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## Telephone to Spirit World.

Professor Hyslop explained me the exact manner in which the writing is done.

Mrs. Piper," he told me, sits in a light and open room facing a table with a pillow on it. She goes slowly into a trance. It may take ten minutes before the climax is reached. Then her face suddenly upward position. with a fixed stare in her eyes. At last her head falls upon the pillow, so that she canno see her right hand, which rests on the table, and begins to write upon a pad the messages delivered by 'the dead.' When you want to ask questions, you lift the other hand to your mouth, much as if it were the receiver of a telephone, and In the early days before thi method of communication had fully established itself, Dr. Hodgson was enabled to make some curious observations, showing that while Mrs. Piper's hand could be utilized by one spirit, another would be carrying on a conversation by the aid of her vocal organs.
On one of these occasions Phin uit was listening to the steno view commenting upon it makin additions to his ston making some objects, and at the same time the hand was writing freely and rapidly on other subjects, and holding conversation with another per son, the hand purporting to be "controlled" by a deceased friend of that person. This lasted for over twenty minutes. "I have fre quently witnessed, during lesser intervals, the Phinuit talking with ing with Phinuit talking at the same time to myself, and have never failed to get this double action when desired, if Phinuit was present and the hand was being used by another 'control.' In all cases when the 'hand' is writing independently of Phinuit, the sense of hearing for the 'hand control' appears to be in the hand, whereas through the ordinary channel."
Soon after t occurred to Dr. Hodgson that pos sibly the left hand might also write and that it might be possible to ge both hands writing and Phinuit speaking all at the same time, on different subjects, with differen persons. After some partial fail

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ures he did succeed in a sitting wh Miss Edmunds. Her and and sister" wrote with one hand and
G. P. with the other, while Phinuit was talking, all simultaneously on different subjects. Very little, however, was written with the left hand. The difficulties appeared to lie chiefty in the deficiencies of

Some Posstble Explanations.
It must be obvious that neither Mrs. Piper nor her husband could themselves act directly. Their personal inquiries would at once arouse suspicion. Even supposing they employed a detective, and that detective were a Vidocq or a tions would certainly lea tostiga tions woud certainly lead to com ment expenses and his salary would be
he remembers, but a great deal Which he thinks he has forgotten, that some accident convinces him right was wrong and Mrs. Piper into the memories may dive also are not present at the sitting and drag out their ser sithg and But no ther secret thoughts theory of telepathy to meet the case, the fact remains, as Dr. Hodo son and Professor Hyslop point son and Professor that you must assume an omniscience equal to that of the divine mind, and imagine that the thoughts, past and present, of all living persons are open to Mrs. Piper's inspection.
In the earlier reports which Dr Hodgson made to the society he of an auto-hypnotic trance in which of an auto-hy pnotic trance in which a secondary personality
Piper either
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Telephone Communication Betueen the 10 hysical and Spiritual Wor1ds, in Fctual Operation, and Fuliy Demonstrated by Scientists.


#### Abstract

alone. He would have to control an elaborate and well-organized invellience department. Now, Mrs. Piper and her husband are no wealthy. The Society of Psychical Investigation pays her $\$ 10$ a sitting. But she cannot stand the strain or more than four sittings a week. would be a disastrous one. Fur thermore, a portentous and impos sible memory would be needed to store up the entire mass of fact previously hunted up (by an impos sible hypothesis), and to apportion the correct parcel to the prope individual. The next explanation is that of thought transference or telepathy Mrs. Piper may be able to dive nto the sitler's memory and ex tract from it not only all he knows itself to be, or consciously and falsely pretends to be, the "'spirit" of a deceased human being, and ous or fictitiously represents varito the latent ideas of some of the sitters. He added, however, that his confidence in this explanation had been considerably shaken by further familiarity with the Phinuit personality and other allied state, and that he had no certain conviction that any single theory which had been put forward was the correct one. The result of further researches convinced him that the spiritualistic explanation is the only possible one and that through Mrs. Piper the immortality of the soul has received a scientific demonstration.


He acknowledges that the alleged Hmunications from the dead are Buequently reeble and incoherena But he has an ingenious explana tion for this obvious fact.
He suggests that the medium turns into a sort of very untrustworthy and ineffective telephone other. As in a bad telephone, the other. As in connection is constantly being snapped. External sounds are constantly being caught up and other messages are perpetually being interpolated into the main message. There is a throng of spirits, all very bad communicators, at the other end of the wire, and their mixed thinking or talking is apt to spoil the message.
himself suggested the telephone analogy some 'The occasional irrelevance
faintly coming in, every now and faintly coming in, every now and coherent and vigorous communication reminded me of llstening at a telephone, where, whenever vour main correspondent is silent, you hear the din and meaningless fragments of a city's gossip, till back again comes the voice obviously addressed to you and speaking with firmness and decision.

It is worth while to think out ing to communicate under ver imperfect conditions with a distant friend after all intercourse had ceased for a year or two.
Again, the communicator has very often just gone through the strain of death. He is weak, and his earthly recollections are not strong.

The Great Hereafter.
What sort of a spirit-world is it to which Mrs. Piper introduces us Both the subject. In the first place, both acknowledge that the here after, so far, as it is indicated by Mrs. Piper's spirits, is not the Ereafter of dogmatic Christianity. Evangelical Protestants will be hell. Catholics will miss not only hell, but purgatory. Indeed, Chris tians of all sorts may lament to know that there is no heaven in the dogmatic Christian sense.
The spirits do not see God face to face. They do not know very much more about him than we do They have their amiable desquisi tions upon the subject just as we have. Only there are no atheists lics, no Protestants, no Jews.
Whatever the spirits may have been in creed-Protestant or Cath olic, Jew or atheist-they all feel in the next world the continual and All Father as a being of infinit loving kindness and mercy. But they, feel him now as light and warmth rather than as an actual personality.
Whatever they may have been in deed, none, even the most careless and indifferent, find any purgatorial fres to quize, none even sturdie edest, find themselves condemied to a perpetuity of sulphurous tor ment.
'There is no division there into goats and sheep," we
He is inclined to believe that this is as it should be. Both he and Professor Hodgson hold that per-
sonal responsibility for evil living sonal responsibility for evil living ordinarily believe
"What we call wickedness," said Dr. Hodgson, "is, usually mere Which insure individual happiness which insure individual happiness undoubtedly better than knowled ge. But you must know in order to act rightiy. Men cannot be held re sponsible for their ignorance. Coleridge never said a better thing than when he called a knave 'a fool with a circumbendibus.' A knave simply has some defect of vision which makes him see awry, so that he cannot recognize what is best forty is the best policy' is the pro esty is expression of a universal experience."
Nevertheless, remorse for con cious evil-doing follows the sinner into the next life, and becomes even more acute there. Professor Hy slop told me the story of one spirit who clamored through Mrs. Piper to be placed in communication with a mortal whom he had wronged in life and pleaded piteously for his forgiveness.
He stated
f forgiveness the consciousness of forgiveness would help him in world. For progress is the law of the velop along the lines for which they fitted themselves here. Only they start on a higher plane. Many things obscure to them have be come evident there.
I asked both Dr. Hodgson and Professor Hyslop what attitude the spirits assumed toward Christ looked upon him as a great and good man, they reckoned it blas phemous to speak of him as one with the Godhead.
"Then, if Christ be among the spirits of the dead, did you not attempt to communicate with him?' stand that some vaty given to under made in this line but no informa made in this line, but no informa tion as to its success was vouch arcana reserved for the report And yet, no. For Professor Hy slop informed me nection that no one had been able to summon the spirit of anybody who had been dead for more than a century.

Posstble Theories.
And now that the reader is in possession of at least the outlines of all the essential facts, it is time to address this question:
What think ye of Mrs. Piper?
Many theories have been ad
Many theories have been ad vanced. But every one of them that eliminates the supernormal breaks down, or, at any rate, falls to give an adequat the facts.
The fir
that of cont and most obvious is of the medium But Mrad on the part attitude, according to her. Pipers of every eye-witness who has spoken on this point, is not one of
deception. This, of course, is not deception. This, of course, is not
final. She may be a consummate final. She may be a consummate actress. Even if she were, how. ever, no conceivable deception
Still again, as Professor Hodg son points out, spirits must and do differ in their capacity to convey world to this. Now, it would world to this. Now, it would excitement among the spirits over the establishment of telephonic communication with their living friends, as Professor Hyslop predicts there will be here when the facts developed at recent sittings are all known.
In the past, the direct communicator, whether it were Phinuit or Pelham or other entity, was often jected their more or less irrelevan thoughts or words into his writing or speech. Phinuit himself fre quently claims to have done much work, while the hand was bein used for writing, in keeping back various other would-be communi cators. Interruptions, however were frequent enough, both under his regime and that of the more competent, but not perfect. Pel ham. The spirit world seems to sible source failure and var sible source of failure, and various sively been installed in the manage ment of the Piper "'machine" until it is now under the full and abso lute control of a spirit called Im perator (his true name is known only to F . W. H. Myers in England), who has vindicated his right to the position by far greater expertness than was
of his predecessors.

Imperator has explained that he was obliged to stop the indiscriminate experiments with Mrs. Piper's tered and worn" machine, and needed much repairing ; that' "he," with his '"assistants,", "Doctor," "Rector," etc., would repair it as far as possible, and that in the kept away.

Hodgson indorses Imperator's course as that of wisdom. Mr Piper herself agrees with him.
'that in Mrs. Piper's and similar cases, the introduction of persons more or less indiscriminately may not be a condition for general success, but a condition for perpetual
blundering. We can all use telephones now; but when Reis and Bell and Blake and others were making experiments on lines that struments, they would hardly have struments, they would hardly have general public spend their time in
 late noises through their incipient receiving apparatus. 'Now, if Mrs. Piper's organism represents one end of a line, the other end of which is in the socalled 'spirit-world,' or if there is a recognizable possibility of this, it seems to me eminently desirable will improve the line and the transmitting and the line and the transand, if possible, obtain knowledge concerning the methods to be used in making and improving other similar machines." -probably added view to vacation repairs-has implicitly ordered that after July 1 Mrs. Piper shall cease to hold sittings or to go off into
trances until further notice from trances until further notice from N. Y. Herald.

## The Seen and the Unseen.

There are some records of psychic phenomena in my own family which are authentic and which I of the Journal. My sister-in-law, Mrs. E., has told my of an event which took place in her early life, and which made an enduring impression on her mind. I will give it as nearly as possible in her own was a soman of an My mother ment, always aol and self-possessed in an emergency. Between her and my father there existed the deepest affection and confidence. The tie was unusually strong, so that the event which 1 am about to result of the soul union of two result of the so
"'It was a beautiful Summer morning, and my father drove early to a neighboring town, on a matter of business. Full of that love of nature, which has always been my rest and consolation, I had passed the morning out of doors.
"Just at noon, I heard mother call me, in a strange tone: 'Maggie, come here ; I want your help, change in her voice, and still more by her white, set features, when I came to her. To my inquiry, 'What is the matter?' she replied calmly, but in the same strange tone: and we must get ready at once to receive him.' 'How do you know that he has been hurt?' I said. Has some one been here and told you?' 'No,' she replied, 'no one has been here, but know it. I, but she paid no attention to my efforts, going silently about her preparations, sending me for articles which she thought might be wanted in a case of serious injury, spell, and the horror of strange fear possessed me.
"All the arrangements finished, we took a position where we could watch the road over which he must return. Dinner was not to be hought or, and as the long after of a great calamity seemed to of a gr
increase.

About 4 o'clock we saw in the distance a covered carriage with us, and mother said quietly: 'Your
father is in that carriage.' 'How do you know? I said, in a las effort to free myself from the ter ror that oppressed me almost
beyond endurance. ' He did not go away in that; he drove a single horse.' She only answered: 'He vehicle came nearer, I saw father in it, supported by two friends and accompanied by our physician, while behind them was the horse driven by another man, which had taken him away in the morning.
'He laid six weeks in the bed in which we placed him, and we learned from his friends the cause near a misfortune. He had stopped to leave the waron, when the noon whistle blew, just above him. The horse started forward and threw him to the sidewalk, striking his unconscious two hours, and it was just at the moment of the acciden that the knowledge of it came to that the
As each of my readers will have whir own opinion of the way in whill the information reached

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Coronado, Calif.

## Spirit Communion with Men.

In my opinion, I am more com petent to speak on the subject than all the "Reverends" put together including he who lost $\$ 20,000$, prac iced fraud and then revealed it,
For about two years past my cation with the spirit world, but cation with the spirit world, bu have had any knowledge of it, for the reason that she has been apprethe reason thatshe has been appre
hensive of the charge of fraud, which has to some extent always attached to Spiritualism. My wife and myself alone have had com munications. This fact should bar any charge of fraud. The "guides" have almost invariably been spir its of very dear and close personal
friends, who died about four years friends, who died about four years ago in ripe old age, two or three weeks apart. The man's name They appear to my wife in their earthly shape and quite close by. In life they were members of the Christian church, devout, honest and upright; I might also add, wealthy. Any Reverend at their death would have said: "It is well with their souls.
They guide us in our business affairs and greatly add to our merly be, us it every stop hav vanished. I asked John: 'Can you reveal to me anything about answered: "It is far and away beyond the imagination of mortals, in bliss and happiness." Then I asked: "Is the revealed Christian religion the only path there? She answered : "There is no harm in it. Develop the highest and noblest that is in you, so shall you reach our abode." But devout Christian that she was before her death, she could not say that the
Christian religion is the only path Christian
to heaven.

Professor Hyslop is on the right road. of this 1 am convinced, as I have had perhaps more than one departed friends. There is no doubt as to the existence of evil spirits, as all spirits seem to congregate according to their affinities, good with good and bad with bad We are to develop our best and
noblest. so we may, when we die,
take our place in as high a sphere attained here. Thavect, further experience on the which, thout of a private nature is not for the public eye. EqO.

## Spiritualism Is True.

As publicity has been given to certain statements concerning the tenets of Spiritualism made by tist, it may be well to bring ou side into court, so that it may be heard. We do not apprehend for one moment that Spiritualism is in danger of annihilation from such clumsy assaults as have been pub met and overcome them long ago Herbert Spencer says: ©Experi ence is the sole origin of knowl edge." We infer that without ex perience there cat.
on any subject.
Tn the reports published each minister of the gospel in turn declares he has thad no experien with the phenomena that he has never attended a public or private seance. Therefore according to Herbert Spencer, he would be disqualified as a witness to give evidence in any court upon the merits or demerits of the case in question. The only statement worthy of notice was from Prof. W. A. Merrill, who shows an unprejudiced mind on the subject, and gives a fair statement of facts
as a result.
The general trend of individual
thought goes to show that com munication between the two worlds is possible and probable, but those who communicate are all bad spirits. For the sake of argument, we will admit there are good and bad in the spirit-world. The question
then arises. Have the bad superior then arises. Have the bad superior
advantages to the good? In other advantages to the good? In other
words, if I have two relatives in words, if I have two relatives in
spirit-life, one a good Christian, the other a heretic, I can get a message from the heretic, but $I$ am denied one from the saint. I do not think this kind of logic will hold water.

The second objection of importance is that the word of God (socalled) denounces spirit communion hen admit the fact that such communication exists. If I am rightly informed
as to the tenor of the word of God as to the tenor of the word of God
(so-called), it would be of but little value if the Spiritualism therein recorded was taken from it. "But through our doors," they say, so it must be unclean.
Spiritualism is true, We have the evidence in the form of demonstrated fact. Science has also established this fact that spirits return, having good, bad and indifferent characters. There are from
six to ten millions of intelligent people in the united states, who, phenomena at their own firesides. phenomena at their own firesides, If their convictions were founded on faith and tho outgrowth of tradition, as is the case with our orthodox friends, they might be deceived. But such is not the case. We have patiently investigated this occult, anseen, intelligent power which at
all times declares itself to be a all times declares itself to be a
spirit, and as a result we have all spirit, and as a result we have all
come to the same conclusion, i. e., that it is the living departed spirit of our friend returning. It will of people are all deceived. We make laughing stocks of ourselves when we do this.

Spiritualism has divided the Schools of science. Such men as , Zollner, W allace, Crookes the phenomena have investigated ualists. Those like Tyndall, Dar win, Huxley and Spencer, who have not investigated its claims, are agnostics. But we venture the prediction that if they had investivinced for they are been and vinced, for they are honest and
without prejudice.

The advent of M
The advent of Modern Spiritualand has broadened human thought ished mysteries in the departments of physics as well as metaphysics. of physics as well as metaphysics. tists could not get at. In the department of physics it has shown the origin of light, heat, force and matter, and the primary properties of each. In the department of metaphysics it has revealed the origin of all life and the laws govforces among the atoms. It has forces among the atoms. It has conditions polarizes the individual molecule, and with it constructs the protoplasm, the primal basis of all physical being, and out of this protoplasm builds and constructs the human organism.
In conclusion, let me say to our good Christian and materialistic friends that we know Spiritualism is a fact, and, knowing this, we have no fears as to results. If you fave not the evidence, it is not our ing loving messages from the great beyond. It is our religion, our hope and comfort amidst the darkness of material life. Your friends would come to you, but your ter rible superstition and dogmatic prejudice have shut the door in their face, and as one of your patron saints once said: "You do not gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles, and so it is. caprice of man, and it cannot be called into submission to his will. Law is the supreme ruler of the Law is the supreme ruler of the table.
While the propoganda of Spirit ualism is iconoclastic in operation, at the same time it constructs the temples of truth within the conIt is aggressive, and will not down, for it knows the salvation of the race depends:upon the advancement of truth among the people. It of its proselytes, and at the same time holds out the lamp of experi ence as a guide in place of faith and miracle It remains for the people of the twentieth century to lay hold of this great factor of power for good, and with it redeem

> hich they are sure to d A. Mark StodDARD.

The Oversoul and Mystics.
When the light and beauty of the Eternal Life shines in upon our sense and throbs it is that we truly behold the world. It is alive the depths of space with alive: the depths of space with gleaming verdure, flowers and fruits, the ocean tremulous with waves, the woods with insect life, and creeping things of every form and color; the very rocks struggling to exude life in lichens and crawling plants. The very heart-beats of nature
seem to be audibly throbbing. We seem to be audibly throbbing. We all-pervasive life and to apprebend the pently trailing garments as he breathes through all. He is
the perpetual creator and re-creator passing from atom to We-hardly stay to think as we feel the living Presence so gently stealing over our senses and illumnating our inward being. It is persuasion that God is the inner palpitating life of each and every all, pare. Living and perfuming the all, painting the lily, perfuming the rose, sparkling in the dew-drop, ealize that the very genius of our intelligence is what it is, through this inner light. The divinity of the life within must vouch for the divinity that is above. Intuition senses the oversoul. This divine reason, or insight, which all men echo, a vibration from the perfect positive mind.
This luminous faculty of intuition, joined with spirituality, says 'There is a silken chain going out from God and uniting every thing in the universe, down to the finest dust. All is knit together Here and there we detect some links of people the most beautiful characpeople the most bearatiful charac are wrapt in darkness." We all share this great instinct of life with the beasts, birds, fishes and insects The kingdom of life, from archangel to the humblest creatures of the deep, is gifted with the faculty necessary for its place and relation to the whole creation.
Life, created life, "mounts through all the spires of form,' aspiring to be man, aspiring to know of God, the life divine, as
from the deeps of darkness and from the deeps of darkness and To the living light, our father-and mother-God As Lucy Larcom mother-God. As Lucy Larcom to be in the light and harmony of the love of God and to reveal it To know the mystery of the king dom of heaven? What is it but to be in God's universe with a soul opened by love to truth; unto such only is it given. Yet we all have vision and the spiritual interior sense; , if we neglect them we are to blame.'
Those who sense this love, this soul, are the mystics. Emerson Coleridge, A. J. Davis, are typica mystics. All deeply developed media are of necessity mystical They sense the impossibility of arrivlng at truth by any other pro cess than that of interior illumina tion. "Mystic" signifies one ini tiated into mysteries-one whose eyes are open to see things wo not see. All mystics in all ages and countries have believed this true. They believed in an inner world as well as an outer or visible one.
They believe that the inner world is not only an extra-natural world but that it is the cause and ground of such. It was the cause at firs even to every fower and pebble Asthe inner ais. just as real wiv endure alter his, just as real, liv ing and eternalinila Mystics refuse to admit that we can gain truth with absolute certainty either from sense or by logical method; they point to faith, the illumination or intuitions of the soul, to inspiration as its only valid source.
Intuition sees without eyes knows without books; it can perceive without being able to tell you the reas the kosmos is the creative life and father of our conscious being We know it by faith, by spiritual
perception. It is as a mystic, as
one who has been brought to that one who has been brought to that Light of the sunlight, the Love superior condition has, who, in the breathed beyond the veil of mater iality, that I testify to you - that God, the living spirit of light, is and echo Emerson: "There is a soul at the center of nature, and no The wreng the universe.
breast is that of God within you guard it and develop it That
That state of peace I saw, wherein the roots
Of new existences are all destroyed; and greed
And hatred. and delusion all hate And hatred, and delusion, all have ceased-
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Social Development should be the one desire of every person. To discover the light and walk in it. Material wealth is nothing when compared to finding the wealth inherent in man-the forces of the soul

The Pulpit is forced by the pews and the spirit realm to acknowledge the truths of Spiritualism. Another popular preacher has avowed his belief in the higher spiritual thought of the present age. Rev. John F. Carson, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, New York, declares that 'spirits live in the other world very much as they do on earth, and that departed friends can and do look down in sympathy and love upon their mortal friends." Such ideas as these, he affirms, are 'in harmony with the facts of our present life." Yes; Mr. Carson is right, and that is the true doctrine, but its avowal may make him trouble at the hands of old-fogie dogmatists.

Another Heretic. - In the New York Presbytery a commission has been appointed, to report next November, to look into the case of Dr. McGiffert and his writings on the higher criticism, concerning the Confession of Faith, the inspiration of the Bible, the divinity of Christ, and the Lord's Supper. In all these dogmas he is not in accord with the Presbyterian Church; but few honest men of thought and intelligence can endorse those old dogmas, in this age of enlightenment.

Proi. Flammarion, the French Proi. Flammarion, the modified his views somewhat and attributes the spirit messages through mediums to subliminal consciousness. But is that any valid argument against its being communications from spirits? Is it not quite often the case (except when the medium is entranced) that the form of messages is molded, more or less, by the medium? This is not only a fact, but is often so expressed by the spirits themselves. Here is an instance
When Miss Kate Field was experimenting with Planchette and receiving communications which purported to come from her father, she inquired : "If this is not I writing, how is it that I know what
word will be written just before it word will be written just before it is traced on the paper?" "'I have no idea," she adds, "of the sentence in its entirety, but each word enters my mind before it is writ dear child, do you suppose that I can influence your hand to write without previously influencing your brain? Don't be alarmed. I as sure you that you are thoroughly innocent of abetting me in so stupendous a manifestation of power
hitherto either ignored or scoffed hit."

The daily papers have been making a mountain out of a mole-hill, in the matter of Flammarion's position on subliminal consciousness and spirit communication. Their display headlines and sensational announcements amount to nothing. He only suggests what every intelligent Spiritualist knows to be true, and what does not militate a particle against the fact of spirit return and communication.

HIS VERY LATEST STATEMENT.
To show the falsity of the reports about Flammarion's renunciation of Spiritualism, a cable message was received by the New York Journal from Paris on July 22, (last Journal from Paris on July 22
Saturday) in which he says:

My studies have led me to the discovery of a new proof of immortality. This proof is based upon my experience. For convenience sake let us call it an experimental demonstration of the immortality of the soul. Man dies. Years pass. I then talk to his spirit, of no deception. Am which admit in concluding there is a spiritworld and that the spirit lives after its separation from the body
I have had direct communication with hundreds of departed spirits. Hitherto all proofs of a future life have been based upon logic, justice and the spirit of humanity, stration. Now I have something positive in the way of proof which positive in the severest science cannot reject. like the deceased Ingersoll
Men like the deceased Ingersoll stration in argument. Founded on my experience of the invisible world, I am absolutely certain an
invisible world exists and that it invisible world exists and that it
has many unknown forces. has many unknown forces.

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Mrs. Eddy, the founder of Christian Science, did not appear at the late conclave of the society in Boston, and it has created quite a sensation in the Christian Science ranks. It is reported that she has passed to spirit life, though it was intended that she should not see the change called death. Her demise is endeavored to be kept secret, on account of the possible effect on the growth of the Society Her book on "Science and Health" was published in 1875. Her firs Christian Science church was founded in Boston in 1881. It is said that Mrs. Eddy was a Spiritualist previous to 1875.

Superstition received a very severe blow in Puck of July 19, where a double-page cartoon is shown, entitled "The Last Stand-Science vs. Superstition." A castle, flying the fiag of "Medieval Dogmatism," lets down a draw-bridge on which dogmatic and antiquated priests with javlins and spears, venture an attack on Scientific investigation Their banner says: "Believe or be Damned." Modern progressive clergymen, Lyman Abbott, Minot J. Savage, Heber Newton, Charles Briggs, and others, are manning a gatling gun, loaded with historical facts, rational religion, etc., and offer defense under the banner of "Think or be Damned." It is a wonderfully expressive cartoon, and shows the trend of public opinion towards rational religionthe war between Science and Super stition.
Puck's editorial comments on this cartoon are very interesting. We extract the following

The situation is not novel. Periodically, through all its days, the Church has had to face it. Firs it produces heretics ; then it expels it moves forward to where the offenders stood. There follows a time of rest, until other heretics push on and blaze another section of the endless path. All thinking has had to be done outside the Church, and despite its best effort to prevent it. Only in strenuous and generally bloody opposition to it have we been able to emerge our little way from barbarism. I has never led, but always followed. It was as eager to uphold human two centuries and a half before to punish the heretic who announced punish the heretic who announced heretics it has hatched, we would have no science, no art, no litera ture, no justice, no humanity.
To those outside, it is apparen that we are nearing one of those spiritual awakenings that mark history at regular intervals. Even while the self-immured ore to fall off, the people that once com posed them are finding elsewhere rational, working religion that their growing minds demand
The world seems to be demand ing a religion that will help it righ here and now. Too long has the Church taught man how to die He now insists that he is worthy enough in himself to be taugh how to live. He emphatically rejects all creeds that describe hin eight chances out of a hundred of
roasting in perpetuity because he thinking for him. He has come to know that there never was such a thing as the "fall of man;"-that man has never done anything but rise. He finds a revelation in his own consciousness to which all written revelation must conform or be thrown aside.
Truly, we have grown better since Jonathan Edwards discovered Rejoice at suin Glory Should Rejoice at the Sufferings of the Damned, or since the pious Mich to "the easiest room in hell" be cause they would have been bad anyway had they lived. The Church may be afraid for our future; but that is the Church's fault and mis fortune and not ours. And its anxiety will grow beautifully less when it has caught up with us
This is a wonderful statement of the case-but exceedingly true one

## Are attendantSpirits bad

 -The San Francisco Examiner o Sunday, July 16, under the head ing, "Do the Spirits Attend Us? Are the Good among them?"saysIt is less than a month since Pro fessor Hyslop of Columbia Univer sity and Crofessor Robert Hodgson to the world that they expected to to the world that they expected to the assistance of Spiritualistic "mediums," that the soul of man is immortal.

On the very day on which this announcement was made, Bishop W. H. Moreland delivered a sermon in which he expressed his convic tion that the spirits that commune His view afterwards was indorsed by many of the clergy.

It then inserted the two replies from Spiritualists, which are found in this Journal-one by A. Mark Stoddard, on page 3, and the other signed '"Ego," on page 2-both of which affirmatively answer the questions asked by the Examiner.

The Sanitarium at Reed City, Mich., owned by Dr. A. B. Spinney, is open to the Spiritualists, where the poor, the sick, the diswhere in our ranks, can have free eased in our ranks, can have free
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Col. Ingersoll, the noted agnostic, suddenly passed to "the beyond," on July 21, of heart failure. He is not an agnostic any longer. He now knows "what it is to be there." He was a wonderful man, and has done more to enlighten this age than any other person. He has freed millions from the thralldom of superstition and dogma, and in history he will be known as the greatest emancipator of the nineteenth century. He was a noble, generous and magnetic man, and one of the world's greatest orators. The priests hated him, but they cannot truthfully say aught against his character. His noble impulses, purity of life, honorable record and generosity compel universal respect and admiration. He was not a Spiritualist, but he was a liberator, an altruist, a benefactor of mankind in general, and his physical absence will be mourned by a world. His work is not yet finished. but will be continued "over there,"-still aiding in every possible way to elevate the race, and thus forward the work of the progression of the twentieth century

Since the foregoing was in type, we learn that last Sunday Spirit Robert G. Ingersoll delivered an address at the Zoo Park Spiritualist Camp-meeting, Springfield, Ill., through Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, to 5,000 people. He said that spirit-life was yet a mystery to him, but that there was no moment of unconsciousness. In passing out of the body there was no pain, but a quickening sensation as he passed into the spirit body. There was no flight through space-the two worlds seeming to intermingle. He saw his lifeless form, and stood beside it, and witnessed the weeping of the bereaved ones. His spirit discovered that it entered into an inheritance of the thoughts and deeds of this life, immediately at death.

Not a Cent for the Church. -William Steel, late manager of the London and San Francisco Bank, who died lately, left an estate of $\$ 100,000$. The closing paragraph of the will reads
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Evidently, he was not a lover of the priests or the Church.

Nanaimo, a city in British Columbia, has sian socimedium is wanted there, for 2 medium is wanted there, for 2 was the last medium engaged there; as a successor, one must be able to hold the audiences. Address the secretary for particulars: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Campbell, box 204, Nanaimo, B. C.

## The Rexiewer.

The Psychology of Religions, by Raoul de la Grasserie, laureate of the Paris Institute, Doctor and Judge of the Tribunal at Rennes; 308 pp. Paris, Ancienne Librairie Germer Bailliere et Cie; Felix Alcan, editeur; 108 Boulevard Saint-Germain.
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Camp Meeting.-The Summerland Spiritualist Association, of which Prof. J. S. Loveland is President, will hold a camp meetng, commencing August 27 itors coming to the camp meeting on the 25 th and 26 th of August can rates. WM. P. Allen, Sec.

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"How dare we refuse a public con cession to the poor man of a righ of recreation which has long been assumed by the rich man, with no protest or outcry from the clergy who seem touched to the quick only when desecration, as they call it, is noisy and vulgar. The observance of a day of rest is only a most wise human law now not to be enforced by penalties. Paul speaks of the Sabbath" Such
Such were the declarations of that eminent scholar. No religious moral action loftier conception of of Trinity Chapel who was imbued with the spirit of the Son-of-Man, who declared: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he annointed me to preach good tidings o the poor.
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Mrs. Piper and the Scientists TO THE EDITOR
I am glad to see that the grand medium, Mrs. Piper, has set the wiseacres to thinking. Is it not sublime to see this, in spite of all that has been said and done against the cause of Spiritualism; and in masqueraded in its name, self-confessed frauds, who have entered its sacred precincts and fattened upon who have gone to them in all confidence for consolation in times of trouble. How could anyone be so lost to all decency as to dupe these poor souls, take their hard-earned money, and then join those who, through their ignorance of all spiritual law, seek to undermine the fair name of our beloved Spiritualism! Are not such enemies haira to deal with? Wolves within the fold who go about in sheep's clothhonestly and openly oppose us. honestly and openly oppose us
In spite of all this, I am finally that Spiritualism will yet be demonstrated to the world in so open and general a way, that there will be no excuse for anyone not to accept it. It will have to be accepted universally, for "truth is mighty and will prevail;" and truth 'crushed to earth will rise again. All hail to the noble, bravehearted ones, who have had the moral courage to proclaim to a skeptical world an unpopular truth.
Mrs. Piper has done a pood work Mrs. Piper has done a good work; more convincing to the skeptics.
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## New Era Camp.

## To THE EDITIOR

New Era itself is the name of a railroad station on the east bank of the beautiful Willamette river, twenty miles south of Portland. The camp is a most beautiful nat ural park of magnificent native fix trees, ferns and green sward, hedged in on all sides by a world of that varied and luxuriant foliage which so richly abounds in this an a mesa, level as a tabl. It is on a mesa, level as a table, overheight of about 200 feet above the water, and sloping more gently north to an artificial lake of picturesque beauty fed by a running
brook of clear water. The meet-
ings are, in the main, well attended and interesting. The California delegation are honored with a prominent place on the working program by way of showing the generous hospitality of Oregon Spirit ualists towards their great sister
State. Mrs. Cowell is doing a splendid work with her public tests and talks and private sittings. The remark has been heard in the camp that if she keeps on at this rate the whole of Oregon will be converted.
Miss

Miss Dora Dixon, a charming young woman also from Oakland, is quite an ornament of the camp, She addressed a woman's meeting last week on the importance of organizing an independent working association. Her remarks were highly interesting and wholesome Mrs. W. W. Washburn, of San Francisco, has also favored the camp with a very interesting and instructive recital of her experi ences in the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Cornelius, of Portland, is also doing good wo
Among the official corps of the Camp Association it is a pleasure to know such people as Mr. La Zelle, its president; Mrs. O'Brock, vice-president, and others too numerous to mention. Upon the whole, our experience at the New Era Spiritualist Camp will be long and pleasantly remembered

## Portland and Seattle.

To the EDitor
While in Portland I visited the Lyceum, and had a very pleasant time; also attended meetings at the residence of Mrs. Lucy Mallory. Itended the Lyceum under the attended the Lyceum under the ductor, and Mrs. Monroe, guard dactor, They are both earnest work ers, and I was very cordially received. I visited Mrs. Foye at
her rooms, and also attended her her. rooms, and also attended her meeting in the evening.
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## Local News Summary.

Edited by M. S. NORTON. Mediams Protective Association:
This society held its regular Wednesday evening meeting at Oriental Hall,
605 McAllister St. W. Jones delivered a short address, followed by Mrs.
Sadie Eberhardt, Mrs. Jennie Robinson Sadie Eberhardt, Mrs. Jennie Robinson
and Mrs. H. A. Griffin with messages.
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Hermetic Brotherinood Mermeticesrotherinood.- The
usual silence, followed by a song by Mrs. Virginia Weld, opened the meeting at
856 Hayes St., last Tuesday evening.856 Hayes St., last Tuesday evening.-
The event of evening was a paper
prepared and read by Elder-Brother Weld, on "Reincarnation.", Mr. Weld
presented the subject from the standThe paper was scholarly and exhauntive and should be printed and preserved. Numerous questions were presented in Writing and answered. There were a
few benighted Spiritualists present, and few benighted of the question was pre-
the otber side of the surp to the surprise of some, sented, much to the surprise of some,
who had arrived at the conclusion that
there was no "other side," there was no "other side."
Sunday Meelings.-John Slater has
cancelled his Eastern engagements and will remain here. He had Scottish Hall Capt. H. H. Brown opened a meeting in Pythian Castle last Sunday evening. teacher and psychic. $\quad$ Mme. Young had ner crowded house Sunday evening, and her platform McAllister St. Mrs. C. J. Meyer was assisted by Mrs.
Jennie Robinson in Friendship Hall,
Sunday evening, 335 McAllister Sunday evening, 335.McAllister St.
Mr Mrs, Eberhardt held
usual Sunday evening meeting at 3250 usual sunday eveni
Twenty-second St.

A Surprise.- When Mr. W. T. Jones Saturday evening, be found a select company of friends, gathered at the the
invitation of Mrs. Pamperin and Miss brate the anniversary of his birthday. There was a merry time, and when the hour of separation came there were of the event. Brother Jones may also
include the congratulations of the

Universal Spiritual Association.-
Last Sunday the good people assembled Last Sunday the good people assembled
at 20 Eddy St., discussed the question of the division of domestic labor, ostenfavorite hobby-horse, just as though
there had been no question. Next Sunday there will be a "free for all;" and
it is to be boped that some of the hobbies will be ridden to death, buried, and
forever forgotten. Selah.
Personais.-We note the presence in land, Mris. RebeccaI. Johnson of Hollis-
ter, and W. D. J. Hambly of San Jose ter, and W. D. J. Hambly of San Jose,
in attendance upon the State Board
meeting.

## Meeting of the state Boara.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors was held at headquarters,
1423 Market St., on Saturday, July 22,
at 8 p. M. Pres. Norton in the chair ; all 1423 . Market St, on Saturday, July 22,
at $8 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M}$. Pres. Norton in the chair; all
members being present except Mr. Small members being present except Mr. Small
and Mrs. Kallenberger. After the transaction of routine business, hearing and mittees, a Certificate of Protection was
granted to Mr. Carl Eberhardt.
The following was unanimously The following was unanimously
adopted, as a substitute for the resolutions introduced at the last meeting by be submitted to the State Convention mmediately after seating the delegates

San Francisco, July 22, 1899. To the California State Spiritualists' Associa-
tion, in Fourth Annual Convention assembled-Greeting.
Whereas, The foundation of our structure rests upon spirit guidance; and recognizing the vaiuable service rendered be mediums of communication between the two worlds, we do hereby recomtion, your honorable body enact an stitution, by adding after the words, words, "and mediums holding valid certificates of ordination, endorsement, or protection, from thec. 1 A Art. V of the ByLaws, these to Sords: 1 , Art. V of the Byendorsed mediums, accompanied by a
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society, shall be their credentials. medis action will make our endorsed to all conventions; of justice which will be appreciated on both sides of life. By order of the Board
of Directors. THOS. G. NEWMAN, Sec. The President and Secretary were State Convention, and a committee, consisting of the president, secretary,
treasurer, Mr. Wadsworth and Mrs. treasurer, Mr. Wadsworth and Mrs
Robinson, was appointed to make ali necessary arrangements therefor and the work.
The necessary blank reports and cre dentials for representatives were ordered auxiliary societies, to be filled up and
returned, as required by Articles IV and
V of the By-Laws and Article VI of the or the By-Laws and Article VI of the
Adjourned at 10:30 p. M.
Thos. G. Newman, Sec.
Passed to Spirit Life, on the 17 th
ast., Hallie Bryson, aged 17 years and 10 months. The funeral services were home, 385 Jersey St., under the auspices of the Mission Progressive Lyceum, W.
T. Jones, conductor, offficiating, after appropriate remarks. He was assisted by several members of the Lyceum,
using the beautiful burial service found in the Lhe beautiful buide.
Lectures on Palmistry.-The Monday evening lectures on Cheirosophy, by audiences having grown to such an extent that the lecturer has been forced
to move into larger quarters. The new
ddress is 301 Polk St., corner of Fulton. These lectures are given gratis, and are doing a great deal towards the uplifting
On the Quiet.-There is going to be a mammoth reception to delegates the
night before the Convention. More
about it next week
Lyceum Pariy.-The Mission LyWednesday evening, July 26, at Excel-
sior Hall, Mission St., between Nineeenth and Twentieth.
Examine these columns carefully for and already there are indications that it will be the largest and most important spiracy to destroy the State organization has failed, and those who gave aid and comfort to the enemy will be rememWhere is Mrs. Abbie ifruce? She is an aged medim, and intended to go since. Her address is desired at this
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