor woman who always was tired. For she lived in a place where help was not hired, Her last words on earth were, Dear friends, I am

Where washing sink done, nor sweeping, nor sew.

ing: And everything there is exact to my wishes, For where they don't eat there's no washing of

But, having no voice, I'll be clear of the singing, Don't mourn for ms now, don't mourn for me

For I am going to do nothing forever and ever."

It is doemed incredible that people in magnetic sleep can describe objects at a distance, and scence, which they never looked upon while waking; yet nobody doubts the common form of scennambul-ism, called alorp-walking. Tou may singe the eye-lashes of a alorp-walker with a canding and he will perceive neither you nor the light. His ayes have no expression; they are like these of a corpos. Tot he will walk out in the dense darkness, syoid-ing chain, tables, and all ether obstructions; he will these the ridge-peic of a root, for mere secure-ly than he quald in a mathed state, by mill dense bourses, peek wood, make shows, etc. all is the darkness of midnight. Can you tell me with what eyes he sees to do then the fings? and with that eyes he sees to do the shows, etc. all is the darkness of midnight. Can you tell me with what eyes he here to do these things? and what light directs him? If you assest, be immable satures by maky laws incomprehensible to you; and be wine encough to conside the divise cover things, but occasional manifestations of prime tell alors are not deviations from the divise coder of things, but occasional manifestations of prime tell always at work in the Great sees of prime tell always at work in the Great sees of point, the immedia-al terms are not deviations from the divise coder of things, but occasional manifestations of prime tells. It is doemed incredible that people in magnetic





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and weakness shown towards you a matter of reasing among your friends.... What business and Miss Chrroll with my silly and almost mail miss Carroll with my stilly and almost oriminal letters? She is a stranger, as you may say, and was very much shocked with the veluminous and silly stuff I wrote you....I fait that Constock had used me very badly, that Abbot, Peterson and Payne had used me shamefully. I feit that Lant had wronged me and abused me without cause, but your treat-ment of me has burt me worse than all the not of me has burt me worse than all the rest and has foll meaner than all the rost. A stab from one thought to be a friend creates scale from one thought at he a literal to be the second se wave written you to the friend who cans upon you for them, not to Moses Hull. I do not want him to have them. The letters are of no further benefit to you and it is better for you to send them back to me. I hope you will see fit to do #0."

The threat implied in the last sentence, that the bad "better send them back" became more bold and defiant soon. She declined to deliver them to his friends, sent for them repeatedly. He went in person and begged and whined and scolded, but got them not. He sent a lawyer, or one who pretended to be such, and he plead and threatened, but returned emptyhanded. "Sam" forced himself unannounced into her room at night and begged them, and when refused awore that he would take them. Two women were alone with an unprincipled desperado, Bennett's "heavy" artist, general desperado, Bennett's "neavy" artist, general plagiarist, and man of "many parts," who swore that he would have the letters by force, if they were refused. The room was dimly lighted by a lamp and the woman was equal. to the occasion. Seizing a broken water pipe faweet that law on the mental she wasanted it fawoet that lay on the mantel she presented it at his head, boldly advanced upon him and ordered him to leave the room or she would shoot him like the dog that he was. "Sam," seeing that the weapon had a large bore and must carry a terrible ball, saw nothing more, and with a bawl for mercy turned and fled. But the poor girl had been so harassed by Bennett's jackals that she left the city and sought refuge among friends in another State. She has often felt it her duty to expose the conduct and character of this would be martyr to better morals, but her acquaintance with Liberals and Spiritualists was confined mainly to such as she had met with and seen around Bennett, and her knowledge of them was such as to make her doubtful of trusting them lest they should desiroy the evidence in order to shield the parties of Liberalism and Spiritual-ism to which B. professedly belonged, and of which he aimed to be the literary, intellectual and moral head centre. Without money, she could not travel to seek aid elsewhere, and so has waited until circumstances at length brought to her those who were able to conwince her of their sincerity and determination to expose Bennett in the interests of truth, virtue and justice that he was every day dragging deeper into the moral filth of his own vile character.

That work is now done. The world sees D. M. Bennett for the first time as he is. But it has not yet seen all. While the correspondence above quoted touches only himself and the lady to whom it was written, and in itself proves her to have been as an angel of high heaven for a time strayed into a lowest pit of hell, there is other evidence to prove that the Truth Seeker has been the center of a ring of moral nastiness that probably could not have been surpassed elsewhere in all New York. A "free lover" himself, Bennett has been sur-rounded with sentient scabs of that defiling and loathsome disease. And it is matter of gumor that these, knowing Bennett's desire towards the young lady, having done all in their power to aid him in his designs upon her, have black mailed and bled him down and down until he has been at times in sheer despair . He not only failed in his efforts to obtain for a mistress the woman he loved (?) but in giving himself away, as he did, to his libidinous crew, he lost his own soul, that is, he lost his money which was the God he worshiped and the soul he wished to save. Bad men and women have been among his nearest friends and counsellors. He has been mixed up with a class of people calling them-selves 'Spiritualists" and "Materialists" who have stolen these names to hide their real. practices, which have been those of free-lovers, prostitutes and women who advertise as "mediums," to give "brain rest by magnetic treatment" etc., and in one of Bennett's letters he draws the curtain partially aside from his associates, as shall be presently shown. But first let me call attention to the circumstances that induced Bennett to "squeal." When he found that this "little woman," the "quintessence of indifference," could not be induced to sell herself and that she had folled him at every point; that she had at last exposed him to some of her friends and held a weight of evidence that would pulverize him in the mortar of public opinion, and he could not by coaxing, crying, pleading, threatening or theft obtain possession of it, he showed himself to be a calculating villain through and through. He attempted to blacken and destroy the girl's character among those who had been her best friends and among whom she had been intimate all through her associa. tion with him. He wrote a letter in which he unmasked himself and laid bare his devotion to the work of improving the intellectual and moral condition of humanity in a language and with a design that can be found only among persons who have been secretly or openly black-guards for years. Such depravity is not possible on the spur of mere chagrin at the defeat of a darling project. Remember that this letter was written and mailed by Bennett to this lady in care of the friends with whom she was living, unto whom she had fled for safety. He sent this letter to them open, sealed, and cut open at one end, (and addressed in a disguised hand which any expert can still detest as Bennett's) so that they, if so disposed,--or so it seems,--could read it before it reached her. hands and thereby so prejudice them against her that in their first shock of disgust they should turn her away from their doors. It was a plot worthy of an old villain-a young one would hardly have conceived it. Once he had destroyed the girls reputation among her friends, he would at the same time have destroyed credence in her story of his persecution and diabolism. But his plan did not succeed. He had commended the girl too highly in his former letters and showed his animus too plainly in the last to deceive can-did people. The girls friends after reading the letter, investigated the affair and were con-vinced that any was an outraged victim of this vinced that also was an outfaged victim of this man's depenvity, and they stood by her; and their latters show that they still entertain the highest esteem for her. If necessary names and latters shall be produced. The only ob-ject in presenting the following extract from a disgusting document, and the only apology that can be made for so doing, is to show to the public the true inwardness of the man who has put himself forward as a reformer of relig-ion and mixed for ward as a reformer of relig-ion and mixed for ward as a reformer of religon and morely only to hide the baseness of a stars that seems incapable of feeling a thrill f conscience, while he was making money after his false presences out of the credulity.

of people too far removed from him to be able to realize his true character. To this young hely when he has been be-sieging for many months, and whom he has called a "nassioniese creature" and the "quint-essence of midificrance," and who has always must his flory advances with iny rebuke,--he turns, with the suddanness of a weather-cock under the frowning blackness of a squally sky, and hisses his venom forth in

#### A VILE AND OBSCENE LETTER SIGNED "HUMPTY DUMPTY."

The letter is so low, vile and fithy, and so [The letter is so low, vile and nitny, and so utterly shocking to all sense of decency and propriety, that it is unfit for publication in detail in this paper. It could be conceived and written only by a libertine of the lowest character and of the vilest propensities. It charges the lady with tilicit and indiscrimi-nate intercourse with five men whose names are given, and with criminally destroying human life, alleged to be the results of that intercourse. It would not be possible for any person, not accustomed, both in thought and practice, to the lowest depths of lewdness, to use the expressions with which this letter is filled. They can be acquired only by long association with all that is low, obscene and vile. It is because of this character of the expressions contained in the letter, that no description of it can give any adequate conception of its disgusting and offensive contents. We have in our possession copies of the omitted portions of these letters, from which anyone desiring to do so, can verify the full truth

and should be pressure will and there will be an about your true loss exclusion with the date else. Furnage it would be internating to them to pear about it. Just will them how the great infolloot. Moree Huil, such growt of your methods daily your wemministic. He just bought you was nice and I am shuld Mattie was in alight danger for a while.

[Post sorget.]-"I don't think I am as 'pet sistent' as I was."

Suppose, now, that the woman unte whom the above was written was in every particu-iar as guilty and vile as this man's charges would indicate, that would at once destroy our sympathy for her; but to establish her guilt beyond peradventure, would not detract one hair's weight from the evidence against Bennett. And, as proof of this woman's criminality, as above charged, would destroy public sympathy for her, so should the fact, demonstrated, that Bennett wrote that vile demonstrated, that Bennett wrote that vile stuff destroy synapathy and respect for him. Sauce for the gross should be sauce for the gander in that case. But when we remember that it was written and mailed by Bennett to a respectable girl whose only offings was that she had successfully resisted his every attempt to obtain possession of her person as his mist-ress, and came out of a den of corruption into which has had hean invalided and betrayed by which she had been inveigled and betrayed by a lewd woman employed by Bennett to pro-cure him a "girl," the sense of debency and honor that throbs in the heart of every true father and mother in solicitude and love for of our statement.-ED. JOURNAL.] the virtue, the fair name and happings of "Go it, -----, Moses will hold your bonnet. their daughters, deaver to them than their own

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This previation is the old, old stery of vice Intering insife to a good name for solich suda. All the permutae that interi this hir, world, themesives only ovil, live only by destroying that which is good. So fiperimations which is a cherinhed reality to many pure and noble people to Materialism, a name for a philosophy which in truth THE NU weakpass in the fact that it lives so enclusively upon cold-blooded logic, -bave been the modern bodies into which the permutes of pociety, the svil geni-uses of the siums, have thrust their poleonous germs and in which they have grown and re-velled in rotioning lewdness until at length the voice of insulted truth and decency rings out above their foul orgies their cumulative out above their foul orgies their cumulative condemnation. It is undoubtedly true, and is admitted with sorrow, that Bennett has fasten-ed himself like a double-headed leech upon both Materialism and Spiritualism, though it is impossible to believe him ever to have been sincerely either of one or the other party. But he did visit mediums. In one of his letters he \$875:

"I have been around this evening to see Mrs." Morreil the medium....I have also been up to see Mrs. McCutcheon. She is a good medium. ....She told me many things that were inter-ealing. The spirits predict much success for me me.

And in another letter he says:

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