Truth wears no mask, bows at no human shrine, seeks neither place nor applause: she only asks a hearing.

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REVISED. HEAVEN

AND A VOICE SAID UNTO ME, "WRITE." "It Shall be Given You in That Same Hour What Ye Shall Speak."

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CHAPTER 1X.

FIT TEMPLES FOR HOLY SPIRITS. I had, from the first, been anxious to re-

were supposed to emanate. mediums, possessing diverse gifts. Two or Oh, it was rare fun for them.

ceived. der of the circle thither. Some were actu- jest of mischievous immortals, drew around every way for their work. ated merely by curiosity. One or two came | him only a lower class of spirits, and nothwith an earnest and honest desire to investi- | ing of any real spiritual value was received | in earth life, that the more fully mediums | every middle-aged man and woman in New | tween articles of food which are dissimilar, gate. The larger number were simply anx- | through his mediumship; and as I studied | cultivate themselves in every direction, in- | England remembers the story of Laura Bridg- | but neither sense is a source of pleasure or ious to hear from their departed friends; but | him, I saw that it was impossible that there | telligence no less than spirituality, do they | man, the blind deaf mute, whose fate has | much profit to her. The destruction of hearof the entire number not more than one or ever should be until he has radically chang- lessen the labor of their spirit visitants who made a more standard example of patience ing and sight was so complete that the eartwo were really seeking spiritual light and ed. This instrument, like the other, gave have a work to do on earth, and can only and submission in Yankee homes and schools rations and eye balls are gone, the latter retruth; and each one attracted around him | forth only weak and discordant notes, even | perform it satisfactorily by the help of mor- | than the more ancient record of Job and his | moved by operation some time after her illspirits whose moods and motives correspond- when played upon by master spirits, because tal agency. The wiser, purer and truer is sores. Perhaps no better demonstration ness in order to stop pain and inflammation. ed with his own. There were idle, mischiev- it was imperfect and out of tune. ous spirits, bent on having a good time; A third medium opened her lips in her spirits be attracted, but truth itself will be matter merely of relative and not of absolute has reached a much higher degree of culthere were earnest spirit investigators, ready | turn, and I waited anxiously to see and hear | less adulterated in passing through his or | conditions than in the history of peace and | tivation and perceptive power than was ever to second the efforts of mortals; there were what would be the message, and how deliv- her intelligence. As water to the spectator, content that has followed and still follows attained in another human being. By sense those who had recently departed from the ered. Again I was given that inner percep- apparently takes on the color of the glass | the life of Laura Bridgman. Certainly her | of touch alone, which interprets the waves earth, and were most eager to send back a | tion of character. I saw a woman of weak- | which contains it, so must the nature of the | sisters in this community would rank as hap- | of air upon her face, she can tell in walking word of comfort; there were high and pure ly good impulses, superstitious in her nature, medium tinge and modify all that to which piest among women did they possess in the on the street whether buildings abut closely spirits who sought an opportunity for im- and with a zeal for her faith which was only he or she gives utterance. pressing mortals with the grand truths which | excelled by her ignorance. Only partially |

truly desire them. apparently in the prime of life, grand and deceive. She was a victim of her own zeal I had resolved that I would make no blun- her. Miss Bridgman is now a woman of 57 | ing is of brick or wood. glorious in his presence, was depicted as and her own mental delusions; while other ders, utter no foolishness, and that my tests | years, and she still makes her home for the | Some time ago, several scientists, one or garb of a quarter of a century ago. In no spiritual darkness as herself, listened intent- earth-born intentions. Perhaps I may reach stitution for the blind, where she first re- an interesting test of Miss Bridgman's deliway correspond with the actual presence be- and accepted her words without question. fore me; and when a spirit from one of the "You see," said Margaret, "what we have ing been allowed to make the effort, and in and feature she is not unlike many women the separation of two points. Take, for in lower spheres, with a mischievous leer upon to contend with in our attempts to establish finding that I was even partially successful. of her age, except that a rare delicacy of or- stance, two pins, and hold them together

indignation had reached their height. I turned to Margaret with impatient, evil. We need patience. angry words. Was clairvoyance after all Almost disheartened, I then turned my at- a time there entered one who seemed unlike | fashioned. only a delusion?

spirit eyes in mortal form can behold spirit. her from my vantage ground of the Spiritthe identification complete, this impression | preciating the privileges and duties which | blind and deaf to most of the spiritual hap- | ness continued for fully six months, and it is almost invariably of the spirit as it ap- | fell to her because of her peculiar gift. peared while still dressed in mortality, the had known all these four mediums while I of friends. It is not a delusion; it is not even | erably accurate estimate of their different | he was, for some time he gave no sign, and I | tent investigators that no case is known of a stop at this phase of spirit manifestation, the important bearings these characters and spirit utterances fell on deaf ears. But af- back of the second year of infancy. So in and seek nothing further, know nothing acquirements had upon their mediumship. As | ter awhile a dull curiosity seemed to be Laura's case there never has been the faintwhatever of Spiritualism. They accept the I still regarded the fourth speaker, I noted guarantee for the thing itself; that which is | that she was surrounded only by bright spir- | ing. It was plain he heard them, and per- | senses which she lost. In much that she offered in testimony of truth for the truth." its. As others approached her, they seemed haps indistinctly saw them. Neither the says and writes, she often refers to the beau-

permitted?" ant and credulous offer themselves as willing | "Oh, make me worthy—make me more worthy | looked perplexed, as if some faint, far off | brought to one whose only conception of

the impositions of this class?"

themselves in their personal characters rise | her in benediction. Even she was not per- | struggle went on, and at last memory was | teach Laura the rudiments of word signs. It above them, and they cannot approach them | haps fully capable of becoming the messen- | triumphant. An expression of intense pain | was accompanied by attaching to every artifor purposes of evil; and on the other hand, | ger of communication from the brightest | swept over his face, and then was followed | cle in common use its name in raised letters. let mankind at large bring to the study of and best of those who have passed to the by fearful passion. What was it? I could Having mastered that idea, she readily learnthese phenomena its reason and its judg. Spirit-world from the earth life: but then not tell. Was it a far-off innocent child- ed the deaf-and-dumb finger alphabet signs ment. Let it not take all spiritual utter- how few theresare—where can they be found— | hood and of a time before he had all but | for the same objects, and thereafter her. ances on faith, simply because they are who are thus in all things capable! spiritual in their source. Let it discriminate between the good and the evil, the wise me. Words were spoken in which there were | ping and snarling like a wild animal, and | reading, and the occupants of the Perkins Inand the foolish, that which if accepted will much wisdom—words which were not un- uttering broken sentences as if half for-got- stitution have a large raised letter library. benefit, and that which will prove injurious. | worthy almost any source, but when a name | ten but terrible caths, the man crept away | Miss Bridgman cares very little for reading. But to return to the subject of mediums, | illustrious in the annals of literature, whose | with hideously contorted motions, not even | She much prefers that some one should read

communications of those who wished to vined my thoughts. which I had often beheld and taken part in | brain of the medium, and this being dull and | far heavenward, and descending from spirit | —toward the light only—it does not reach | of it. She is also a faithful correspondent, from the earthly side. True to my, belief in untrained, responded but faintly to the to spirit, until it had finally found utterance him yet." Spiritualism I had faithfully attended the touch of spirit hands. One of the higher on earth. Oh, these wonderful spiritual Poor, lost human soul! Oh, the outer dark- people whose sole object is curiosity or to obmore or less credence. Though my faith look of dismay and discouragement came | gether as a perfect whole! shaken, there had, nevertheless, always been | thoughts dulled, the truths he would utter | before the difficulties which beset the Spirit- | by divine love! a feeling of dissatisfaction, away down deep obscured, his meaning perverted, and his world in its attempts to establish communiin my heart, that the words of inspiration | very language murdered, in passing through | cation with earth. Mortals themselves are which were addressed to us from the spirit | the channel of this woman's intellect. Dis- | so ignorant of the necessary conditions. spheres, were not more inspired, more worthy appointed, he soon ceased his efforts, and Then their imperfect natures draw around of the source from which they emanated or again a degraded spirit stepped in, and them more or less degraded spirits, which with scarcely a break in the discourse, pro- naturally interfere with, if they do not ut- How the Spirit May Get on With Only One The time finally arrived when I was per- | ceeded at some length with a jargon of ideas, | terly thwart, the efforts of the higher and mitted to attend the very circle of which I and a grammar eliminated of all recognized purer ones. Then mediumship being, as it had once been a member. A dozen or more | rules; and when he concluded, he announced | might be said, an accident of the physical | persons sat in a semi-darkened room, clasp- | the name of one of the most brilliant states- | and mental organization, mediums are as a | The Accomplishments of Laura Bridgman, ing one another's hands. Around them were | men America has ever known. This name | rule so unprepared for the work required of | circles upon circles of spirits, of every grade, | was received with a rapture of delight by a | them. Untrained, too often the reverse of | all anxicusly awaiting an opportunity to large number of those present, while the spiritual in their natures, too often without communicate with those of earth. Of the boon companions of the mischievous invisi- a sense of moral responsibility, from such mortals present three or four were recognized | ble were equally expressive of their pleasure. | harsh, discordant instruments, though their

medium, and I heard a description of Jesus | spiritual worlds. Not only must man look | at some future periods.

with the crown of thorns upon his head, giv- through a glass darkly in his attempts to being also the name of Jesus, my disgust and | hold the light, but the glass is too often unnecessarily obscured by ignorance, folly and

tention to the fourth and last medium, to see No, my child, no; you do not understand. if any hope were left of communication of form of manhood, he seemed almost to be- who has not heard the story of Laura Bridg-Let'me explain. Neither mortal eyes, nor truth from the Spirit-world. As I studied It is too ethereal to be perceived. But for world, from which we can look through the were nearly lacking, and in its stead was al- Bridgman's infirmities date from the second purposes of identification it is possible to disguises of the flesh, I found that she was a impress the medium's brain so that he be- woman of quick perceptions, keen discernlieves that he sees; and in order to make ment, true to the heart's core, and fully ap- on around him. Indeed he must have been sight, hearing, taste and smell. Her sickimpression corresponding with the memory was still in the flesh, and had gained a tol- Was he conscious of what was passing? If in her case, it is said to be a fact by compea deception. But those who are content to characters, but had never realized as now, presently became satisfied that the direct person who can trace anything in memory "But why was that deception about Jesus | restrained at a certain distance by some in- | reprehensible deceits of the lying spirits. | ties of light and sound, especially of the forermitted?"

Visible barrier which, try as they would, they nor the discouraging failures of the true mer, but she has no adequate conception of "Truly that was a deception; but when could not pass. She was herself true, and ones, seemed to make more than a surface either. How can she have? How can it be you visited the lower spheres, was it not ex- | therefore as a medium she uttered words of | impression upon him. But finally, when | possible to convey in words even a vague implained to you that spirits of a low grade, truth. She was intelligent, and did not un- through the agency of the only worthy me- pression of the beauties of a landscape to a who have no clear perceptions of right and wittingly pervert the truth. All her desires dium present, beautiful truths were being mind which cannot do more than dimly wonwrong; take pleasure in deluding humanity? and aspirations seemed to be directed heav- uttered, his face took on a new expression. der what the great principle of light may be? It affords them rare amusement. The ignor- enward, and the cry of her soul seemed to be: I was impressed to watch him intently. He | Or how can any idea of a grand harmony be of the mission to which I am appointed!" And memory was struggling to the surface. The sound must be gained by the trembling of "But how can humanity protect itself from a bright band of angels, as if in response, en- words had recalled something which he had the floor under a friend's footstep, of the circled her head with a glowing diadem of so long forgotten that it had almost become concussion of air following a cannon shot. "The way is very plain. Let mediums stars, while their hands were extended above to him as though it had never happened. The A great deal of patience was required to

I did so, and her character was revealed to a generation ago, was given, I felt my heart | The spectacle was a horrible one.

keys be touched by angel fingers, mortals | A Boston letter to the N. Y. Sun, gave an more of these were attended by their little | Then a second medium was controlled by can never hope to hear the melodies of | interesting sketch of Laura Bridgman, which

his countenance, gained possession of the communication between the material and To succeed at all now, meant greater success | ganization, both mental and physical, im- | with points side by side. Fouch the points

There was one incident which I came very | not robust, she is seldom ill. and her health near forgetting to relate. Among the many is probably as good as that of most ladies of spirits of nearly all grades which thronged her age. She dresses plainly, and her appearto the spirit side of this earthly seance, after ance in this respect is best described as oldall the rest. Though he bore the outward | The question always asked first by any one long to a lower order of beings. Upon his face | man's life is, How was the first idea of words was a vacant expression, as if intelligence and language conveyed to her mind? Miss most the look of a wild beast. He seemed year of her childhood. A severe attack of scarcely to see or to hear what was going scarlet fever destroyed the four senses of penings; but crouching down in an abject completely wiped out all memory of her attitude, he remained silent and motionless. early infancy. Aside from this circumstance awakened in what the mediums were say- est recollection of the use of the two chief murdered his own soul, and thus sent it to a progress was remarkably rapid. But still another shock was in store for long sleep? No; I could not tell. But, snapstudy this clairvoyant, and see what she is." | possessor had passed to spirit life more than | seeking to rise to his feet, but using all fours. | to her by hand sign from newspapers and re-

me, showing me that she was not only ig-sink within me. I knew the spirit thus "You have beheld the first awakening of a earnestly keeps up a silent conversation norant and credulous, but with no clear con- named was not present. I had already suf- soul from its death-like lethargy," said Mar- whenever opportunity affords. Her daily victions of duty, no just conceptions of the ficient knowledge to feel assured that he garet, who too had witnessed the scene. "It | routine is a quiet one. She lives in one of importance of her mission as a medium of passed onward to a sphere whose inhabitants can never sleep again, but through agonies the four cottages on the grounds of the insticommunication between the two worlds do not return to earth. Was there, then, no untold must begin to work out its own re- tution in South Boston. She has the sole The display of clairvoyant powers con-dependence to be placed in the utterances demption. He will be attracted hither again care of her room, which is a model of neatcluded, one spirit after another took posses- of mediums? Were even the best liable to and again, each time to retreat in the same ness. She is very skillful with the needle in sion of her organism for a brief time. The self-deception? Margaret, ever watchful, di- fury of debasing passion, until after many ordinary and fancy sewing. Many a sharptimes he will become calmer, and will stay eyed seamstress would envy the speed with speak to earth friends were for the most | "Look." said she, pointing upward. And as I and listen, and will hear a few words, per- | which she threads her needle, even if it be a turn to the earth and communicate with the part brief and unsatisfactory, though sev- obeyed her I beheld, or seemed to behold—for haps, which shall shed a little spiritual fine one. She does it placing the end of dear friends I had left there; and when I eral names were correctly given. Why was if it was not sight, it was a perception as light upon him; and from merely feeling the thread and the head of the needle in her realized that I had not sufficient knowledge this? In answer, the power was given to strong as the sense of seeing—a succession of he will begin to think. He has a long and mouth, and in an instant the threading is acfor that, I was still anxious to be permitted | me to perceive in part the method of com- links extending from sphere to sphere, and | weary way before him, for he is just setting | complished by the end of her tongue. Thread to go where such communication was held munication. The impression was made up- from spirit to spirit, and on this chain of links out upon the road; but though he knows it lace, very delicate, she knits rapidly, and and behold from the spirit side of life that on, and the work performed through the thought has been conveyed, originating not, his face is turned toward the light in the course of a year makes a great deal

weekly circle, and had received the various | band of spirits found opportunity to attempt | bonds, which can bring earth in communicad ness where it has so long dwelt! Oh, the | tain an autograph. Her writing is stiff and manifestations and communications with communication through her; but what a tion with the higher spheres, and bind all to-weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth angular, like that of most blind people, but which must be its portion before it finds it- it is remarkably distinct. was founded on a rock and could not be over him, when he heard his brilliant on this occasion I realized as I had never self in the light of divine truth and warmed

TO BE CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.

'A DEAF MUTE'S EVOLUTION.

of the Five Senses.

Who in Infancy Lost Her Sight and Hear-

ing and the Senses of Taste and Smell. to the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

presses every one who meets her. Although

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Most blind people are passionately fond of ligious books. She is extremely sociable, and unless she be overwhelmed by letters from

A simple guiding device for the pencil is used by her and by most blind writers. Beneath the paper on which she writes is placed a sheet of pasteboard covered with slight depressions, each about an eighth of an inch square (the size of the body of a small letter), three-eighths of an inch apart, and arranged in horizontal lines to correspond with the lines of manuscript. The body of a letter is made over each depression, and it extends above or below with such letters as it is necessary.

One of Miss Bridgman's daily duties during the school year is to assist in the instruction of one of the kindergarten classes of blind children. They all learn the hand alphabet, and her work among them is a de-

light both to her and to her pupils. Scientifically considered, Miss Bridgman's familiar spirits, through whose agency the one or more spirits. I could look into his heaven. The first need of Spiritualism is should be read by all Spiritualists, illustrate case presents many interesting features bearcommunication of others was usually re- heart and see good impulses there, but also conscientions, pure minded mediums, fully | ing as it does, the latent powers of the hu- | ing upon the degree of skill which the trainimpunity and lack of high principle. He, recognizing the grave responsibilities resting man soul. It is just half a century since the ling of a single faculty will develop. The Various motives had brought the remain- too, though not so much the plaything and upon them, and seeking to fit themselves in popular heart of the country went out in pity senses of smell and taste have in some detoward one who has ever since been regarded gree returned to her. She can detect pungent How clearly I see now, as I did not see as the most afflicted of human kind. Almost odors and knows the difference by taste bethe medium, not only will a higher class of | could be found of the fact that happiness is a | The sense of touch which remains to her same degree her calm serenity and unselfish upon the sidewalk or there is an open At last the supreme moment was come. I devotion. Possessing but one unimpaired space intervening. More wonderful still, Spiritualism holds in reserve for those who controlled by unseen powers, she allowed was permitted to attempt the control of a faculty—that of touch—Miss Bridgman has she can perceive in the same way—and other her eagerness and her imagination to run | human organism. That which seemed so | become a cultivated woman, fairly well ac- | inmates of the Perkins institution have the A clairvoyant first spoke, and described the away with her. She mistook her own impulses | easy, I found very difficult, but I was kindly | quainted with the world and its life, as far same power—whether a fence lining the spiritual forms which were presented to her for genuine impressions from the Spirit- instructed and assisted until I finally suc- as it is in the power of language without walk is made of pickets or is of solid boards. vision. As I listened to the descriptions. I world, and that which she gave was a med- ceeded in uttering a few words, and in par- physical demonstration to convey ideas. It Mr. Anagnos, the director of the institution, who beheld the spirits described, looked at ley of truth and falsehood, reality and tially establishing my identity. From one is a constant marvel to those around her says that Laura and two or three others of Margaret in amazement. A youth nearing delusion; the whole so debased by ignorance point my effort was very unsatisfactory, and that she understands and appreciates so the blind inmates are able to perceive accumanhood was represented as an infant, still and misconception as to be utterly worth not at all what I had pictured to myself much, and that she is able to make such rately, by means of reflected heat or air dressed in earthly baby habiliments. A man less. Yet the woman did not intentionally while in earth life that it should be. Then wonderful use of the single sense that is left waver, whether a building they may be pass-

decrepid with age, and wearing an earthly victims, enshrouded in the same mental and should be perfect. But I fell far short of my greater part of each year at the Perkins In- two Harvard professors among them, made case did age, appearance or garments in any ly and even reverently to what she said, them in the future. I shall try. There ceived, fifty years ago, instruction in the use cacy of touch. They undertook to measure was, however, supreme satisfaction in hav- of language from the late Dr. Howe. In form | the distance at which she was able to detect

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BLIND TOM AT HOME.

Feeling the Sunlight and Imitating the Church Bells and the Singing Birds.

e Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Blind Tom the musical African, has not piano floats softly from the interior of the notes. from the instrument are those of a strapping | colo player. big negro who sits at the piano in the upon the balmy air in waves of captivating | ty that was marvelous.

ing piteously. A railing that reaches above little bird. his waist completely cuts off egress to the

always cheery, for all the listeners know well | petted child in a play house. Alternately | fore a court of law.

possible. sers and a dark flannel vachting shirt, bare- | voice. headed and uneasy. He behaves like an imor dancing up and down in a mysterious de- Journal readers. lirium. He has worn a ridge in the flooring of the porch near the hand rail by his restless promenade to and fro. Music or harmonious sounds seem to be the only influ-

One Sunday recently the chimes in Grace Church steeple on Broadway began to ring, and the echoes, softened by the distance they

tramp on the porch, and, resting his hand on | to retain it. the railing, raised his sightless eyes to the with rapt attention to the melody. The out of mere curiosity. It is important to reinto the parlor, and, seating himself at the | bug, if I thought about it all. piano, ran his fingers over the keys in a sudden inspiration. What he played was an im- | the first floor parlors of which had been of the music of the chimes. Tom repeated partition. About half-way on one side was June breeze.

the porch and listened, in a curiously intent | semi circle before the witch's throne, and way, to the noise made by the flapping wings | between thirty and forty persons occupied of a flock of pigeons, whose cote is built | them. The medium exhorted her audience against the wall of an adjoining house.

rays broke past the shade of a tree in the | piece played upon a parlor organ. garden and beat against the side partition found a new plaything.

ought to be ashamed of yourself to make such | his wild and dissipated career. He is sorry a frightful noise."

laughter.

approvingly; "she deserves it." she ran against the same torrent of rebuke | told them was true. from the regro musician. She tried desperately to sing him into silence, but failed to easily inclined to take a mystic view of this stop the stream of angered criticism.

cians is as flattering as this rebuke of dis- | sage from the sixteenth chapter of the Acts cord is severe and maddened. There are of the Apostles, setting forth how St. Paul, some cultivated vocalists and planists in the | "in the name of Jesus Christ," cast out an Ninth street flats, whose rear windows look | evil spirit from a certain girl, who brought out on his porch, and he stands and listens, her master much gain by divining, leaped with uncovered face, which exactly resemtice, or the pianists, who in this instance are | case? The woman had every appearance of | again claimed that relationship, told her he | the discovery of a new world began to coun- | than the idea that legislation must interfere young women, play. Then he dives into his possession. She gave a German message to

busy painting the railing and partitions of cription given in the Roman Ritual of the the porch, and putting down a carpet on the signs whereby genuine possession may worn floor. During all this time Tom him- distinguished from melancholy (atra bilis) or self was invisible, and the neighbors, who some disease: If the person, suspected of enjoyed his capers and his piano playing, being obsessed speak or understand lanbegan to comment auxiously on his continu- guages which they never learned; if they reed absence.

flats as he sat in the sunshine.

tenant, "and I'll fetch him out."

prisoned bear, at times crouching on all fours | the Sun reporter, can not fail to interest the | upon being dug into, disclosed a skeleton; New York.

Demonism in the Nineteenth Century.

Standpoint.

I had never taken much interest in spiritism until a few weeks ago. Of course, I knew had traversed, struck Tom's ear with a sweet | it existed. I had seen articles about it in tintinnabulation that reproduced note by the papers, and had read them just as I did note the beautiful Hymn, "Nearer, my God, | the other news, which passes very swiftly and completely out of the mind of one who In an instant the blind giant ceased his reads much, unless he makes a special effort

One evening a friend asked me if I would sky, and turning his head in the direction of like to attend and witness a spiritist circle. the chimes, stood like a statue, listening | Having nothing particular to do, I consented, echoes died away finally, and, waiting some | member this: I had no predisposition to bemoments to hear if they would continue, be | lieve anything I saw, but was inclined to groped his way through the open window | think the whole thing a trick, a mere hum-

We were introduced into a private house. itation, as perfect as the piano would allow, | turned into a long hall by the removal of the the same stirring imitation when a little a raised dais. Upon this the medium, who later the chimes again rang out upon the was a woman, sat in a plain chair, with a small, square table in front of her. Three Then he rose from the piano, went out on | rows of chairs were ranged in an oblong to put themselves in "harmony," whatever The sun meantime rose so that its hot that meant, and then had a weird sort of

The medium began to stare around her of the porch. The big negro leaned on his Her eyes flamed and dark circles formed hand against the partition. He withdrew it about them. Her lips quivered, and though the moment he felt the heat. The sensation | no foam appeared upon them, they took the seemed to puzzle him, for he placed his hand | peculiar shape of the lips of those who fall inon the partition again, withdrew it a second to a frenzy. Suddenly she began to see time, and began to stroke it and ponder. He spirits. She would point out a certain per stood in this way stroking his hand for many | son, tell him that a spirit, or two spirits, or moments. Then he looked up and smiled. It | three spirits approached him, with messages had dawned upon him at last that what he for him, which she would deliver. She told had felt was sunshine. He held both hands of papers lost, how they were lost, and where aloft, and groped in the air until he discov- they could be found; of a lost document, ered by his sense of feeling that he was whose duplicate existed and would yet be standing in the rays of the sun. He remain- discovered; of a wife who had been murdered, ed on the spot motionless, with his sightless | and who returned to tell her husband about orbs opened wide to the golden rays and a certain bank-book, informing him that she laughed with the glee of a child who has | had drawn nearly all the money from the bank and where the book, which was lost, could be One day last week when he had found the found; and a number of other things too sunlight in the same groping way a servant | numerous to mention. Let us take one as a girl, with a high keyed, discordant voice, be- specimen, partly because of its remarkable gan to sing "White Wings" as loudly as she nature, and partly because it made a procould. She was at work in a dwelling some found impression on my mind. An aged distance from Tom's house, but he heard her | man sat in the front row. Pointing to him, voice distinctly. It appeared to grate upon | the medium said: "I see the spirit of a young his nerves terribly, and he dashed up and man approaching you. He has been murdown the porch in rage, and finally turning | dered; he died a violent death; he is all his face in the direction of the singer he let | bloody about the breast. He says he is your loose the vocal batteries of his wrath full son in law. He says he was not killed in Baltimore, but in some city south of here "Shut up, can't you?" he screamed. "You | and that his death was the natural result of for the trouble he has caused you, and es-He poured out rebuke in this frantic style pecially for the way he treated your daughfor many minutes, while tenants of sur- ter, who was his wife. He comes to tell you rounding houses, who had a strongly that he is in torment and that you can help grounded prejudice themselves against the him much by your kindly sympathy." The servant girl's vocalization, roared with old man said all this was true; that his sonin-law, whose name the medium gave. had "Give it to her, Tom," some of them cried | been killed in a street brawl in New Orleans. All the others, most of whom were strangers Every time the girl tried to sing after that apparently, admitted that what the medium Such are the facts, as witnessed by one not

His method of complimenting good musi- | had witnessed set me to thinking. The pas-For several days last week workmen were performed. These exactly fitted to the desveal events happening at a distance, or good reasons, but who lived in the State of all sorts of pursuits which their predecessors sanitary condition of our cities by minute

"I wonder where Tom can have gone to?" things which are otherwise secrets to them; New York, had, from her third year acted would have condemned as worldly vanities. said one of the tenants of the Ninth street and if they exhibit physical strength far be- very strangely. This continued for twelve but they tried to make amends by forcing yond their natural condition. These are not years. She could tell of events happening in their flocks to bear a double, burden of self-"Give me that piccolo," exclaimed a fellow all the indications, but they fit the case of remote places, of which she had not even denial. the spiritists. Various unbelievers in the learned the names. ("Glimpses of the Super-The last speaker raised the piccolo to his supernatural have examined the facts of natural," pp. 30-71.) lips and sent the notes of the pretty ballad, spiritism, and it seems to me, all their argu-"My Nelly's Blue Eyes," floating over to the ments are grounded upon the assumption Theological Seminary of St. Francis, Wis- were made more and more ascetic. The been able to appear in public for some time, porch. He played cleverly for several min- that there is no supernatural, and conse- consin, relates the case of a young man gloom of medieval bigotry was transferbut a reporter of the New York Sun looked utes without effect. Then there was a com- quently there can be no manifestations there- named Charley. This is a very interesting red from the convent to the convent. him up the other day, and found that he was motion in the parlor, the bolts of the big from. Thus, Colonel Ingersoll says: "Delu- case, and I am sorry I cannot give Father ticle. The Scotch peasants of the sevenas much of a character as ever. In old-fash- window were suddenly unlocked with a sions, illusions, phantoms, hallucinations, Gmeiner's account in full. Those who de- teenth century were driven to kirk by laws as much of a qualacter as over a distance as over a window well stand and st ling Bowery, stands an old-fashioned, marble- the paint pots that littered the porch, laid | common property of the religious and the in- | will find it in his "Spirits of Darkness," pp. stooped dwelling that is a marked spot in his big black hands upon the freshly painted sane." (North American Review, 1882, p. 86.) 93-115. Charley could tell of events happenthat noisy corner of the town. At varying | railing, and leaned over, with a smile light- | Dr. W. B. Carpenter observes: "There are | ing in other places; could understand Latin, intervals daily the music of a sweet-toned | ing up his dusky face, to catch the piccolo | many persons quite sane upon ordinary mat- | though he never learned anything but low | ters, even, it may be, distinguished by some | German and broken English; was conscious old house and mingles a delightful harmony When the ballad was finished he groped special form of ability, who are yet affected of another will besides his own, controlling with the dull hum of traffic in the populons his way back to the piano, and, pressing his with what the writer once heard Mr. Carlyle his actions, and often making him do things times of a civilized age: hunting, fishing, thoroughfare. Men and women hurrying to paint-smeared fingers to the keys, played the term a 'diluted insanity'; allowing their which he did not wish to do. When the and fro in the street stop often and listen to ballad himself and the high notes: Then he minds to become so completely 'possessed' by prayers of exorcism were being said over nature-abiding foreighters, have become the strains. The fingers that deftly touch the dived out on the porch again and waited 'dominant ideas' that their testimony as to him he would lose consciousness of all surkeys and draw such wondrous symphonies anxiously for some more music from the pic- what they declare themselves to have wit- roundings, and the demon would, in order to But it is equally true that the occupations of nessed—even when several individuals con- cope with the priest, gain complete posses- civilized men often serve to amuse the 1eis-A bird flew into the garden while he wait- cur in giving exactly the same account of it sion of all his faculties. That the demon ure of primitive rustics. To men who have spacious back parlors, and for hours some- ed, and, perching upon a branch that nodded —must be regarded as utterly untrustwor- understood Latin is proved by the fact that passed a week in the fields and mountains spacious back pariors, and for home of the space of the s enough to have living quarters in the houses anthem to the sunshine and the balmy Edward Taylor explains it thus: "The re- effect of his exorcism, the priest called him able, change of programme to pass the in Ninth street, whose back windows look breezes. The negro's blind eyes again turn- ceived spiritualistic theory belongs to the a "canis infernalis"—an infernal dog—the seventh day in the shade of a meeting-house. upon the rear porch of the old-fashioned ed heavenward, and the black face lighted philosophy of savages. As to such matters demon furiously and promptly replied: "Ich dwelling, have a rare and delightful treat. up with joy. Tom turned his ear so that he as apparitions or possessions, this is obvious; bin kein Hund"—"I am-no dog." He also The back windows of the old dwelling, reach. | could catch every note of the feathered song- and it holds in more extreme cases." Mr. | showed by his actions and words that he pering from floor to ceiling, are thrown open to ster's melody, and he drank it in as one Herbert Spencer lays down his principle of fectly understood the Latin of the prayers. the June breezes and the sunshine, and all would take a draught of delicious wine. unvarying law, holding that if things hap- All these people were exorcised successthe wondrous variety of melody that the When the song ceased he went back to his pen which we cannot explain, it is only be- fully, with the exception of Charley, whose standards of comparison may incline us to negro draws from his grand piano floats out | piano and reproduced the notes with a fideli- | cause of our ignorance of the law. On this | case is still in suspense. They are similar. basis, such eminent writers as the English in all their features, to the various forms of Then he shut the windows, and was seen | Faraday and the German Specht have con- spiritism. I would, therefore, conclude that Every once in a while the stalwart African | no more that day on the porch. He had made | ducted their investigations. They lay down | spiritism, when it is not a pure fraud and will start up from his seat and rush out upon | up his mind that he would not hear any | their theory first, and then the facts must be | pretense, is really demoniacal possession. the porch, and pace up and down like an im- | sweeter harmony than the unwritten music | made to fit the procrustean bed. I submit | Cunningham Geikie, D. D., in his "Life and prisoned animal, beating his chest and moan- that poured from the tuneful throat of the that this is not a scientific proceeding. Be- Words of Christ" (note to chapter 33), well personal liberty. sides, these theorists assume a great deal sums up the subject of demonism: Day by day passes thus in the old fashion- when, from their limited observations, they "The New Testament leaves us no doubt of little garden patch that blooms in the back | ed house, with the afflicted blind musician | form certain opinions about principles which, | the belief in the reality of these demoniacal yard and he runs his hand along it as if he awaiting new delights that come from unex- they say, must rule over nine-tenths of that possession on the part of Jesus and Evange- their leisure day circumscribed with prohibiwere trying to find a stairway to the garden. pected harmonies of sound. Watched by a universe they do not know, as well as over lists. Modern criticism has sought to tory by-laws against all sorts of out door "How are you Tom? What's the matter?" guardian, freed of all care, and giving him- the one-tenth they do know. Their theories attribute the phenomena associated with sports. With minds hungering for comsome one who has been listening is sure to self up to the whims and emotions of an ec- must stand aside for the evidence by which possession to physical and mental causes, munion with the master spirits of the age.

For hours daily he tramps up and down the | dies of singing birds, or tintinnabulating | haunted house at Athens, which was taken | more, Md.) in The N. Y. Independent. porch in his slippered feet, clad in blue trou- | chimes. or the harmonies of the human | by the philosopher Athenodorus, who saw a shadowy figure on one occasion, followed it. This sketch of Blind Tom, the medium, by and was shown a spot in the yard, which, when the remains were buried, the house ceased to be haunted. Plutarch's account of the appearance of Brutus's evil genius, after give a few specimens of demonism which have occurred in our day.

> on John Wesley, relates how the paternal house was haunted by a ghost, but Goerres. in "Die Christliche Mystik," has given the best account of the disturbance, which remains unexplained to this day. M. J. E. de Mirville, in his "Pneumatologie—Des Es-February, 1845, by rocks flying day and night from invisible hands; all Paris was in an uproar, but the utmost vigilance could detect no human agency in the strange case. A similar fate befell an inn near Gratz, in was that large stones which struck several Mystik," Vol. III, pp. 359-370.) The New England cases of witchcraft need only be mentioned here, so well known are they. Christians should ponder the weighty words of the Rev. Cotton Mather: "Flashy people may burlesque these things, but when hundreds of the most sober people, in a country where dead, etc., (Mezmerism, Spiritualism, etc.,

> by Allen Putnam, pp. 29-33.) I shall now relate three or four cases of well-ascertained possession; and then conclude. These are selected out of an immense mass of such cases collected by various writers. During about thirty-five years, thousands of persons, including savants and tourists, men of the most different views and religious opinions, visited Maria Moerl, of the Tyrol. In September, 1835, Joseph von Goerres, Professor Philipps, of Vienna, and the learned Clemens Brentano. went to see this girl, who had then not eaten anything for i had been troubled by hideous spectres. She times thrust under it-and her head beaten | She died on January 11th, 1868.

ed as though he was going to be killed.

ber 7th, the spirit appeared again, this time | by his talent for self-abasement.

Aulry," by the Rev. Michael Mueller.)

say when the musician makes such sudden centric personality, this strangely inspired the majority of the world has to go—evi- only, but the fact that disease takes the they approach the mental refectory of the appearances on the porch. Their greeting is black genius lives for all the world like some | dence as convincing as any ever brought be- | same forms from apparently natural causes | public libraries only to find the door closed. as it assumed from the action of evil spirits, They cannot worship the God of nature in that the big chested negro is none other than petulant and cheerful like a child, he plays | Many cases of demonism are recorded in leave the possibility of its being associ- his own temples; they cannot permit their Blind Tom, the famous Ethiopian pianist. when the inspiration moves him with his history by sober writers. We have only to ated with their presence in the cases re-Tom never appears in public. He is suffering | captivating toy, the sweet toned grand piano, | recall the fact that for two hundred years | corded in the New Testament, wholly unfrom some nervous complaint that renders a or gropes in a blind chase after the beautiful after the battle of Marathon, fearful noises, touched. There are more things in heaven repetition of his stage performances im- but unseen sunbeams, or drinks in with all as of a combat between two hosts, were and earth than are dreamt of in our the enthusiasm of a genius the varied melo- heard there every night. Pliny tells us of a philosophy." "-Hugh P. McElrone (Balti-

PUBLIC PENANCE.

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the goblin creed a harmless fancy.

It may, indeed be doubted, if Sabbatarian- drown their misery in an anodyne. ism, in its obtrusion upon the recreation- It is a significant circumstance that inneeding toilers of the nineteenth century, temperance is comparatively so rare among can be compared to any other evil that has the classes whose financial-or mental-re-Austria, where, in broad daylight, with the ever cursed the victims of epidemic delu- sources afford them the means of better recreisolated house surrounded by sixty people, sions. We can not too often insist on the im- ations, and among the nations whom a reand after it had been searched from top to portance of the truth that antinaturalism, dundancy of holidays has saved from the bottom, stones, weighing from a quarter of rather than supernaturalism, is the bane that slavery of Puritan Sabbath laws. In Spain, Ita pound to fifteen pounds, began flying at has made priests the worst enemies of man-aly, and Southern France, climatic influences the windows and doors, the furniture flung | kind. The gods of Paganism were the deified | would not prevent such laws from leading to itself against the walls, and the whole house power of Nature. Olympus, the seat of the the usual orgies of intemperance, though we was wrecked, so that the landlord had to immortals, was an earthly mountain; gods might well doubt if the joy-loving temper of move out. A remarkable fact in this case and heroes descended to share the joys of the the South would for a moment brook the outearth-born race; every form of pleasure had rage of interdicting public amusements on persons did not hurt them. ("Die Christliche | its tutelary deity; every holiday was a feast; | the only day when ninety out of a hundred "to enjoy was to obey." But more than two | workingmen find their only leisure for recrethousand years ago that era of nature- ation. As Edmond About well expresses it; worship began to yield to the doctrine of As- | we might as well legislate against the privceticism. Two centuries before the death of lege of dinner-eating at the hour when our the first Cæsar the eastern shores of the Med- | factory owners grant their employes a nooniterranean were infested with the emissaries | day pause, or rage with proscriptive penalties of Buddhism, with nature hating fanatics against the sin of out-door sports during the they have as much mother-wit certainly as | who inculcated the worship of sorrow for its | brief recess-hours of our city schools. The the rest of mankind, know them to be true, own sake. Self-torturers sought merit in the largest percentage of habitual drunkards is nothing but the absurd and forward spirit suppression of their natural instincts; the found neither in rural districts where the of Sadducism can question them." Thus, du- gospel of Antinaturalism was reduced to a lovers of field sports can always evade coerring those times various strange visions, in. system, and a few hundred years later the cion, her in cosmopolitan cities where the visible to others, were observed by the af- genial Jove had been superseded by the Head protests of a defiant plebiscitum limit the arflicted; once a black man; then a white of a heavenly Inquisition, a priest-god who rogance of bigots, but in middle sized towns spirit; again an Indian; also forms of the foredoomed a vast plurality of his creatures | lacking the primitive pastimes of an unto the torments of an everlasting Auto da | tamed wilderness, as well as the artificial Fe, who frowned upon every earthly pleasure | recreations of a wealthy metropolis. A conand had to be propitiated by the mortifica- siderable plurality of our most incurable tion of the most natural desires. In defer- | topers drink to get drunk, having been drivence to the predilections of that celestial en to take refuge in the Lethe of alcohol by Torquemada every holiday was made a day exactly the same cause that has propagated of penance. Fasts instead of feasts, mourn- the opium habit among the life-weary toil-ing instead of mirth, formed the programme | ers of the despotic East, the necessity of palof the chief religious festivals. Candidates | liating an evil for which the hard conditions for the glory of superior merit had to accept of their existence afford no permanent remethe doctrine of self-affliction in its logical dy. The blind intolerance of our Sabbataconsequences, and wage an unremitting war | rian bigots has, in fact. strengthened the against the welfare of their physical nature. | hands of the liquor league to a degree almost It is wholly impossible to name any method | tempting us to agree with Parker Pillsbury four years. During the years 1831 32 she of life-blighting and health-destroying self- that the temperance problem is but a sub-ditorture which the bigots of the Middle Ages | vision of the Sunday question. was often violently thrown out of bed, some- | did not practice in the hope of conciliating | And, directly too, Sabbatarianism operates the favor of their Creator. They loaded them- as a principal cause of those diseases which against the floor for over an hour at a time. selves with chains; they exposed their bodies | we are too apt to accept as an inevitable herto artificially aggravated extremes of tem- itage of civilization. Many hundred thou-

France, was, according to his biographer, revenged itself by permanent madness; they cellar plants, might have been saved by that Abbé Alfred Monin, troubled by strange nois- abstained from wholesome food, from recrea- modicum of fresh air and sunshine which es in his house for thirty-five years—raps at | tion, from marriage; they mixed their gruel | the tyranny of the Sunday laws withholds the door, steps on the stairs, scornful laugh- with gall; they arose in the middle of the from them. Numberless city-dwellers, even ter and insulting words; sometimes there night to deprive their bodies of sleep and of the temperate classes, in some fifty thouappeared to be a whole regiment of cavalry | their souls of a refuge in dreams; they sapped | sand communities of North America and riding through the rooms. Once he was lift- | their strength by bleeding, by flagellation, by | Great Britain perish, sickened body and soul. ed into the air; another time he was dragged | voluntary confinement in gloomy dungeons; | in the gloom of Quakerism; for as a condition about the floor; and on one occasion it seem- they immured their children in convents of moral and physical health, recreation is where tyranny and superstition combined as indispensible as sunshine. Hence the Nicola Aulry, a girl sixteen years of age, for the suppression of every natural instinct. prevalence of maladies which medicine fails very substantial world. But the spectacle I of Vervins, in Northern France, was, on Nov- | Painters and sculptors vied in the represen- | to relieve; hence that dyspeptic life-weariember 2nd, 1565, kneeling at the grave of her | tation of revolting tortures. In pagan | ness which has lowered the average longevigrandfather, who had died two years before. Greece, a man's work was judged by the types the noblest Caucasian nations below A human form suddenly appeared to her say- standards of physical prowess or intellectual | that of the starving African desert-dwellers. ing: "I am your grandfather." On Novem- | superiority; in the night of the Middle Ages But at the end of the fifteenth century. | at last explodes in anarchism. There may smilingly whenever the trained voices prac- into my mind. What if this were a similar | bled that of her grandfather. The thing | the influence of Arabian civilizations and | be but few more mischievous fallacies

was in Purgatory, and asked her to pray for | teract the mania of antinaturalism; a pro- | to insure the personal comfort of every citiparlor and plays the music of the song, or a German present, though she knew nothing him. On occasions Nicola was forcibly gressive revival of science moderated the zen, of the idle and reckless as well as the repeats the piano air on his own grand of the language. I had heard of cases, from | wrenched from the hands of ten or fifteen | thirst for martyrdom—though not the zeal | thrifty and prudent; but it seems hard to piano. It is a mighty popular way of show witnesses who were not Spiritualists, where ing his appreciation.

She understood languages for martyrdom by proxy, The instruments dispute the fairness of a protest against a which she had never learned; told of things of torture disappeared from the convents of system interfering to deprive us of rights happening in distant places; revealed secrets | the West-European monks. Prelates in- | Which indigent nature grants to the poorest she could not have learned by natural means, dulged in art collections, in poetry, and of her children, and thus in many respects and to some she told the state of their con- amateur science. The minister of the Re- degrading our lot below that of the naturescience. ("Ueber Geistererscheinungen." by formed Church renounced the vow of celi- guided brutes of the wilderness. D. A. Calmet, pp. 148-52; "History of Nicola | bacy. They discarded their monkish trap- | As long as our legislators countve at the pings and their shaven polls. The shepherds systematic health-ruin of that system, it A little girl, whose name is not given for | of the spiritual fold ventured to indulge in | must seem mere mockery to regulate the

Just in proportion as the every-day occupations of the clergy became more and while away the Sunday in any other way, and those laws were enforced by fines. which made non-conformity the privilege of the exceptionally rich.

It has often been remarked that the occupations of primitive ages become the pashorticulture, the staple industries of our holiday recreations of worn-out city dwellers. The rustic visitors of our camp-meetings will listen for days to harangues that would exhaust the patience of nine out of ten city dwellers before the end of the first half hour. It is, therefore, quite possible that erroneous overrate the misery of the Caledonian kirk slaves. But only a similar error can lead us to underrate the martyrdom of our fellowcitizens, who under utterly changed conditions have to submit to a weekly infliction. of the same outrage on the rights of their

Worn out with the drudgery of indoor labor, with lungs thirsting for the balm of the woodland breezes, they find the freedom of children to meet their playmates in the open air, they cannot venture to assuage the tedium of enforced inactivity with music, without being arrested and fined in the name of a creed which to them may have long since lost the compensating value of its promises.

They submit; but, in the words of a contributor of Saturday Review, "Nature will have her revenge, and, when the most ordinary and harmless recreations are forbidden as sinful, is apt to seek compensation in in-Every form of civilization which the dulgences which no moralist would be will-Cæsar's assassination, need only be referred strangely complex development of social life ing to condone. The charge brought against to. The writings of the early Christians has thus far produced, presents anomalies the Novatian in the early ages of the church ences that ever divert him from these capers | Spirit Manifestations From a Christian's abound in instances, and the record of no which future ages cannot realize without a can, with equal plausibility, be brought country can be read without encountering surprise akin to incredulity. The student of against the Puritans in our own day. One such facts. It would take a large volume classic antiquity in its brighter phases must vice, at all events, which Christians of every to recount them alone. But I am anxious to be loath to accept the proofs that the contem-school, as well as non-Christian moralists, poraries of Lucius Seneca made a slaughter- are agreed in condemning, is reputed to be a pen of human victims their favorite pleasure | special opprobrium of Scotland, and the "Chamber's Encyclopædia," in its article resort. Few admirers of the romantic Middle strictest observance of all those minute and Ages like to mention the circumstance that oppressive Sabbatarian regulations to which the skining exemplars of chivalry believed in | we referred just now, has been found comwere wolves and hobgoblins; but even the patible with consecrating the day of rest to a scholars of the twentieth century will often quiet, but unlimited assimilation of the hesitate to credit the fact that millions of liquid which—"inebriates but does not men of our own boasted age of science and | cheer;" and there is, indeed, no doubt that prits," gives the story of a house in Paris reason could tamely submit to the incubus of intemperance has been systematically prowhose doors and windows were smashed in a superstition which by comparison makes moted wherever the suppression of healthier pastimes forced the victims of Asceticism to

The Rev. J. B. M. Vianney, pastor of Ars, in | perature; they fasted till the frenzy of hunger | sands of poor children, pining awake like Hence also that impatience of restraint. that bitterness against law and order, which

We cannot afford to strain at gnats while a | vilest frauds that would seek to make gain monstrous vampire is draining our life-blood | by trifling with the most sacred affections. with impunity.

The men whom the nation supports by voluntary tithes, may claim the privilege of promoting that voluntary self abasement which their doctrine makes a condition of spiritual merit; but have they a right to afflict that nation year after year with fiftytwo compulsory days of public penance, and to enhance the comparative attractiveness of another world by sentencing a million of our fellow-citizens to the penalty of artifi- can be built up. cial maladies and premature death?

It is true that habit at length becomes a sort of second nature, but the victims of asceticism can reach such a goal only in that far-gone exhaustion of physical vigor which finally renounces the hope of recovery, as a worn out prisoner at length ceases to welcome the advent of freedom. Between happiness and the doctrine of reuunciation there is no compromise on this side of the

We doubt if the time has come to cut the knot with Moncure D. Conway's sword of "dogmaticide," but we may safely premise that no creed has a right to maintain its authority by an alliance with tyranny and disease. Our forefathers tried in vain to reconcile the interests of mankind and monarch ism, till logic taught them to repudiate the duty of passive submission to injustice. They preferred to obey the law of nature at the risk of having to doubt the authority of every other law, and the result has justified the wisdom of their choice.

A little logic, is, indeed, often the price of liberty, and withal a cheap price, when lib erty is the concomitant of health.

Psychical Research.

The statement of the objects of the Psychical Research Society is before me. I feel impelled to say that it seems to be what has long been felt to be needed to purify and upbuild the cause of Spiritualism.

vertise the character of those who use them. It was the abuses of the Catholic Church. especially in the sale of indulgences, that brought out the herculean efforts of Martin Luther, which resulted in the Reformation. If Luther lived now, he would find abundant | number of Quakers, agnostics, and infidely cause for his great courage and strength, in | were present. The cardinal, who were a full attacking the abuses that have prevailed in | ecclesiastical costume, stated that the new Spiritualism for the last fifteen years.

recrimination, but a fair comprehension of | Christians of every name and from many who the facts in the case, and common sense. reasonable action in reference thereto. It is ers. To Livingstone, Gordon, Stanley, and these abuses that has earned for Spiritual- | Emin Bey was due the credit of first calling ism and Spiritualists the disrespect, not to attention to the horrors that now existed in say contempt, of level-headed, sound-think- | Africa. He had read all that they had writing, fair-minded people not Spiritualists, but | ten and had found that their statements feeling otherwise kindly towards it. It is were confirmed by missionaries of his own these abuses that have driven many for cover to the churches, whose creeds they do not be- | could do very little. He could, however, make lieve. It is these abuses that have caused many who believe in the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritualism to stand aloof, enjoying in isolation their belief from private investigation. These abuses alone can account for the fact that Spiritualists have no houses of their own in which to hold their meetings, and for the worse fact that they have so few children's lyceums.

the camp that, in his opinion, probably nine- | ture several implements of torture, by means ty-nine hundreds of the so-called materializations were fraudulent. For this utterance. | markets were secured from flight, were exhe was severely taken to task. Ilad he said ninety-five per cent. I should certainly concur in the opinion, and honor him for its utter- | placed around the necks of the victims and ful and considerable personal observation. As one man's opinion on a disputed point is of | ters would eat during the long march to the but little value, it may be well to add the concurrent testimony of others well qualified | carry large quantities of ivory in addition

to judge. set, a Spiritualist uses these words: "The with it. In many cases these wretches had average investigator only wants to see the witnessed the killing of their parents and marvelous, which will be furnished in abun- children before they were captured. In their dance by the dozen fraud mills that are here | yoke they had seen their bleeding bodies on and ready for work, having been thoroughly | the sand. advertised by thorough exposure the past | When one reads the above, and realizes the winter and spring, and bolstered up by the | cruelty being practiced to-day in Africa, and so-called spiritual press and its contribu- of the wars that occur periodically among

camp, and, on being introduced to the Presi- | century. dent. Joseph Beals, said to him that I was in hopes to find better materialization than I could at home, and asked him if he could recommend any in particular. He said, "Go and see them all and judge for yourself, but I am afraid they are no better than they are in San Francisco." And so they were found

When that great scientist and champion of Spiritualism, Wm. Denton, was in San Francisco for the last time. I asked if he thought there were any genuine materializations in the city. He said he did not think there were. "But," said I, "you believe such things · have existed?" He said: "Hands have frequently been materialized, more rarely faces, and in very rare cases full forms." At that time fraud mills had been running week in and week out for years. Here is the opinion of a man of great ability, who was thorough-

ly trained to accurate scientific observation. These facts are potent and too well known, except by three classes: those who will not investigate: those who, from cerebral defect, psychological bias, or other causes, are incapable of discrimination; and those who, for themselves or their friends, expect to participate in fraudulent gains.

Had Spiritualism not been possessed of irrepressible inherent vitality; it would have been sunk past resuscitation by the weight of fraud that has been heaped upon its defenseless head.

Multitudes of honest people have been confronted on the threshold of their investigations of palpable and shameless frauds, and not having had the experience by which they could discriminate, denounce all mediums as frauds, and all Spiritualists as dupes. And what a sorry défense do we make, when driven to admit that so large a per cent. of the most highly prized manifestations are mere tricks of legerdemain. Thus the honest are made to bear the odium heaped on our cause by the dishonest.

gigantic parasite, that it is sapping the vital- | soldier who had known his grandfather, the ity of this incipient religion—the greatest | Prince of Conde. A historian says "he played yet known to humanity, so that individual. with dog" while chatting gayly to the soldier. effort is inadequate to deal with complete | The poor beast had been ill at ease, for some

pense are necessary to ferret out the evi- its master's assurance; but it was short-lived | the Theosophists generally do not know this, dence of fraud, and do no injustice to genu- contentment, for the duke and his dumb and have not made themselves acquainted ine mediumship. It has remained for your friend were soon parted by death. The with this special fact, they have rushed into society upon these western shores, to devise prisoner was ordered to follow the commanthe only practical means of properly treating der down a darksome stairway, which led inthe evil. Your society can pursue its work to the most. The Duke hesitated; but the so solemn and important a subject as the life quietly, most tenderly fostering true medium- dog; as usual, followed without question at ship; and, when conclusive evidence is ob- his master's heels. The Duke, when he tained of fraud, if you do not see fit to push ! reached the trench, realized the truth. He | these communicating spirits could transcend the consequences in a legal court, you can cut a lock of his hair, gave it and a ring to the knowledge of either their media, or any

by-laws about ash-barrels and skim-milk. Spiritualism of the iniquity of fostering the In these days of associated effort, what more appropriate than that a society should undertake this much needed work? The objects, methods, and principles, as set forth in twelve articles, are beyond criticism. bid God-speed to those who have engaged in this much needed work of purification, which will bring upon them unmeasured censure and abuse. It is the foundation work, which must be done before a sound Spiritualism

In view of this appalling state of facts, a few conclusions can be predicated. First, that materializations of any value can scarcely. if ever, be had in promiscuous audiences, and should be discouraged as a means of gaining a knowledge of spiritual phenomena. This is probably owing to the intermingling of undeveloped and adverse psychical influences. Second, that those controlling camp meetings and other public places for the advancement of the cause, should exclude this phase which is so liable to abuse.

The directors of our State Camp Meeting Association are to be congratulated for the stand they took in this matter at Lake Merritt. And yet, in a southern city, they were soundly berated for having taken this course with regard to one who is a favorite in that locality.—Dr. John Allyn in Golden Gate.

In This Boasting 19th Century.

to the Editor of the Religic-Philosophical Journal: I believe there has been an age when men were more enlightened than now. At the time that Atlantis existed, shaping the des tiny of the world. I believe the people gener ally were more spiritual, farther advanced in true civilization, and nearer to God and the angels than are the masses at the present time. As the Times says, Prince's Hall, London, witnessed a strange sight a few days ago. The British and Foreign Anti-Slavery society met there to listen to an address b the venerable Cardinal Lavigerie, bishop of To apply abusive and derisive epithets in | Algiers and Carthage, on the horrors of the great variety, amounts to nothing but to ad- | slave trade as it now exists in central Africa. The chair was occupied by Lord Granville and at his side sat Cardinal Manning. On the stage were two bishops of the established church, a Jewish rabbi, and clergymen of most of the non-conformist sects. A large crusade against slavery was inaugurated by What we want is not abuse, crimination or | the pope, but had received support from held to other religious faiths or were doubtchurch. As an individual he, an old man, an appeal to the civilization of Europe and to humanity in general to put a stop to the monstrous wrong of our age. He declared that half a million negroes in Africa were annually killed or captured and sold into slavery. At no time in the history of the world were such barbarities practiced as a present. No hunters treated wild and ferocious beasts as the slave traders did human W. E. Coleman said in a public address at | beings in central Africa. During the lecof which prisoners on their march to slavehibited. One of these was a huge wooden fork, pronged at each end, the prongs being I have formed this obinion from care- | secured by a cross-bar. On this was placed the provisions that the slaves and their masmarkets. Sometimes they were compelled to to food and water. If they survived the long In a recent report of the proceedings at On- | journey the bearers of the burden were sold

civilized nations, he should not feel particu-Seven years ago I visited Lake Pleasant | larly proud because he is living in this 19th J. RIVES. Chicago, Ill.

DEVOTION OF A SPANIEL.

Almost Human Agony of a Dog Over Its

Master's Death. Vincennes, says All the Year Round. At the first halt the Duc de'Enghien's abductors made, their prisoner requested them to send back to Ettenheim for his "dog and his clothes." He did well to ask for his dog, for at Strasburg Napoleon had ordered that his friends and servants were to leave him. His dog, however, since it lacked "the divine power to speak words," was not included in the order. In the brief days of life which remained to him, this speechless friend was his only companion, went with him a prisoner to Paris, and entered Vincennes at his heels. On his arrival there he was depressed and his dog sidled up to him, and Lamartine says: "The spaniel which he had kept at his side the whole route, rested his head on his master's knee." The dog beguiled him out of dark thoughts of his doleful prospects, his spirits rose, and he left the window, out of which he had been disconsolately staring. and called his dog to share his supper with him. The faithful creature was on guard beside him, when, one midnight, he was aroused from his sleep to appear before his judge. The Duke, sure of his innocence, went to the mockery of a trial with sanguine hopes of a speedy release. He did not know that during his trial his grave was being dug. After leaving the judgment hall the prisoner, still unsuspicious of the haste to fulfill the sentence from which he expected a Such is the power of this all-pervading, pardon, was talking to Lieutenant Noiret, a subtle instinct warned it that there was Great care, great patience, and great ex- | danger afoot. Its dull spirits were raised by | on this special point, and if Mr. Sinnett and

Charlotte de Rohan. As 3 o'clock struck the cases of prophecy of future events, not in soldiers fired, and Napoleon's young victim any human minds, are on record, as given by fell. The spanjel, in the dich light-for it spirits; in short, the complete identity of the was a gloomy March morning, and the moat | men, women, and children of earth are the was lit by a solitary lantern—had not seen special characteristics of spiritual communiits master's face, and was una vare of his cations the world over-that is, through well evil fate till it saw him dead. In vain it developed and competent mediums, and it is fawned upon him, who, but a f w minutes | these facts that have made millions of intelpreviously, had stroked and commended his pleased favorite. It was with difficulty that the poor animal could be torn from the spot | progressed as such—an individualized entity, and given to one of the Prince's servants, asimuch as he ever was in the Spirit-world who took him to the Princess Churlotte.

CONCERNING THEOSCPHY.

Taught in Esoteric Buddhism—The Theosophist.

To those who have taken the trouble to peruse the Rostrum article of this number I am almost disposed to offer an apology for attempting to analyze such a jumble of inexplicable and unproved statements as are quoted and reiterated in many other writings, claimed to be expositions (?) of Theosophy. It is because I find that the teachings of those who call or write themselves representative "Theosophists" are not generally understood, that I have given quotations, the very character of which should be a sufficient answer to the enquiry of all what Theosophists themselves claim as their

to disentangle the personalities and non- low, etc., etc." "My spirits do teach this, the next sentence what they are not; what of mind, but I would kindly suggest to all zen, known as a man, and walking about for lost. a lifetime as a one and indivisible identity, All the faults, errors, mistakes, and follies

are the other five principles about? and can do, say, and talk all sorts of non- the problem of our invisible future? ium"....and "something from the fifth prin- | words of the poet, when he saysciple of the medium associates itself with the wandering fourth principle [shell], and sets the original impulse to work....'

For all this, and much more of the same kind—in the attempt to exalt the philosophy of so-called Theosophy at the expense of Spiritualism—we offer but a few suggestive words. Where do these teachings come from? If from the ancients, it must be asked whether their opportunities for acquiring exact knowledge and correct information were so superior to ours that they can be accepted as authoritative teachers, whilst we, with a thousand times more knowledge of the universe and its laws, are all fools and ignoramuses? If we are answered in the affirmawe wonder if Napoleon suffered any qualm of that we have forgotten."....Why at death remorse when he read of it fiercely bemoaning | should he be broken up into seven conscious its master's untimely fate in the most at and unconscious subdivisions? Spirit permeates every molecule of his body, and not an atom can subsist that is not vitalized by spirit. It is plain, therefore, that the spirit is the real man—aye, and that man is as much a spirit when robed in matter as he will ever be when he casts it off. Why, then, should the real spirit, man, be

cut up and scattered into seven separate existences because he takes his coat off? But

a still more obstinate question arises for so-When the Lucides of the early magnetizers were first influenced, and the first spirit telegraphy was established at Rochester, New York; men's minds were uninformed upon spiritual laws and existence; hence they were wholly receptive, and brought none of their theories or pre-conceived opinions to bear upon the mediums. Then were the communications pure and unadulterated by human psychology; and then we heard much of the one and indivisible identity of the spirit man, but absolutely nothing of the one man cut up into seven parts, all and each of whom were acting out little dramas of a mysterious and incomprehensible character on their own separate accounts. In a word—where were the "seven principles" then? Whenever the spirits communicated through well developed mediums, they manifested all the same characteristics of the men, women and children they were on the earth. In addition to this, there are, on well-attested record; thousands of instances in which they gave information neither in the minds of the mediums nor of any of the circles grouped around the mediums. The literature of Spiritualism is full of evidence print too soon, and are not qualified to pose in the character of the people's teachers on

Besides giving thousands of test facts that put the public on their guard, and purge. Noiret, to send to his betrothed. Princess persons assembled around them, countless

ligent and careful investigators believe that the spirit was the real man, and lived, and or the second stage of existence. But whaexplanation do the idealists give to these solid and corroborative facts? Simply, that the spirits that communicate with us, being "ghouls, shells, and gheists," &c., &c., are unworthy of credit. That they don't know anything, and can't tell truth, and that the powers—be they what they may—that communicate with us are all divine, all true, do know everything; and, therefore, those that have the facts must not be believed, and those that have simply the theories are alone worthy to be believed. Besides these monstrous assertions, there is a world of allegation made concerning "God in the hear "the finding of Christ," "Christ principles, etc., etc., But does the saying all this make it so? or does it even imply any practical

The Methodists—aye, and the fanatics of thinking and intelligent readers concerning | everysect—have made the same claims. But do their assertions prove any of the re-incarnationists? "Your spirits do not teach this For the rest, it seems so utterly impossible | doctrine, because they are too ignorant—too personalities of the Theosophists' "seven because they alone have the truth...." I do principles:" to find out what they are, and in | not care to give any name to this condition they are each and all doing, and next to who will descend to my low level of thought, learn that they can do nothing at all, that I | that, whilst at all other periods of human am as much abroad in attempting to define | history, communion with the spiritual uniwhat each of these seven principles are or are | verse has only been obtained by man either not, as if I were trying to grapple with "the | through secret occult practices of questionbad mathematics" of the Athanasian Creed, able value, or by some spasmodic, sudden, and in which one sentence is devoted to the as- unaccountable outpouring—spiritual episertion that there are "Three Gods," etc., etc., demics, as it were, vanishing and receding and the next sentence emphatically assures | in the same mystery that they came. in the the reader that there are only one, and not modern spiritual dispensation, we stand in three at all. True, the Athanasian "incom- the broad light of a systematic spiritual prehensibles" are only "three in one" and science—one that we can cultivate, take part "one in three," but the Theosophists boldly in, and reduce to comprehensible, and poslaunch into the whole three, and add four to sibly to permanent, demonstrations of naturboot, and then, by making each of the entire, al law. By this means we can absolutely seven, or at least five out of the number, do trace out and know enough of the second special work on their own account, they re- stage of existence to bid the "ghouls, ghosts, duplicate the Athanasian muddle at least and gheists of uninformed imagination desevenfold, for the latter (borrowed, of course, fiance. We can know for ourselves the refrom the old Hindoo Trimurti) can, if they ality, identity, and actuality of our own please, act as one, whilst the one decent citiz | spirits, and those whom we have loved and

is now cut up into seven parts, one only of that at present overshadow the communion which goes where it belongs, namely to the of spirits and its exhibitions, are on the grave: the seventh goes off, nobody knows | human side of the telegraph, and arise wholwhere, but at any rate gets out of the way; ly from the deplorable states of ignorance but—on, confusion worse confounded! What | and superstition in which we have been kept by false and faithless spiritual—not teach-The "second principle" we hear little of, ers, but—tyrants; and whilst the march of but the third is "a ghost," "an aggregation | material arts and sciences is ever forward, of molecules in a peculiar state, having no onward, and upward over the steeps of proconsciousness at all." The "fourth principle" gress, until the possibility of telegraphic -although in life "the will." "has no active | communion betwen planet and planet even, will when dead," and yet explains the phe-seems to be no longer a wild hypothesis nomena of spiritual mediumship. Presently | must we ever go backward, ever downward our theosophic philosopher, becoming more into the dark ages to find our religion? Why definite, boldly charges one of "the princi- should we advance into light and life to disples" with being "a shell," of course, a shell cover the truths of science, and into the that walks about with nothing inside of it, crypts and mausoleums of antiquity to solve

sense; deceive, work mischief, and do all Dead men's bones and dead men's thoughts manner of evil, but yet "has no real con- can not touch the realities of living, spiritual sciousness at all." But stay! the shell has a existences; and it is to teach us this grand consciousness, and this is how he gets it. "A | lesson of eternal progress that Spiritualism medium (vide rostrum article) is a person has come. "Let the dead bury its dead" whose principles are loosely united, and sus- then. All that is useful, true, and beautiful ceptible of being borrowed by other beings, in antiquity is with us still, transfigured, like or floating principles," etc., etc. Coming by the old primeval granite rocks of millions of and by to the "fourth principle," we are told | years ago, into the flowers and bloom of to-"its molecules may remain in association and day's earth. Listen, then, ye who grope be partially galvanized into life," and again, a midst the tombs of dead ages for the arisen "such a shell coming in contact with a med-| spirit of the living present, to the glowing

> "The wintry night of the world is past, The day of humanity dawns at last; The veil is rent from the soul's calm eyes, And prophets and heroes and seers arise. Their words and deeds like the thunder go:

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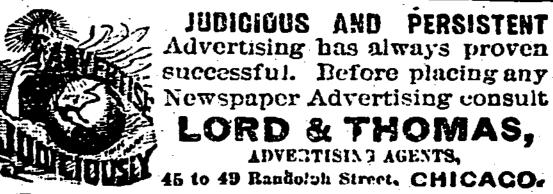
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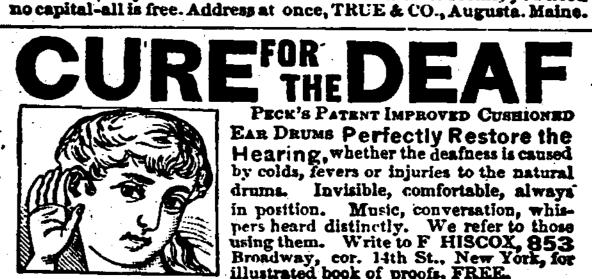
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portunities for the Wiser Philanthropy.

Jome months ago the newspapers brought ord of educational gifts that may be class ed under the head of the wiser philanthropy which seeks to deal with causes rather than with effects. At Harvard a Fellowship of Social Science has been established by the unificence of Robert Treat Paine. It yields annual income of \$500, and will be warded to a graduate of any department of the University wishing to study either at home or abroad "the ethical problems of society, and the efforts of legislation, governmental administration, and private philanthropy to ameliorate the lot of the masses of mankind." And at Syracuse University a Chair of Social Ethics is to receive an endowment of \$30,000, the gift of Rev. Hiram Gee of Ithaca.

The gentlemen who have made these gifts, and who deserve the warmest praise, are notable exceptions to a rule every one must have observed, that philanthropists in their generous bequests tend, we must admit naturally, to deal with effects rather than with causes. Every reflective person must have pondered the fact that while there are in this country hundreds of hospitals, orphan asylums, retreats for the inebriate, and the like, there is not one institution for investigating the causes of social evils, and studying their amelioration. That the wiser philanthropy will in time attain to the endowment of such an institution we cannot but believe, and the belief is encouraged by such evidences as the two gifts that have just been mentioned.

While speaking of what we have called the wiser philanthropy, occasion may be taken to mention one or two of the more obvious avenues for its possible future activity, such as will commend themselves to most any Every department exhibits all that human mind. One of these is the foundation of a specific Institution for Scientific Investigation. Not only, as has been mentioned above, is there no endowed institution in this counbut there is not even an endowed institution | sity and luxury; her gear all that experience for scientific investigation in general, independent of any special purpose. There is, it is true, the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, which does an immense deal to help scientific men, especially in the way of collecting specimens and publishing and distributing knowledge, and there is also the Franklin Institute at Philadelphia, which issues an excellent journal, and does much in other ways for the advancement of technological science. But neither of these is strictly an institution of investigation in the sense we intend. There are also two or three large universities where much original research goes on, notably Harvard and Johns Hopkins, but these also are primarily devoted not to research but to another purpose, teaching.

vantage. For despite all that modern life sunshine. owes to scientific investigation, the scientific investigator himself is still in most cases the simile used. Spiritualism contains,—as bosses by this means, get the cheapest labor but some poor, intellectually-gifted college a science, philosophy and system of morals, professor who is able to pursue his valuable | -all that man at present stands in need of | come here starving and ready to take bread researches only with the remnant of time left from elementary teaching, and with the remnant of means left from the expenses of an ill-supported family. The future bene- immortality. If he will but carefully examfactor who will build an Institution for In- ine his noble vessel he will find her seavestigation where such men can be paid for worthy, well built, fully equipped for her their best work instead of their poorest, will service,—the fault is not in the ship so much assist progress far more intelligently than as her crew and passengers. if he endows a college, for in the former case free to the world, while in the latter he will been mistaken by many for befitting evifor the most part simply help a number of dences of its mystery and solemnity, but its ordinary young men prepare for inconspicu- darkness was but a temporary cloak for neous private careers. That the American mind | farious pretenders. Trickery—shameless, rehas a special aptitude for original scientific work no one can doubt who recalls the natural ingenuity and inventiveness of his countrymen, and the honorable part they have al ready taken in scientific progress; therefore to provide special opportunities for this aptitude will be simply to develop a natural resource of the country.

It is common to speak of scientific progress as if it were an entity or abstract force that moved forward independently of men's exertions and of extraneous aid. Nothing could be more misleading. The truth is, "scientific progress" is simply the progress of Smith, Brown, Green, and others, individuals carrying on researches at various places, generally against odds. Increase the opportunities of Smith, Brown and Green, and the rate of scientific progress is increased; diminish them, and it is diminished. That is the whole story. If there is need of illustration, let it be considered that the key to inoculation as a general method in medicine was in the hands of science as long ago as Jenner, and that nevertheless the world has had to wait until the last decade for its application. Doubtless many a Pasteur was born in the intervening time, but the world afforded him no time or opportunity for theoretical reed to encourage him. It is not fanciful to antly endowed, been established in the time, say of Newton, with that sage experimenter at the head of their organization, the mod- ready some of the arch plotters have quitted ern era of science might have come to pass a century, perhaps, earlier.

One other opportunity for the wiser philanthrophy, and one that presses strongly for attention just now, is the establishment of a great popular newspaper, published our cause. either free, or so cheaply as to supersede the sensational sheets that now supply the chief. reading matter to the poor classes, and even a large degree to the middle classes, in our great cities. Little need be said on this head, for there never was a disease more evident or a remedy more obvious. Every one knows what the newspaper of the masses is now in its tendencies, and has observed that these tendencies are on the increase rather than on the wane. Crime, sensation, scandal in social life and demagoguism in political life, smooth in the sunshine beyond. are the traits of this sort of newspaper; and vet it is the chief educator and leader of the laboring masses of the cities—the people influences.

weighty objections.

Through Fog to Sunshine.

In some respects the great movement known which are the triumphs of engineering and artistic skill. Millions in money are invested in these nineteenth century leviathans. forethought and skill can assemble for the purposes involved. The ponderous engines are masterpieces of applied mathematics and mechanics; her quarters for cargo, crew try for the study of social evil and suffering, or passengers are replete with every necesand nautical science can demand or devise; her officers skilled in their varied duties, prond of their attainments and positions,duty. Outfit complete, passengers and crew on board, she gracefully heads towards the sparkling seas. Her mighty heart throbs as, like a quivering racer, she speeds upon her aqueous track. All is well, sky fair, sea smooth, everything bids for a fair and rapid voyage.

The breeze has become cold and chill, thick rolling clouds wrap up the sunlight in their obscuring folds. A damp drizzle falls on everything. Presently a dense blinding fog take up the work where he left off." settles down over all and the wide waste of

waters is shut out from view. An Institution for Investigation should be Now is the time for captain, officers and before the Congressional committee was a an amply endowed establishment, fitted with crew to inspire with confidence those com- witness who had visited the Pennsylvania for robbing mail boxes, says that he belongs method fail to suit he suggests either the all the apparatus of modern science, with mitted to their charge. Their knowledge mining districts. "The Hungarians come to a noble family in Germany and has grad- boiling of the body and the conversion of the libraries and studios, with laboratories and and experience serve in good stead at this here," he said, "because the mine owners ad- uated from three German universities. It resulting oil into a lubricant for soap, or museums, where men of tested ability might | juncture. The good ship is kept steadily up- | vertise for them in Europe." It seems that | was rather stupid in him to spend his time | else the placing of the body into a gas retort be invited to come from all over the country on her course, the lookout men redouble the law against importing contract labor is stealing letters, mainly for the stamps on and converting it into illuminating gas, and, under competent supervision, push for- their vigilance, warning signals are duly evaded by the device of deluging the labor them, it would seem, when he might have water, ammonia, tar, animal charcoal, sulward advanced scientific research with the sounded, and everything that care and cau- markets of Europe with advertisements des- married a rich American widow or heiress in phate of ammonia, aniline colors, and car-

to their abilities. To establish such an in- | tient alike complain, but just a little longer | States. No contracts are made, but when stitution would be simply to do systematical- and the strong ship clears the fog-bank, the Italian, Hungarian or Polish laborers or to his own great advantage and to the dely and under every advantage what is now emerges into open waters again, and once those from other countries come, thus indone without system and under every disad- more is illumined and warmed by the genial duced by those who want their work, they

> when he sails upon the seas of human thought, in his efforts to make passages between the two continents of mortality and

Some years ago this good ship ran into a he will buy first-class brains and give them | fog-bank, whose density and dampness have volting, unblushing—crept into our ranks; and pretended mediums foisted themselves upon many an amiable but too credulous believer among us. Laxity of circle methods left the door open for the fog to enter. Here and there a weak brother succumbed to the influence of the incoming fog, and became stricken with a moral pneumonia. The circles for materialization and physical phenomena soon became the favorite hunting grounds of these tricky usurpers, and the fog deepened thick and fast. Are we nearing the verge of the fog bank? Emphatically, yes!

Some few of the officers, crew and passengers saw from the first that the ship was sound, that the fog was but an incident. They insisted, however, that the incompetent of the crew and the injudicious of the passengers should "go below," exhorting them to trust to the ship and not be afraid. True, it was a time to try men's souls, and in the darkness and confusion stern measures were at times needed to keep down the turbulent who rebel at authority of any kind, even when directed to their own good, but the clear seeing ones on the ship plainly saw that the fog of fraud was but an incident in the voyage of the vessel.

Fraud has at last called out its protest. Boston, New York, Cincinnati and San Francisco—to say nothing of Chicago—have all shown in recent days that the fog is lifting. keeps a grocery store there at No. 228 Mott Rumors of a crushing expose of bogus mediumship are rife in San Francisco, and altheir locations there.

The time is not far distant when every honest medium will, as a matter, of duty, repudiate every rogue whose pretended mediumship is alike a menace and a disgrace to

The fog was bad while it lasted. We are running through its edge now into the clear waters of fact, lighted by the sun of truth. of the night, and when morning came they Taught by experience our people will hereafter better know how to act whenever a fog No. 20 Spring street, to find out who the enfolds us again; but, in our hours of greatest darkness, let us stick to the ship, see that her engines are working right, and if we will but keep Spiritualism afloat, no matter how dark our fogs may be, the brave ship will run through every one, and sail, at last, fair and

A remarkable story comes from Blackman, Neb. Abraham McAdams, one of the wealthiest whom above all, for the good of our national | farmers living there, is making arrange- and had chloroformed herself and her daughlife, we desire to see under good and wise | ments to enter the ministry. This determin- | ter, but that the baby had cried out and ation on the part of Mr. McAdams is a great Left to themselves, these people must all surprise to his friends, and there is a queer ways prefer this dime-novel variety of news- story in connection with it. One Thursday paper; it is a part of the situation, and the morning lately he started to Blakeman in and was sure that Mrs. Hoffman was gifted remedy must come from without. It may company with a neighbor named Ira Boyce. with supernatural powers. She stopped long lie in the establishment by philanthropic en- When near a place called Harper's Draw, east enough to get a description of the three terprise of a great popular newspaper, is- of Atwood about four miles, they saw a cloud | marauders, which Mrs. Hoffman glibly suing separate, free editions in the eight or | shaped like a balloon, and occupied appar- | furnished, and then she hurried up to police | ten larger cities, although to this there are | ently by a woman, arise from the draw and | headquarters, and gave Inspector Byrnes an | their 33rd annual meeting at North Collins, float off toward the northwest. It went but account of the robbery and Mrs. Hoffman's N.Y., August 30th and 31st and September 1st a short distance, when it turned and came description of the thieves. He was consider- and 2nd. Mrs. Lillie, Geo. W. Taylor and toward them. When about 200 gards distant ably taken aback when he found that the Walter Howell will be the principal speakand 100 feet in the air the balloon suddenly description of the thieves rested upon a ers. Edgar W. Emerson, the test medium, dissolved and left the woman, with long, float as modern Spiritualism may be compared to | ing hair which .completely covered her one of the immense modern Atlantic liners, shoulders and reached her waist, standing to leave. Inspector Byrnes does not expect alone. She had one hand outstreached toward McAdams as if beckoning him. Then the ghost-like scene suddenly changed again | sources of information. and in place of the woman stood a horse, with a large pair of saddle-bags across its back and by its side a man with hair worn Rome, that the projecting great toe of the rather long and a black stovepipe hat on, his bronze statue of St. Peter is considerably head. He was dressed in clerical garb, and worn away, although it has been twice re McAdams at once recognized him as the ex | newed, and it has been highly polished by act counterpart of his uncle, a Virginia cir- the repeated wiping it receives before being cuit rider. This apparition also turned for a kissed. One or two of the correspondent's moment toward the two men. Then, regard- party touched it with their fingers; but as ing McAdams gravely for a moment, beckon- soon as they were gone from it, a priest zealous and willing at all times to do their ed once, and mounting the horse galloped wet it with holy water and wiped off the slowly off down the draw. When Mr. Mc- heretic's touch. Among those who paid Adams called for his mail at Blackman he their devotions there, some came in a busiwas handed a letter with a deep black border, ness-like way; others reverently with prayers postmarked at Three Rivers. Va. A portion and clasped hands. One tall, elderly man of it read: "Your Uncle John was called paused with a prayer at each step from the home suddenly yesterday. He was taken ill outer door to the statue, then bowing a moin prayer-meeting the night previous, and ment with the deepest humility, he drew out A few days only, then comes a change. only lived a short time. He was conscious to a clean handkerchief, wiped the toe, and the last. He asked that his library be given | reverently pressed his lips upon it, prayed a to you, and his dying request was that you | moment, kissed it again and departed. A litshould become a minister of the gospel and

Among those who recently gave testimony aid of salaries. It should draw to it the best | tion call for is duly done. The dull hours | cribing in glowing terms the opportunities | this country,—which has been called the | bolic acid.

men of the land, and should offer free scope | roll by, the timid, the weary and the impa- | for obtaining high wages in the United are penniless and destitute, and ready to la-Speaking generally, within the limits of bor for any wages they can obtain. The that is offered, for it is the labor of men who from the mouths of employed laborers.

Agreement and co-operation in support

and advancement of a common cause are desirable, but "the good of the cause" is too often made the pretext for silence when it is a duty to speak, for ignoring, through cowardice or selfish ambition, debasing theories and dishonorable conduct when fidelity to truth demands their exposure, for making a "mush of concession" and beclouding important issues by compromises that have no basis in consistency, professions that are without sincerity and "unions" that from the very diversity of views, are without stability or community of interest or feeling. The Journal recognizes the rights and the courtesies due every school of thought; but it has opposed the concealment of real and moral elements. Such associations in its positions, and let as many unite as consistently can when a real issue is presented. A contributor to the London National Reformer wisely observes: "I anticipate that Freethinkers will differentiate into various sections: and there is nothing to regret in this. It means intellectual and moral life. Let supernaturalists make the most of our divergences, as the Church of Rome does of the multitudinous sects of Protestantism. The vigor which comes of active use of our faculties will be ours; and if we differ, we shall, I hope, not allow this to weaken our sense of agreement, where we do agree, or to lessen our desire for good fellowship and co-operation with all who desire to make nobler and happier the life of man on earth."

A curious statement comes from New York

City. Mrs. Antonio Correlli, whose husband hurried search through the room and found that \$400, \$100 of which was in gold, had been carried off by thieves who had entered the room while they were asleep. Mother and daughter did not get any sleep the rest went to see Inez Hoffman, a fortune-teller at thieves were. Miss Hoffman was shuffling cards in her back parlor when the two called. and as they entered the door, they say, she accosted them with: "You were robbed last night." This rather startled Mrs. Correlli, but when the fortune-teller went on to describe how the theft had been committed both were astounded. Miss Correlli says that Miss Hoffman told them that the thieves had broken through a window in the rear room, awakened the others before the thieves had gathered together all their booty. Mrs. Correlli corroborated all the fortune-teller said. mentioned accidentally as they were about | the last three days. to give the description out to the detectives. He may inquire into the fortune teller's

A newspaper correspondent writes from tle girl, who could not reach it with her lips. kissed the end of her fingers and touched it "What fools these mortals be."

matrimonial mart of the world—and have returned to fatherland with wife and wealth light of the other genteel paupers of his "noble family." Adventurers of his class will not applaud him for smartness.

Within a radius of sixty miles of Nashville, Tenn., there is said to be found a tree that is said to be the shittim wood of ark fame. Celebrated botanists from all over the country have examined the trees and agree that they grew nowhere else on the globe. They have decided that it is the shittim wood of which Noah's ark was constructed, mention of which is made several times in the Bible. The tree is medium sized, with very dark, smooth bark, and the wood is of a bright gold color. In early spring the trees are laden with long, white blossoms, closely resembling great ostrich plumes. There seems to be no doubt about the identity of the trees, and it is remarkable that they are found only in this small area and so few at that.—Scientific American.

The reduction of our tariff and the question whether a tariff should be for protection or for revenue only, are being vigorously differences on vital issues, by those who, in discussed now not only in the daily papers, their eagerness to represent an organization, but in the religious journals and in many numerically large, have been ready to bring | of the more solid periodicals. The majority together the most heterogeneous intellectual of the writers are strongly partisan, and not a few of them flippant and superficial, but the very nature of the case must be transito- several papers on the subject have appeared ry. Let each class of thinkers candidly state | from each standpoint. It is fortunate that there is a real issue before the country the discussion of which admits of argumentative ability and requires accurate knowledge. Before the end of the campaign, the merits of the two systems or policies, a protective tariff, or a revenue tariff only, will be pretty thoroughly presented through the press and from the platform; and the discussion can hardly fail to be a means of educating the people upon this important subject.

None of the six or eight alleged materializing mediums recently holding séances in this city are now plying their vocation here. Why, if they are true mediums, should they shrink from honest investigation? Why should they hesitate to face the truth, and demonstrate the genuineness of their mediumship? No honest medium will employ confederates, or have sliding mopboards or movable panels connected with their cabistreet, sleeps with her married daughter, nets. Let us be reasonable, friends, and not Laura Dominico, in a back room of the store. | shut our eyes to the truth. Seven solid, ca. At 1 o'clock in the morning Aug. 23d, she was | pering, psychic forms, weighing in the agawakened by the crying of her daughter's gregate of half a ton, condensed simultanebaby and saw her daughter's clothes lying in ously from the aura of one medium, is a mana heap on the floor, The two women made a lifestation that needs honest investigation before swallowing whole. It needs taking "with a grain of salt." "Would you crush out materialization?" says one. O no, for we know it to be a stupendous truth. It is only the base imitations we would exterminate. -Golden Gate.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Sergt. Cox of the New Haven, Conn., Weather Bureau, predicts a late fall.

Dr. Lucretia R. Lowry is now located at 115 South Paulina Street.

Mrs. Ada Foye, the remarkable test medium, will lecture and give tests next Sunday under the auspices of the Young People's Progressive Society.

Mrs. Belle F. Hamilton will hold a mediums' meeting at Gleason's Hall, 523 West Madison street, entrance Bishop court, next Sunday at 2:30 P. M. All are invited.

Harriet Beecher Stowe, says a friend, wrote the last chapter of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in the kitchen. It was bake day and she had to stop writing every five or ten minutes to look after her bread in the oven. The friends of Human Progress will hold

fortune-teller's statement, which the woman | will occupy the platform each afternoon of

A moonlight dancing party will be given at Jackson Park Pavilion on Friday evening, August 31st, by the Young Peoples' Progressive Society. The many readers of the Jour-NAL are cordially requested to be present and enjoy the pleasures of the evening. Jackson Park with the new pavilion is rapidly becoming the most popular resort in the city. No admission fee will be charged.

Charles King is the name of a man living at Middleton, Mass., who is one hundred and seven years old. He has over six hundred descendants living. He was born near Quebec, January 15th, 1781. He fought on the British side in 1812. He now weighs one hundred and eighty-two pounds although only five feet five inches in hight. He has attained his great age without the aid of tobacco, never having used the weed in any form.

Dr. Hay, an English chemist, with a leaning toward ghastliness, has invented a substitute for cremation. He would pound and pulverize the corpse in a mortar, breaking the bones to little bits. The resulting mass he would put through a prodigious sausage machine and make it into mincemeat. Dried by means of steam heat at a temperature of 250 degrees the mass would attain a com-Oberkempf, now under arrest in this city | mercial value as a fertilizer. Should this

CASSADAGA CAMP MEETING.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: The past week at Cassadaga camp has been very interesting. We have had lectures by Walter Howell, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Mrs. Clara Watson and W. J. Colville. On Friday evening Esmerelda was given by the Lyceum to a large audience in the amphitheater. On

Thursday evening a benefit was given to W Mansfield, the celebrated slate writing medium. A fine programme was presented. including music, recitations, short addresses and tests by E. W. Emerson. The public slate writing by Mr. Mansfield was a remarkable exhibition of spirit-power. A committee was chosen to clean and 'tie together two pair of slates. One pair of slates was passed to Mr. Ransom, of Buffalo, who sat some distance back in the audience. The other pair was held by a member of the committee, Mr. Barrett, at arm's length. The committee joined hands, and at the request of the medium a line was formed to the slates held by Mr. Ransom, by joining hands.

Mr. Mansfield was powerfully influenced, and Mr. Ransom declared he heard the pencil stir between the slates which he held. When the influence left the medium, the two pair of slates were untied by the committee. On one of the slates held by Mr. Barrett were four communications, one of them being signed with the name Henry Seybert, and referring to the unsatisfactory work of the Seybert Commission. On one of the slates held by Mr. Ranson were found several short marks, as though an unsuccessful attempt had been made to write upon it. The seance was very satisfactory, and gave additional evidence of Mr. Mansfield's gift as a medium for independent slate writing.

A few days ago a blatherskite by the name of Starr made his appearance on the camp ground. This fellow makes a business of gulling the public, and especially the "Christian" public, by pretending to show how the phenomena of Spiritualism are produced. He by one of the trustees. He was very insulting in his language, and when a man outside the grounds declared that he saw Starr | answer." here four years ago, the "Professor" told him he lied, for which remark the man slapped | transcribed:

his face. There was quite a buzz of excitement on the ground in consequence of Starr's visit, but he was treated with more consideration than he deserved. If any medium possessed a character as low in the scale of being as that of Starr, he would not need to be "exposed" in order to find his true place in the estimation of Spiritualists. It is amazing what instruments the church people and other opponents of Spiritualism are willing to employ, to combat the thing they are so prejudiced against.

The present season of the camp has been a from all parts of the country, and the hotel and cottages have been severely taxed to accommodate the crowds. Cassadaga is certainly on the high road to success, if enthusiasm and work can make it succeed. A statement of the finances of the association will serve to show the prosperous condition of things. From the President's report, covering one year, from Aug. 20th, 1887 to Aug. 30th. 1888. I take the following summary:

Expenditures..... 9,387 94

Cash on hand Aug. 20, 1888..... At the annual election the old board was re-instated entire. Everything points to harmony and success. Of course it is impossible to please everybody, and there are still some imperfections which will disappear under the persistent endeavors of the management. camr in this country to-day and that there has been and will continue to be the most earnest endeavor to improve its condition. Secularizing influences are guarded against. and the amusement features are properly subordinated to the intellectual and spiritnal. If this policy continues, Cassadaga will become the Mecca of Spiritualists and liberal thinkers in America. GRAPHO.

MRS. ADA FOYE.

A Seance and Lecture Next Sunday Be-

fore the Y. P. P.S.

c the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Mrs. Ada Foye, who recently arrived in the city, will fill her engagement with the Young Peoples' Progressive Society, beginning next Sunday evening and continuing during the month. The many friends who attended her lectures one year ago, can testify to her remarkable exposition of spirit presence, and excellent health, ready to cope with all inclemencies of weather. A month of good -work is now expected, and if all will aid us in this effort, we will surely have good results. If our friends will only consider the importance of presenting the very highest teachings and the most positive evidences of Spiritualism to skeptics, no doubt they will endeavor to secure their attendance Mrs. Foye's scances, and aid, in behalf of the cause, our humble efforts to sustain our meetings. The scances will be held in a suitable hall on the South Side (the friends will please observe the Sunday papers, as a hall has not yet been decided upon) at 7:45 in the evening, and we ask all to be in their seats at that A. L. COVERDALE.

It is said that Wilkie Collins shows many signs of age and hard work. He is thin and stoops much, but his eyes, though near-sighted, are bright and sparkling. Mr. Collins, is a hard worker, and when busy with a nove usually works night and day until it is finish ed. It is quite common for him to work fifteen hours at a stretch, eating scarcely anything and drinking only a little champagne during that time. He gets much excited over his stories and walks about the room reciting | self invited although he may not have rethe speeches of his characters in the most

dramatic manner. Empress Frederick and William II. are about to erect a mausoleum for the deceased Emperor near the Castle of Friedrichskron. Its execution has been intrusted to the architect Raschdorff and the sculptor Begas. The designs were made by the Empress herself after a little church at Innichen in the mountains of Tyrol.

Leo XIII. is in poor health, although his to enable him to take part in the debates. real condition is carefully kept from the public. He is in a painfully nervous state, and is said to be constantly pursued by morbid fear of death, the slightest ailment assuming in his excited imagination the form of a serious disorder.

SPIRIT WRITING.

NVESTIGATIONS IN SLATE-WRITING, BY A MEMBER OF THE PSYCHICAL SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

In a semi-official capacity as secretary of a Psychical Research Society in Eastern Indiana, I called on Mrs. Moss, of St. Louis, Mo., while that lady was giving slate-writing seances in Cincinnati, O., and who is strongly endorsed by a number of prominent Spiritualists of that city as a first-class medium in Pinagraphy. I found her to be a woman of pleasant address, and evidently sincere in her belief as a Spiritualist. She was not inform ed as to the special object of my visit, but assured that while not a Spiritualist, I was not there to antagonize, nor on the outlook as a fraud-detective, but sincerely in search for ocular demonstration of spirit force, and that as far as it is possible for a novitiate to conform to the rules of scances, no will power of mine should stand in the way of harmonious conditions.

Five questions were written on small pieces of paper, two of which were tests, she being informed of the fact. These, together with the answers, were preserved and are now on the table before me. The first addressed to my father is as follows: "Is the fact of the atonement true? It is denied by certain spirits. I am deeply interested in the subject; be explicit."

on this side." This return message was supplemented with a voluntary attestation by a them comfortably seated in the spacious au-Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Moss's "Control," to the effect that there is no doubt of the atonement be- ditorium, shaded from the sun, yet in sight ing a fixed fact of the moral universe. The second question was brief, to the point as will be seen, and a test: "Please send a

message in Hebrew." This was addressed to my father, from whom came the answer, "You know I can not write Hebrew." This was followed by an inquiry more rigid as a test, being written in the Greek language, and was as follows:

Le ra Trévelle La garépoi ex ¿qua je poutac our de sa. Anokoivou Eldyveuté.

That is, "whether spirits manifest themselves or not. I am ignorant. Inform me in had the audacity to scatter his scurrilous Greek." This message though not purely classic, nevertheless, went through, since it was the work. This is but a glimpse at the pleasant posters about the grounds until ordered off occasion of what may be regarded as a joke perpetrated on the thither side of spirit-life in park by the lake side, but it is all that time the following answer:

"You know I can not write Greek. I have called to my aid an ancient Grecian who will Soon the slate was busy with another message, a copy of which is here accurately

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The copy is written more closely than it is on the slate, but otherwise faithfully, reproremarkably successful one. People have come duced. This to me was a puzzler, baffling my pretensions to a fair knowledge of the Greek language. Mrs. Moss assured me that the last six characters were the signature of the old Greek, which are thus indicated. It occurred to me that this must be an attempt -if at anything-of the Greek alphabet. I at once put the question, "Is this the Greek alphabet?" To which came the response, "Yes," in English; but I should be glad to meet with the scholar, Greek or Barbarian, who is able to recognize it as such.

Remarks. First, as to features, that avould indicate the falsity of the messages. The slate used was a double one, and new. No pencil was enclosed with the questions, which were placed singly within for answers. It was held under the table by the medium and myself. At Inventory of property.......\$31,011 00 | times I noticed that the slate determined towards the medium with considerable force. from which, when I resisted by holding it still, the medium would request that my hand be Receipts for one year....... 10,390 05 disengaged and placed with one of her hands on the top of the table "in order to perfect the five years. magnetic current;" in the mean while she supporting the slate by her single hand still in its place beneath the table.

Again I observed her at times looking intently towards her lap as if endeavoring to see the slate. Another thing favorable to suspicion that all was not fair was the weight of the cover on the table. It was with difficulty, that the part of it hanging next the sitter could be lifted by a single hand. Again, the writing while provokingly illegible to 'myself was read on sight with unusual readiness by the medium. Finally, she seemed to be anxious for information regarding the parties questioned, plying me with pertinent inquiries in I believe Cassadaga is the most promising advance of return messages. I submitted to this for fear of disturbing the "conditions."

On the other hand, there are things explicable only on the assumption of genuineness. While my father could not write Greek and Hebrew in the earth-life, he could read them at sight with great ease, having learned them as a child would learn English without attempt at mastery of syntactical construction. He never perhaps, penned a sentence in any language but the English. With this in mind the answers to the duestions put to him were given with singular truthfulness.

In regard to the "Greek alphabet" I am nonplussed. If the "Ancient Greek" saw fit to notice my question in Greek, why did he not give me a straight answer in subject and predicate instead of striking a tangent to the circle by such hideous Lieroglyphics as he chose to dub an alphabet? Is it to be presumed that Greek verbs and nouns framed into sentences by a modern tyro were not translatable by his ancientness? But this paper must not transcend the limits of a report. I leave it to the experienced in Spiritualism to solve the inexplicable connected with this seance, which is but briefly, and I may add, imper-W. O. PIERCE, D. D. fectly described. Winchester, Ind.

World's Spiritual Convention.

A circular printed in three languages has been received at this office from "The Executive Committee of Spiritualism in Spain to the Professional Press. Societies and Co-Rewill, no doubt, be glad to know that she is in | ligionists of all Countries," Inviting them to send delegates to a universal convention of Spiritualists to be held in Barcelona next September. As is well known, an International Exposition is being now held in that city, and the Spiritualists of Spain wish to take advantage of the occasion for a grand gathering of representative Spiritualists of all countries, and it is to be hoped that some of our well-to-do American Spiritualists will think it worth their while to be present at so important a meeting.

> Following is the invitation and articles which have been formulated:

> "Availing ourselves of the present International Exhibition at Barcelona, Spain, we the Executive Commission elected at the Nationat Congress on the 28th of February last, in the name and with the assistance of eminent Spiritualists, the press and representatives of numerous associations, invite all the societies of our belief as well as the editors of the press of our creed of every nation, to Passist personally at an International Spiritualistic Congress which will be opened in that city on the 8th of September next."

> ARTICLE 1. Every member of our creed (of whatever nationality) will consider himceived this circular.

ART. 2. The International Congress will solemnly present our philosophical doctrines. and with the object of establishing cordial relations among all the eister societies, proposes to form a center of consultation, which may be established in the locality where our doctrines may happen to be most successful. ART. 3. To be able to take part in this In- societies in general, and likewise the press, ternational Congress it is necessary that each

society shall name a delegate, who will assist personally at the meeting, where he will be required to product his credentials in order wise. ART. 4. Corporations unable to attend or

to send a delegate may elect their representatives among any of the brethren of our creed who may happen to be here on a visit to the International Exhibition.

ART. 5: If even with these facilities it be not easy for them to send a representative, that it will meet with abundant success.

any two or more societies may unite together and send a delegate.

ART. 6. It is requested that the press give all possible publicity to this circular and comment on it as they may think proper. It is also desired that this circular be largely distributed among all brethren, in order that they may be informed of the conditions, and in case of requiring further information may communicate at once with the Executive Commission, regarding the sending of a delegate.

ART. 7. Should insurmountable difficulties present themselves, this project may have to be abandoned. But due notice will be sent through the press a month previous should this occur.

ART. 8. Any voluntary contributions kind ly offered by any society, in order to increase the splendor of the said International Congress, will be most thankfully accepted.

ART. 9. All particulars regarding the celebration of the International Congress will be nublished a month beforehand at the secretary's office. Centro Barcelones of Psychological Studies. Calle Beatas, numero 10.

Likewise the press will do the same. At the said office the respective delegates will have to present their credentials with out which formality they will not be allowed to take part in the debates. Also all appli cations for invitations will have to be made at this office, and will be issued seven days before the celebration of the said Congress ART: 10. It is earnestly requested that the

press and all societies will please reply to this circular at their earliest convenience stating whether they intend to send a delegate, and those who have not received a circular, direct from the Executive Commission, will excuse this involuntary omission and consider themselves entitled to send their respective delegates in due form, replying as indicated to the circular. The correspondence will have to be addressed Calle. de Consejo de ciento, numero 388, principal, Barcelona. Finally, it is requested that the will please inform this Commission of any important local papers in their respective towns in order to send them a circular like. S. Luis P. Romeu,

Secretary, Barcelona, Spain. April 28, 1888.

Equity is the name of a new paper published at 94 La Salle street, this city. It will no doubt fill a long felt want, and we hope Haslett Park Camp Meeting.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Dear Sir:-I am just home from two days at Haslett Park-a shorter stay than I intended, but other matters came in unexpectedly to compel leaving for home. Reaching there on Friday night, the 17th

on landing from the little steamer which

carries passengers from the railroad depot to the camp ground, I found about the same number of cottages and tents as last year. Saturday morning, at the new auditorium, some sixty or more met for an hour of children's lyceum exercises, and an hour following of reading and discussion. Dr. Higby sat on the platform and read clearly and ner's Log Cabin Sarsaparilla also originated in a Log well from Emerson's noble essay on Self Reliance, pausing now and then for the animated and thoughtful discussion of some in- of to-day as Warner's "Tippecanoe" does as a stomack. spiring sentence. These reading meetings | tonic are held daily and are interesting and high-

ly instructive. Sunday was a fair day and from 1,600 to To this came the answer: "The atonement is a fact. Death is only a sleep to wake up | 2,000 persons were on the ground, half of of the leafy forest beyond its open sides. I is a solid and excellent building, a credit to its planner and builder, Mr. Clark of Port Huron, and a great convenience and comfort to the audiences.

> Mrs. E. C. Woodruff and myself filled the time, and had good hearing. The audiences on Sundays have been larger than last year, and were as large last Sunday as at any time, SPIR.

opening address; the next day Hon. W. L. | Hare and other Eminent opening address; the next day Hon. W. L. | compiled. Price, 20 cents. Bancroft of Washington, formerly of Port | Huron, spoke, and August 26th will be the closing day. Dr. Schemerhorn and wife. and Mr. Lindsay of Grand Rapids, Herrick and Barnes, Mrs. Ammidown, Mrs. Firth, Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Bible were the mediums I met. and others may be there. G. W. Brooks acts as chairman, and is busy in earnest in his allows, and we must all wait until hext for a fuller view. G. B. STEBBINS. Detroit, Mich., Aug. 23rd.

General News.

Mrs. Langtry is making real estate investments in Washington.-Wesley Williams, the negro wife-murderer of Martin, Tex., was Saturday sentenced to be hanged Sept. 29.—Bishop S. M. Merrill of Chicago officiated at the dedication of the Blue Mound Methodist Church last Sunday.—John Doane, a wealthy farmer living in the suburbs of Cleveland, has just been bunkoed out of \$2,-000 by confidence men.—Evan Price, an old and well-known resident of Litchfield, Ill., was killed by a train of cars. He was 59 years old and leaves a wife and four children. -J. F. Moulton was instantly killed and his wife and child were seriously injured by a railroad train striking their buggy as they were crossing the track at Chattanooga, Tenn.—The west-bound passenger-train on the Chicago & Northwestern ran off the track near Cedar Rapids, Ia., wrecking several cars and injuring the engineer and fireman. passengers were hurt.—A son of President Tyler has been chosen President of William and Mary College at Williamsburg, Va.—The Empress Victoria has promised that no biography of Kaiser Fritz shall be published for

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For the Religio Philosophical Journal.

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THE SILENT WEAVERS.

I never speak a hasty word But that my heart goes grieving; I never breathe an unkind wish · But soon I feel the weaving Within my own life's "tangled web" Of threads that wish revealing. By unseen hands placed deftly there, Love's brighter threads concealing.

I never crush a timid flower By quick or careless wending, But that I seem to feel the pang The bruised flower-heart rending. I never tax another's hand To give me ease or pleasure, But soon I hear a voice that says,

"Give thou, in equal measure."

I never wound, by judgments harsh. A sister or a brother. But back the sentence comes to me. "Just as you judge another Shall you be judged; and as you mete, To you that shall be measured": For every thought of every deed Is by the spirit treasured.

Ah, me! I often feel the thrill Made by their silent weaving: And with it comes the sudden jar Of chords within me grieving. Whenever from my lips there falls A word of hate or scorning, Then quick I hear Love's signal bells Ring out a voiceful warning—

Of act unkind, unworthy one Who hears the angels singing, While all the answering aisles above Are with their anthems ringing. Whene'er I doubt the tender care My footsteps ever guiding: Or fear some good will be denied.

 Ah! then I hear Love's chiding. Love's gentle chiding whispered low, All apprehension stilling, And helping me in trust to say I'll work as God is willing. And as he leads I'll follow on As one who needs direction. A child, that, erring oft, requires As oft. His kind correction.

And woven into the curious web

Of life must live forever! For bright or dark, no thread can we From woof or warp dissever. Ah. we! the weavers are, and time The flying shuttle, cleaving Its way thro' all our life, with threads To give us joy or grieving. Belvidere Seminary, Belvidere, N. J.

The Small Boy.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: In self-governed communities the small boy each decade becomes the responsible controller of deavor. society, to influence for good or evil to remote generations; therefore it is of vital importance that this factor of our civilization should receive solicitous consideration and anxious paternal guidance, to which previous generations have been indebted for a manly and womanly development of character, commanding respect and admiration for American citizens in all quarters of the globe.

It is not difficult to detect events which tend to concentrate the home influence, and particularly the effect of motherly and sisterly interference, which elevate the standard of individual families. Look at our revolutionary ancestors and their immediate descendants, schooled in adversity and driven by necessity to self-assertion and continuous exertion, and no period in the world's history can produce so large a proportion of the highest type of manhood and womanly excellence.

In the decade 1860-70, when the entire responsibility of the home circle fell upon the women, each .. little child was compelled to add its efforts to the full extent of ability to aid in making home com-

Those children are the parents of the present time, and it would be better if they profited more than they seem to do by their early experience and applied the lesson to their own children who, it is much to be feared, are falling off from the high standard of their predecessors.

Space will not permit of a full investigation of all the causes which are leading to this result, but there is one which deserves full parental consideration. The improved modes of teaching in the primary departments lead most parents to a sad misconception as they watch the wonderful and almost phenomenal progress of their little children week by week, each week evincing an amount of intelmentally and physically. If these parents would old man or matron, or inexperienced miss just from school, was thought good enough to set the tasks, ing and adaptibility to control and guide the tender | control, independent slate writing without a b no task and the only mind exertion is to grasp a or astonish the sitter. proposition and follow the deductions leading to a demonstration so clear and definite that the average mind absorbs the conclusion and stows away an intellectual acquisition gained almost without effort. This mode is admirable for those solid but slow minds which were formerly condemned as blockheads because not intuitive and able to learn by rote. The teacher detects these dormant intelligences and by simplification and amplification arouses energy and often demonstrates a mind of greater force than

that possessed by quicker intellects. Enough has been, said to show that learning acquired by allurements. which entirely remove all that is irksome, cannot task mentally nor physically. and those parents who come to this conclusion from the evidence of results, would do well to examine the methods, and they will be convinced that they are in error to relax home discipline and home obli- pose of fitting it up as an institution for the educagations in favor of a larger liberty, which is taken advantage of by the small boy of this period, who is less respectful to those who are older, and more exacting and querulous with his associates than would be the case if parents were more watchful of their to-day is to give assertion to society in the future. which is a sufficient cause to induce all who desire a high standard of manhood and womanhood to see to it that no negligence nor mistaken sympathy shall be detrimental to the best development of tended principally by colored people.—Times. J. F. WETMORE. character in the small boy. Albany, N. Y.

Prof. Krebs of Milan, Italy, the discoverer of a new cure for consumption, has offered to cure, free of charge, any physicians or members, of a physician's family who may be afflicted with the disease and who will go to Milan for treatment

The Sultan of Turkey has his food prepared in silver vessels and each vessel sealed by a slip of paper and a stamp after the meal is cooked. These seals are broken in the presence of the Sultan by the High Chamberlain, who takes a spoonful of each dish before the Sultan tastes it.

does her literary work in a little two-roomed log | the millionaire's style, they are to blame. It is abcabin near her father's house at Beauvoir. It was | surd to write about 'sinful wastefulness,' which conthere that she wrote her fiery little sketch of Robert | verts a cemetery into a lovely garden and refines and

A Visit to the Camp Meeting, and a Glance Over the Field at Large.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Being in the neighborhood of Clinton, Iowa, on business. I went to take a look at the Spiritualist camp meeting near that town. This is the sixth season of this camp. It is pleasantly located on the bluffs just back of town, easy of access, and the grounds are well shaded. I spent four days there. The natural surroundings and facilities for such a camp there are good, and still-compared with preyious meetings-the general attendance and interest seemed to be weakening. Deducting all those who were there in a professional capacity, the magnetic healers and mediums, the self-styled "professors" and "doctors," etc., there was not a large attendance. One gentleman from an Iowa town from whose place heretofore not less than 40 to 50 persons attended annually, told me that there were only eleven people present this season. He attributed this falling off to the increased charges for tentrent, admission fees. etc.

At such meetings one will always find a variety of interesting characters and a breezy mental at- bas reliefs innumerable. mosphere which is begotten by the free and unrestrained interchange of thoughts and ideas. Spiritualism wins its recruits from all conditions of life, from all classes of mind, and only gradually can so many incongruous elements be made to converge toward a common goal. In the teachings from the Spirit-world,—in all those communications which bear intrinsic evidences of a high spiritual origin. such as M. A. Oxon's "Spirit Teachings" and the sketches now being published from Mrs. E. B. Duffey, there is an astonishing interior harmony, unity and consistency: but in our human brains and in human, earthly hands, the truth always becomes more or less distorted and mixed with the deeply rooted old errors and prejudices of earth-life. Rarely will men and women accept the truth in its puriity, but they will mix it with their own peculian traits and predisposition, and so it comes to pass that the rays of truth and light, on reaching the foggy atmosphere of earth, lose a good deal of their harmonizing effect; but aside from this fact, a large proportion of Spiritualists do not concern themselves with the higher teachings at all. Their interest does not extend beyond the rudimental phase, the objective phenomena, the "signs and wonders," mate- interest Americans in their own country and to in or preacher, the "benefit of clergy," is altogether | their bas reliefs and curious sculpture representing hell of fire—no devil---and probably no God either, | their interesting mural paintings and mysterious inasmuch as none of all those spirits they have com- inscriptions. The old stones, buried these many He looked. Why not, therefore, take things easy? | story to tell to the world. "Ain't we good enough as we are, and as nature has made us?"

This is Spiritism, but not Spiritualism. It has no religious life: it does not subdue the lower propensrepress personal vanity and conceit. It has no reformatory, reconstructive power, no zeal nor strength for missionary work.

These, I think, are some of the reasons why there is so much divergence, and so little unity and harmony of thought and sentiment among Spiritualists as a body. The territory they occupy is too extended; it stretches all the way from the very borders of materialism and atheism on and up to the serene heights of noble aspirations and loving, heroic en-

camping ground are much more thickly peopled than | us say that we bear with us proc!s that America those higher up, and therefore the favorite lecturer and speaker are those of the iconoclastic order, who voice the powerful reaction of minds that have escaped from the bondage of ecclesiastic rule, priestcraft and bibliolatry, and are now swinging to the opposite extreme, to an attitude of general denial—the old standards being discarded and overthrown, and the new ones but faintly recognized yet. This het erogeneous, inharmonious condition among the professors of the Harmonial Philosophy is the principal reason. I presume, why all attempts at organization, so far, have failed. As time goes on, we may see harmony evolved out of chaos. Spiritualism does not set up the false pretence that it can work sudden or miraculous changes of ingrained character. The improvement hoped for must come as a gradual growth, and a healthy growth is a slow growth. But here, kind reader, don't let us forget that upon us, individually, rests the sacred duty to help in the advancement of truth and in the correction of abuses as far as in us lies, and don't let us forget, that neglect of duty always has a baleful effect upon | books of the Asiatic countries. We have inherited our own spiritual state.

The most interesting features of a camp meeting are the conference and mediums' meetings, and it is this class of meetings. I opine, that does the most good. At a mediums' meeting which was held in the large hall on the Sunday afternoon while I was there, a number of apparently good tests of spiritreturn were given, one of them to the writer, with a | feature in it that cannot be explained by mind read-

From a very intelligent young man and Spiritual ist, who lives at Clinton, I learned a fact which quite interested me, humiliating as it is. Among lectual acquisition equal to results formerly at the regular speakers at this camp last summer, Co. tained, certainly only after a month, perhaps an en- | ville,-the loquacious Colville,-was a shining light, tire term. The fond parent at once infers "mind- and now we are told that this teacher of theosoph cramming," and in sympathy relaxes home restraint | occultism and mystic fogism, while attending the and gives the child larger liberty to recuperate camp meeting could not deny himself the pleasure of frequent attendance at the "services" of the Catholi follow the plan of the writer and visit the primary church in town. When intercepted one time by departments of most of our public schools as he has this same young man within the church, he tool done in his immediate locality, they could not fail to | refuge in the excuse that he was attracted there by perceive that their conclusions are erroneous and the music, but my informant, who is a musician the facts directly the reverse. Formerly any good | says the music was wretched. Comments are un-

I cannot close these hasty notes without an alluinflict the penalties and promise rewards,—the first | sion to Mrs. J. C. Blodgett of Davenport, the most ever present in the form of a rod or ferule, and the prominent and capable medium on the grounds. latter in no uncertain perspective, because the Mrs. Blodgett seems to be one of the few true and quickest intellect was sure to gain the prize. Now, genuine mediums, and one who is well fitted for puba teacher selected by reason of experience in teach- lic work. She is an excellent instrument for trance mind, performs all the mental and physical labor of | of visible pencil, and other phenomena. Her printhe school room, and the work done is as arduous | cipal guide, I have good reason to believe, is a and fatiguing as that of any day laborer, artisan or | teacher of spiritual truth and purity, who aims to a party engaged in any profession; the children have instruct and benefit, not merely to amuse, bewilder GEO. LIEBERKNECHT.

Colored Priests.

Geneseo. Ill.

Joseph Griffin of Virginia and James Brown Maryland, both colored, are studying for the Catho lic priesthood in St. Peter's College, near Liverpool England. After six years' stay in that institution they will take another six years' course in St. Mary' seminary, Baltimore. C. R. Uncles, another colored man of Maryland, has been for some time studying for the priesthood in Canada, and will complete hi education soon. Recently the young colored mer of the Catholic Church have received considerable encouragement to become priests, and the old Western Maryland hotel has been purchased for the pur tion of colored men for the priesthood. The insti tution will be known as St. Joseph's seminary, and will be opened in the fall. A colored Catholic organ in Cincinnati estimates the colored Catholic population of this country at 200,000. Out of this large children when at home. This small boy element of | number of adherents to the church there is only one colored priest in this country--Rev. A. Tolton. Ill nois. He was a slave before the war, and is a fullblooded African. In Rome and in other parts of Europe colored priests have charge of parishes at-

Funerals.

The Jewish Messenger, commenting on an article deprecating lavish or liberal expenditure on funer als and cemeteries, says: "We fear that advocates of funeral reforms forget that it is nobody's business how much money one spends on casket, flowers, or monument. It would be impertinent even to interfere with the harmless whim of the gentleman who had 'the blue ribbons, that adorned his night-gown solemnly replaced with black.' So far as flowers are concerned, unless the practice be carried to excess, they perform kindly and fragrant offices. Why declare a millionaire's tomb a vanity, even if its cost Winnie Davis, "Daughter of the Confederacy," would endow a hospital? If poorer people emulate nothing to regret. beautifies the associations of death."

"Atlantis" Not a Fable.

A wonderful career has been that of Mme. Alice Le Plongeon, who, as a bride of 19, went from her home in England to share the dangers of life in the forests of Central America with her husband, Dr. Augustus Le Plongeon, the savant and explorer. Full of enthusiasm, she came to New York and sailed away to the little known country of Yucatan, where her husband had been previous to his journey to London and his discovery of her exploring the ruins of Uxmal. She went there for a few months' stay, and remained there fourteen years. In those years, separated from home and friends and from the society of white people, Mme. Le Plongeon studied constantly, learned to speak the Spanish and the old Maya languages, and pondered the ruins of cities, temples and statues until she became a deeply learned woman. Prehistoric life was her theme, and she commenced her study with the mystic beginning of Isis and Osiris and the kingly career of Caw, the first ruler of the Mayas, whose reign, many, many years ago, over Mayas (ancient Yucatan) is chronicled in sculpture, hieroglyphics and

"No one can imagine," said Mme. Plongeon speaking of her life in Yucatan, "the dangers that appalled us as we threaded our way through jungles and forests almost impenetrable, hungry and cold,

Mme. Plongeon picked up a series of photographs of bas relief. which she said were taken from a building unearthed at Uxmal, which had 120 rooms, arranged in pairs, each pair communicating with another by a doorway. She describes the buildings as having been erected on artificial terraces, composed of stones laid on the top of each other, one of them being similar in style to the famous "hanging gardens" of Babylon.

"I think the most interesting thing to tell you is of the proof we found that Free Masonry existed in prehistoric times." and she gathered up from a large collection of photographs a number that represent ed the same Masonic symbols as are now in use They were exact counterparts of those familiar to the order to-day.

"Will you tell what you purpose doing with these treasures you have collected?" "Certainly: we are back from Central America to rialization. etc. Deficient in spiritual perception | vite them to examine the proofs we bring that the and destitute of aspiration, they think a good deal oldest civilization on earth existed in that part of more of a good thump on the head,—or a floating | the continent. My husband is writing a book which, chair, than of the necessity of opening their souls to when published, will give a succinct and complete spiritual light and love. They are satisfied that, account of our fourteen years' stay in Yucatan and when their time comes and they "shuffle off this | the great value of the discoveries made by him. We mortal coil." they will cross over to the spirit-side of | have fac similes of the ancient palaces of the Mayas, life, just as they are, and that the services of a priest | as you see here, with their peculiar architecture, unnecessary. They know that there is no literal | the portraits of their great men, priests and warriors, municated with. have ever seen Him, or met any | centuries in the depths of the forests only five or other spirits that had seen Him or could tell how six days' distance from New York, have a wondrous

Whenever the people of the United States are ready for the information which can be had, dark veil that covers the dawn of human civilization will be drawn aside and the world will bless this ities: it does not overcome greed and selfishness, nor | country for unraveling the mystery of the beginning of the race on this planet."

Mme. Le Plongeon spoke earnestly and with much feeling. Holding up a large view of a great marble building, she said: "Look at the carving on that temple. Is it not glorious? All the monuments of Yucatan." she continued. "were made by powerful races, highly civilized, since they made use of a written language and alphabetical characters that have preceded us thousands of years. Not only is munity must answer. their own distory inscribed on the faces of their public buildings, but also their cosmogonical tradi-The lower planes and division of this extensive | tions. Of course, it is with a shock that people hear was the cradle of the human race, and that the countries forming Central America were the scene of the events described as having taken place in the Garden of Eden. Professor Agassiz, you know, founded his belief that America was the old world, and not the new, upon the geological formation of this continent."

"Then you give credence to the theory that there was such a catastrophe as the sinking of Atlantis?" "Certainly. That continent existed between America and the western coast of Africa and Europe. In a Maya manuscript still in existence there is an account of that awful cataclysm, and these interesting monuments, with their inscriptions so full of historical revelation, with the key of their decipherment known, are able to give us the entire history of the intellectual development of the human family What makes it more delightful, too, is that this history is free from the myths and fables, creations of untutored and credulous imaginations or work of crafty philosophers, which we find in the sacred myths bequeathed to us as revelations from on high, and the origin of which we did not know until they stood revealed in the excavated cities of Yucatan and the crumbled walls of the temples of Maya." "Shall you ever go back, madame, to prosecute

further explorations?"

"That depends entirely upon your people. If there is an interest in the work we will gladly carry it on during our lifetime. We left hidden many a trophy. because we were unwilling to have our pains for nothing. My husband lives in the hope of being permitted to present to the scientific world a series of manuscripts written by the founders of the buried cities of Uxual and Mayapan. The ruins of the former city are owned by a gentleman who will not allow one stone to be moved by explorers, but he is constantly destroying monuments to use the stones in the building of farmhouses. Think of this! We have in our possession now a writing done by these ancient people which we believe to be older than all the Bibles of the world, and antedates the submerging of Atlantis, which once existed between Florida and the Azores, off the coast of Spain."—New York

A Terrible God!

In a letter to Joseph Cook, as to "What saves Men. Dr. John Hall (Fresbyterian) speaks of the suffering and death of Christ, or the reason of his offering of himself, as follows:—

He owns to a fixed belief that his Father has given him a work to do, -not joyous, but unspeakably painful. It is a cup that one shudders to think of drinking, a baptism that he longs to have over. He is straitened inexpressibly till it be accomplished. He has to give his life for the sheep, not in such sense as a martyr dies in triumph, with the light of God in his soul and the joy of the divine presence with him. He cries: "My God! my God! Why hast thou forsaken me?" I can explain that "forsaking" on the theory that God is saving himself from compromise of character, is vindicating his law, is dealing with his "righteous servant" as a substitute for sinners. I solemnly say I can explain it, or, rather, begin to understand it, on no other basis. A holy God forsaking in the hour of deepest need a sinless matchless servant, dying to do good,—this is against all the promises, against the character of God, or any theory I know, but that he. Christ, is on th cross, "the just for the unjust." All that Jesus says for example, of his power, if he chose to summon angelic help, confirms that idea. All that I read of Jesus from prophets before him and apostles after harmonizes with that view, and I can make it to harmonize with no other.

Is it any wonder that such views of Deity as a cold and implacable tyrant make infidels? The soul that rebels against them is worlhy of honor.

Happiness.

But far above all else humanity stands, and that has learned to live well, has learned to live with humanity happily. Life will not admit of jarrings and unpleasantness there is time only for happy thoughts and kindly feelings. It is of the greatest importance that we crowd all happiness into life, and that we allow no word or act to mar the happiness of others.

Most sacred of all is the home circle. There must be differences, there should never be quarrels; there must be misunderstandings, there should never be angry words. The home where the truest life is lived should be symbolic of love and peace, and each hour so lived, that if it were the last there could be

Be happy, make others happy; be true to yourself, as God meant you to be true, and yours shall be true life, and hence a long life, be it measured in years or in days.—Massachusetts Ploughman.

"Are We Worse Than The Heathen?"

(The New York Press.)

A short time since you printed a letter with the above heading, written by me. It is as follows: "There are 9,000 licensed dens of crime right here in the city of New York. A community which boasts of a Christian civilization tolerates and legalizes a business which is nothing else than a curse to the people who are compelled to submit to its presence. Not one word can be spoken in its favor, not one argument cited to support it. A thousand policemen, a dozen criminal magistrates and courts, asylums, jails and penitentiaries to take care of the consequences of the business. A million of dollars received from licenses and \$5,000,000. expended on the results. What a supreme folly; and yet this monster has such a hold upon our social life that the moral element seeins to have no power to sup-

Among the Buddhists with 300,000,000 followers and the Mahommedans with 250,000,000,drunkenness is unknown. The so-called heathens, of the world, the vile and despised of the earth, forbid the use of alcoholic drinks and crush intemperance, and we Christians tolerate, encourage and legalize it.

Ministers in the church of Christ are laboring in the cause of license while heathen teachers are fighting for its suppression, and yet we send mis sionaries to these people to convert them to our re ligious civilization. God forbid."-George A. Shu-

Some gentleman, a reader of your paper and evidently from his composition, a clergyman and a scholar, has in reply to the above, sent me an anonymous letter, to which I ask of you the privilege of making a brief answer. Here it is.

"Dear Sir:--There is an animal with very long ears which in the fable books always says the idiotic things. You make us think of it. No man with a thimble full of brains in his head would dream of making Christianity responsible for intemperance when it does all that is done to repress the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors. We Christians tolerate, encourage and legalize it. Such Christians as you are. Of course you are not a church member, never go to church and haven't a Bible in your house. I have met several such Christians. If you had your way, you would burn every Bible Christian at the stake with as much satisfaction as was done in Bloody Mary's time in Eng-Very Respectfully,

"A READER OF THE N. Y. PRESS."

The man who sends anonymous letters and fears. to sign his name to his written thoughts is a moral coward and generally unworthy of notice; but this writer has made such a conspicuous idiot of himself that I feel like informing him of the fact, and at the same time saying a few words in reply to his foolish criticisms. I believe this is a Christian country, at least it has that name, and we do "encourage, tolerate and legalize" the manufacture and sale of alcoholie spirits. We make the laws, and regulate the affairs of the country. We could control this business if we would, and we do not. Now, who is responsible for its existence? Surely the mea who make the laws and no body else, and these men are all Christians. Ask any member of the New York Legislature whether he is a Christian or not. You would be certain to get the answer, "And be gorrah do you take me for a haythen?" Of course they are Christians! If you are "doing all that is done to repress the traffic," why don't you do more? Why don't you stop it, as you confessedly have the power to do? Why permit the existence of this business at all? These are questions which a Christian com-

The saloon with its public sale of intoxicating liquors is a crime against the human race, quite as atrocious, and with far more baneful results than ever was the institution of African slavery. Immediate prohibition is a fundamental right. If the pulpit is silent whenever or wherever a saloon opens its doors, or if it advocates the doctrine that such saloon should be licensed, the pulpit is false to its

It is a well known fact that many of the high license men of New York are prominent ministers in the Christian Church, and they are doing their level best to regulate the business by a system of mencement-day. licenses, and what is this but legalizing the traffic? What I said about the Buddhists and Mohammedans is true; they not only do not tolerate the use of

alcohol but they suppress and stop it. Buadhism has a record of twenty-three hundred years, with not a drop of blood in its onward march; not a groan along its pathway or a drunkard in its graves. I did not undertake to compare the civilization of this country with that of India. I simply

stated a fact as existing among the heathens by which Christians might profit. My correspondent charges me with some Christian attributes which I do not possess, when he says -I "would burn all Bible Christians at the stake with die: and besides it was not men of my convictions goods except agricultural productions are im who burned the Bible Christians at the stake: it was ported. ather Bible Christians, and they were merely burning each other. There were some differences of opinion on religious matters and those in the majority settled these differences by the auto da fe, but I

am glad to say that I think this a very poor way to Respectfully, eettle disputes.

GEORGE A. SHUFELDT.

Sunday Abroad.

Interest in Sunday legislation is developing abroad in rather unlooked-for quarters, and though the dominant motive is social and industrial, the religious observance of the day will incidentally be promoted. The investigation ordered by the German government show that over one-half of the industrial establishments in the empire are open or Sundays, keeping more than one-half of their workmen employed. The result of this inquiry is a bill now pending in the Reichstag, which provides that manufacturers shall not compel their laborers to work Sundays and holidays. It applies to factories, workshops, and the building trades. In the case of shops the owners can not work their employes longer than five hours these days. Where work does not admit of stoppage every workman must have every other Sunday from 6 A. M. to 6 P. M. for his own pleasure. In urgent cases also the local police authorities can allow Sunday and holiday labor. In France also this question is a subject of legislation. The French chamber of deputies has passed a factory bill which compels employers to give their laborers at least one day each week to themselves and although, in order to avoid criticism, Sunday i not mentioned in the bill, that will be the day selected for the workingmen's holiday.

A Free Thinker's Death.

Courtlandt Palmer is reported to have spent his latest moments in setting forth his agnostic views and expressing his confidence that they will spread over all the earth. Nearly his last words are said to have been these: "The general impression is that free-thinkers are afraid of death. I want you, one and all, to tell the world that you have seen a freethinker die without the least fear of what the hereafter may be."

If your seat is too hard to sit upon, stand up. a rock rises up before you, roll it away, or climb over it. If you want money, earn it. If you wish for confidence, prove yourself worthy of it. It takes longer to skin an elephant than a mouse, but the skin is worth something. Don't be content with doing what another has done—surpass it. Deserve success and it will come. The boy was not born man. The sun does not rise like a rocket or go down like a bullet fired from a gun slowly but surely it makes its round and never tires. It is as easy to be a leader and a wheel horse; if the job be long the pay will be greater; if the task be hard, the more competent you must be to do it.—Ex.

Dr. Karl Derhardt, one of the physicians who attended Frederick III., has just been chosen Bector of the University of Berlin. He has been professor at Jena, Wurzburg, and Berlin.

If you are willing to be as pleasant and anxious to please in your home as you are in the company of your neighbors, you would have the happiest home in the world.

there are such) will drop it upon ohe deck of a ship before the ship can be seen, as at that distance any ship is "hull down."

Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

The Emperor of China is said to take great inter-

est in astronomy. It is announced that there will be another Passion

Play at Ober-Ammargau in 1890. The financial reports of the Australian colonies show largely increasing revenues.

A necklace of human knucklebones was the gift received by a missionary from a partial chief. The heat of the sun in the valley of the Humboldt River in Nevada killed large numbers of carp. Evangelist Moody advises young men who desire

to be revivalists to start out as book agents and study human nature. Peter Andersen recently died in Finland and left his estate, by will, to the Devil. Andersen's mother will contest the will.

Lucy stone, one of the first champions of woman's rights and the abolition of slavery, has just celebrated her seventieth birthday.

Amélie Rives, a Richmond critic says, wrote her tragedy, "Herod and Mariamne," some five years ago, before she was 21 years old.

A mammoth squash at Medford, Ore., is reported to have grown 5½ feet in length and 11½ inches in circumference in twenty-one days.

It is estimated at Melbourne that there is now from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 worth of expertable wheat held in the colony of Victoria. A six-year-old girl passe i through Albany on her

way to New York City, traveling alone. She wore a card giving her name and destination. So many murderers have escaped arrest in Lon-

don of late years the people are said to be losing faith in the police as agents of public safety. Eight Arab mares at a recent London sale realiz-

ed 510 guineas, and the same number of horses 490 guineas. The average was 62½ guineas. At the 14th of July fete in Paris one Frenchman carried about a star-spangled banner and shouted:

"Hurrah for the real republic!" He was drunk. A general complaint in England this summer is that continuous rain has caused an enormous amount of pecuniary loss, of loss of health and loss

of pleasure. Alpenstocks made of mahogany, with silver plate on the top for the name of the owner, are rather extravagant means of assistance to mountain climb-

A statue to General Gordon was unveiled in the Rochester, England, Cathedral, on Thursday, by Lord Wolseley, in the presence of a distinguished

Bank books showing deposits of \$7,000, made twenty-eight years ago, have just been found in a crevice in the room occupied by a miser who died in

South Hanover, Mass. Princess Letitia, who is to wed the Duc d'Aosta, speaks seven languages, is a good musician, and a clever painter. She resembles her father, and is said to be every inch a Bonaparte in type and char-

It is said that washing was and is still done in Japan by getting into a boat and letting the garments drag after the boat by a long string. The Japanese have no instinct for laundry work like the

A Michigan peddler who sold goods on the cars, first singing a comic song to attract attention and please his customers, dropped dead in a train a few

days ago. He is believed to have left a fortune of \$200,000, accumulated in this manner. The old cabin once occupied by John W. Mackay. of bonanza fame, when he mined in Alleghany City from 1856 to 1859, is to be exhibited at the Mechan-

ics' Fair in San Francisco. The picks, shovel and rocker used by Mackay will also be exhibited. Young Hearst, editor of the San Francisco Examiner, graduated from Harvard in 1884, and was especially noted in college as the occupant of a room whose fittings cost \$4,000. His father, the Senator, made him a present of the Examiner on com-

Senor Castelar, now 56 years old. lives with his accomplished sister in a beautiful home at Madrid. Chere are frequent rumors that he is going to get married, but they are only rumors. He is now growing bald, though his hair and mustache are

still jet black. In what months do people marry? A country minister in New England has married 98 couples. Of these 17 were married in December, 14 in September, 9 in January, 8 each in June and October, 7 each in March, April, May and November, 6 in August

and 4 each in February and July. The British agent at Cettinje, Montenegro, reports the same satisfaction as was done in Bloody Mary's | that there is only one road fit for a wagon in the time in England." I beg to assure him that I have | whole country, and that there is practically no inno such bloodthirsty disposition. I would not burn | dustry, the Montenegrins scorning any pursuit but a man of them; they'll get enough of that after they | that of arms. All artisans are foreigners, and all

> A mischievous dog frightened the. ostriches at a farm near Los Angeles, Cal., and they broke out of their pens and ran in all directions with the speed of greyhounds. They were finally captured with lassoes after a hard chase and struggle. A Mexican was kicked in the stomach by one of the birds and severely injured.

A new bullet proposed for the English army is of an unusually small caliber, and is encased in an outer sheet of nickel, which increases its power of penetration. It is used with a rifle of greater thickness of barrel, in which a heavier charge than usual can be fired. Several hundred of the rifles have been made for experimental use.

The novel spectacle of a funeral procession of street cars was witnessed in Washington recently. At the funeral of two employes of the street railway the other employes draped an open summer car, which was used to serve as a hearse, and this was followed by a string of cars, all draped, and occupied by the employes and their friends. A plant called the "laughing plant," or, in scien-

tific parlance, "Cannabalis Sativa," has been discovered, and it is alleged that when it is eaten in its green state or taken as a tincture made either from the green or the dried leaf, as a powder of the dried leaf or smoked as tobacco it is potent in producing exaltation, laughter and cheering ideas. The last soldier to return from the war is William

Kennedy, who passed through Macon, Ga., a few days ago on his way back to the home of his childhood. At the time of Lee's surrender hetwas in service in Virginia, and when mustered fout he married a young Virginia girl who had nursed him. This is his first visit to his Georgia home since he left in 1861.

About two weeks ago Henry Goetz gave James K. Mosser; of Hanover, a large farm dog, which was immediately shipped by rail from Phillipsburg, N. J., to Williamsport, 140 miles. The other day the dog walked into his former master's house in a starved condition. It was learned that he had left Williamsport a week ago and had walked the entire distance. How he found his way back is the wonder of the story.

The Bishop of London sternly frowns down all ritualistic advances. Recently he was at a service in a London church where he insisted on the erection of a platform at the north end of the altar for his accommodation. Then the "server," having lit the candle at the south end. advanced timidly toward the north. But Dr. Temple gave him a look that put him precipitately to flight, and the service went on with only one candle.

George Wetmore, of Warren, Pa., has a snake story. He said he and two other fellows, while working near Corydon, after the war, met a snake that was across the wagon tracks. He stunned the reptile by tapping it on the back with a stick. Then they cut off its head. Afterward, when a rattle was being cut off, the headless snake savagely switched its tail around and left a bloody bruise on the wrist of the fellow who was cutting the rattle. The snake's skin was made into a vest.

A treasure like that of De Brack—not exactly lost as its whereabouts are known, but with the bottom facts not really accessible—is said to lie at Bylestock in Russia, buried by order of Napoleon in 1812. The man who claims to have papers describing the treasure and location, and who wants the Russian Goverament to give him a portion of the money in exchange for his knowledge, claims to be the grandson of the only man who escaped massacre at the hands A gun which will throw shell fifteen miles (and | of the Russians of the convoy that was sent to bury the money. He is M. Vilichaude, a French citizen. Why his father and grandfather never tried to get at

the buried wealth, is not clear.

THE SOULS OF THE CHILDREN.

- "Who bids for the little children—
 Body and soul and brain?
 Who bids for the little children—
 Young and without stain?
 Will no one bid," said England,
 "For their souls so pure and white,
- The world on their page may write?"

 "We bid," said Pest and Famine,

 "We bid for life and limb;

 Fever and pain and squalor

 Their bright representations

And fit for all good or evil

Fever and pain and squalor
Their bright young eyes shall dim.
When the children grow too many,
We'll nurse them as our own,
And hide them in secret places
Where none may hear them moan."

"I bid," said Beggary, howling,

- "I'll buy them, one and all,
 I'll teach them a thousand lessons—
 To lie, to skulk, to crawl;
 They shall sleep in my lair, like maggots,
 They shall rot in the fair sunshine:
- They shall sleep in my lair, like maggot.
 They shall rot in the fair sunshine;
 And if they serve my purpose,
 I hope they'll answer thine."

 "And I'll bid higher and higher,"
- Said Crime with wolfish grin.

 'For I love to lead the children
 Through the pleasant paths of sin.
 They shall swarm in the streets to pilfer,
 They shall plague the broad highway,
 Till they grow too old for pity,
 And ripe for the law to slay.
- "Prison and hulk and gallows
 Are many in the land,
 'Twere folly not to use them,
 So proudly as they stand,
 Give me the little children,
 I'll take them as they're born;
 And I'll feed their evil passions

With misery and scorn.

- "Give me the little children,
 Ye good, ye rich, ye wise,
 And let the busy world spin round
 While ye shut your idle eyes;
 And your judges shall have work,
 And your lawyers wag the tongue;
- And your judges shall have work,
 And your lawyers wag the tongue;
 And the gaolers and the policemen
 Shall be fathers to the young.

 "I and the Law, for pastime,
 Shall struggle day and night;
- And the Law shall gain, but I shall win,
 And we'll still renew the fight;
 And ever and aye we'll wrestle,
 Till Law grows sick and sad,
 And kills, in its desperation,
- "I, and the Law, and Justice,
 Shall thwart each other still;
 And hearts shall break to see it,
 And innocent blood shall spill;
 So leave—oh, leave the children
 To Ignorance and Woe—
- And I'll come in and teach them
 The way that they should go!"

 "Oh, shame!" said true Religion,
 "Oh, shame, that this should be!
 I'll take the little children,
 I'll take them all to me.
- I'll take them all to me.

 I'll raise them up with kindness

 From the mire in which they've trod;

 I'll teach them words of blessing,

 I'll lead them up to God."
- "You're not the true religion,"
 Said a Sect with flashing eyes;
 "Nor thou," said another scowling—
 "Thou'rt heresy and lies."
 "You shall not have the children,"
 Said a third with shout and yell;
 "You're Antichrist and bigot—
- You'd train them up for Hell."

 And England, sorely puzzled
 To see such battle strong.
 Exclaimed, with voice of pity,
 "Oh, friends, you do me wrong!
 Oh, cease your bitter wrangling.
- For till you all agree,
 The souls of hapless children
 A sacrifice must be."

 The saints refused to listen,
 Quotn they, "We'll bide our time;"
- And the bidders won the children—
 Want, Misery, and Crime.
 Thus the prisons teem with victims,
 Till on the gallows-tree they die,
 And the souls of murdered children
- Rest in realms beyond the sky.

 —Illustrated London News.

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Cough Medicine

to every one afflicted."—Robert Horton, Foreman Headlight, Morrillton, Ark.

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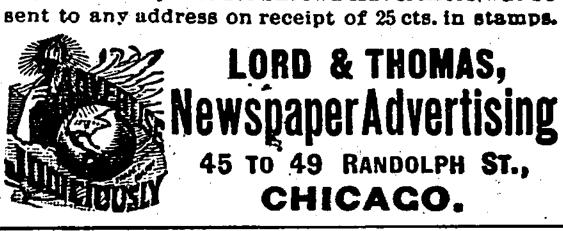
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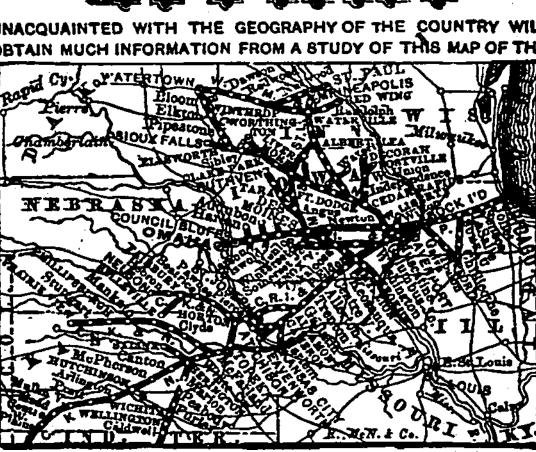
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Whatever may be the relation of discord to No different is it in morals. Who reigns ter, reached his place by the way of defeat harmony, and the philosophy of sliding by must first serve. Suffering is the only path and suffering. So thou, too, ease-loving, cathe semitones in music until the minor to glory. We can only know moral force lamity-dreading soul, if thou wouldst know chord is struck, it is true in life that much | when we see moral resistance. Sweeping | the true meaning of existence thou must foldiscord is the prelude to harmony, and the across a treeless, and houseless prairie, the low the same path that they trod; and thou, tear-compelling minor must often disturb force of a tornado cannot be seen; but only too, toiling and suffering, and duty-loving during his absence in Europe, thought it the air. Victory is gained only after many | when it comes in contact with home, and or- | soul, know that thou art already in the way defeats. Strife is the way of earth. Let, chard, and forest its awful strength is dis- that the crowned and sainted have gone. then, the battle be celebrated, with its rage | played. So spiritual force must strike pas- | Happiness. But what is happiness? It is and death. Vaunt the defeat as well as the sion and sense before its true strength can as hard to define as love or music. But let us triumph. The victor must first be victim,— | be known. Were there no vice we would not | think of it as a word and its original import as there must be darkness before the stars | know the meaning of virtue. That there is | for a moment. Is it not simply that which | a possible wrong course alone gives signifi- happens? Then if it is that which happens Nature has a rough and sturdy way of cance to a right course. If there were no it is not something to be sought. It is a valreaching results. Tempests, and inhospit- | fate, we would never say freedom. The will | uable thing, too, changing with our age. able zones are her agents as well as sunlight only displays its grandeur when it comes, What once delighted us all, and made nothearthquakes, and volcanoes, and lightnings | fierce temptations. Ivory needs the dark back- | a languid interest at best, and is fortunate to accomplish her purpose. Malarias, gan- ground to show its whiteness; but not more if it escape our contempt. It is evident we similarly unfortunate. The existence of a grene and fire-damp are all in her employ; than does right need a dark background of were never intended to dwell always in one

garet; mingle our sighs with Juliet; glow with | hazard the apparent contradiction that What is it that mankind is seeking, has al- approval at the constancy of Penelope; and it is very unhappy to be happy? If it

Mark how Providence uses all means to

gods. That is a noble speech of the Hebrew | then there is nothing to keep the heart from | medicine a trial. Sold by all druggists. It is only a superficial judgment, and a poem, which declares, that God makes the breaking under its load of sadness or flying coarse estimate of life which makes happi- wrath of man to praise Him. It is even so. away toward those confines where hope does ness essential to existence here or hereafter. The evil facts of history, when seen from a | not enter, and atheism, blank and cheerless What dreams do we allow ourselves to dream! Idistance, became sacred necessities,—as the as an artic night, throws its pall over the The hero does not need to be enveloped with | tacking of a ship out of its direct course | soul. God either intends good through evil glory to make him a hero. The ancients seems, at the time, to be a hindrance but af- | - "good, at last, far off to all" or else there chose not the outgoing vessel with white terwards is seen to be a help. Despotism is no God. Here is the meaning and mission sails set, and pennons streaming, as their when it became too rank in England pro- of pain, and struggle, and defeat, and sorrow, symbol of strength, but the incoming vessel, duced the great charter of rights; and, in | —to make strong and self-reliant souls; to | with riven spars and shattered bulwarks, and | America five hundred years later, produced | train a race which shall conquer and change hardly sail enough left by the hungry tem- | the Declaration of Independence. The thir- | all enemies and impediments into friends pest to carry it over the harbor bar. In se- ty years' war impoverished central Europe; and helpers; to convey the high secret of sal. For sale at this office. lecting this as the type of their hero they re- | but its historian says that it made Germany | turning hurts into pearls, and all vexing vealed their own heroic temper and their ac- a nation. The Charleston convention and satans into angels of light and peace. With quaintance with the way of life. It is best | the awful struggle between the States which | joy we read that the last enemy that shall be thus to measure heroism. Job is a much followed it seemed to be a crime; but it was disarmed is death; and we confidently wait more engaging figure sitting among the a blessing in disguise, seeing now that it the time when old Darkness shall flame like ashes, flinging out his rebukes to the surface | brought the election of Lincoln, and eman- | the aurora, and the bottomless pit, rifled of | the public. philosophy of his friends, hurling defiance at | cipation, and a country reunited in bonds | all its ancient terror, shall bend as benig-Satan, in wretchedness maintaining the in- every year growing stronger. Thus do frosts, nantly beneath as the vaulted blue bends tegrity of his purpose, than when he is seen | and famines, and pestilences, further all | above our earth.

Puritans are at their noblest, not when bear- | ting itself adopted. It is readily accepted as | Fate can not master us, for we are already ing the standard to victory at Dreux or at a piece of philosophy; but it lags dreadfully on the side of fate. Life is all of one piece. Marston Moor, but when in Carolina and in becoming working basis for life. 'Tis Its sorrow and suffering are only its obverse Massachusetts they were trying to hold on to very plain that opposition strengthens the side. Mortal grief is the under side of imthe fringe of an unknown wilderness, and will, that adversity is in the long run, good mortal joy. Wise are we all, if we have one company after another let go their feeble for people; but when we say that we think learned that our deepest sadness is only a hold and dropped into what seemed to be that our particular will is not in need of background for brightest joy, as the chillest eternal oblivion. Socrates holds the atten- that kind of discipline, and it is other peo- and darkest cloud makes the best foil for the tion when, at Potidaea, he shows his martial ple that need the benefit of adversity. We glory of the seven hued arch of promise. mettle; he compels admiration as he walks all see that man is perfected through sufferpart, for neither is there a complete catalogue in simplest garb through the streets of ling, as a rule; but we all think that we Athens and teaches the young man wisdom; ought to be the exception to the rule, and but the whole soul goes out to him when he | would rather reach the goal by some other is seen without a tremor, draining the cup | route than that of suffering; indeed we would of hemlock and dying under an unjust sen- rather remain where we are than to be comtence. Jesus has become a central and colos- pelled to fall in and strike along the broad chemistry finds more than sixty, and there sal figure in history. One loves to think of highway of pain and sorrow which is worn

toward man and God; speaking to the crowd, From books and observation instead of So with the elements of human life—they by the sea and on the mountain, in such deep experience we would learn the meaning | could distinguish the separated points was terms of truth and grace that they forgot all | of life. But life cannot be thus learned. We only an eating, breathing, hunting, fighting | hunger and weariness, and were filled with | would be stage heroes. We would be saints immortal expectations; so firing their imag- by proxy. We would shout ourselves hoarse ers? Thought, will, memory, hope, love, in- | ination and zeal that they were ready to | over the justice of the cause, and the necesvention, right, beauty, worship—the list of take him by force and crown him the irking. sity of battling for right; and then, when his faculties seems endless; and there is no | But now he holds the loyalty of the centuries | the battle is ready to begin, we would hire a guaranty that this ever-growing, power-in- most, not as he is seen in those days when substitute. We would like to shine; but we heriting creature will not, if the law of evo- the crowd hung upon his words as if he were would be spared the polishing and cutting Intion be allowed, again startle the world a God, but when as a lonely and forsaken which precedes the light-flashing quality of with the introduction of some new physical man he is seen, bowed and broken, going every lustrous thing. We would be glad to sense, or spiritual organ, with which to make | through judgment halls and up the hillslope | share the glory with Jesus and the saints, if new levies upon the realms of earth and sky. | to a despised death. Never was he so victor- | we could only dissolve partnership with them

But the great and wise God will not have the school, that the work is done; there are | It is the way of the world—that every sub- | it so. If we share the profits we must share whose glory every century adds a deeper lus-

> spot; it may be known by the lures which are toward the infinite mystery, then how blessed, how divine is unhappiness.

"Rejoice we are allied To That which doth provide And not partake, effect and not receive! A spark disturbs our clod; Nearer we hold to God Who gives, than of his tribes that take, I mus

"Then welcome each rebuff That turns earth's smoothness rough, Each sting that bids nor sit nor stand, but go! Be our joys three parts pain! Strive, and hold cheap the strain: Learn, nor account the pang; dare, never grudge

turning to good. This secret is not for istered unto as soon as she is able to comprechildren, and apprentices; nor is it for the hend their theology. heedless and profane. The truth that pain, and poverty, and limitation, and all the dark opportunity was allowed to slip from the Union New York. the lesson which only the initiated and the religious instincts of Laura Bridgman. brave can learn. But it is a lesson which all should set about learning. For if all calamities which thus far have attacked our lives or should attack them, death included, All is grist that comes to the mills of the are not divine and have a friendly purpose, purifier like Hood's Sarsaparilla. Give this peculiar

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surrounded by his children and unvexed by they cannot be protracted a minute beyond things seem to say. Patience and still any care. So the fabled Fire Giver becomes | their need. 'Tis a law of nature that strength | patience; for if the world is on the right the hero of the race, not when as a young is produced by antagonisms, as world is made track then it will sometime reach the goal. Titan he is trying to deceive Jupiter, but to balance world in the universe, and the Intricate, so intricate is this web of life! but when he is chained to the frozen rock, and muscles become tense and strong by hardest if the designs be constant, let that suffice. every day suffers death but refuses to repent use. So passion, defeat, danger, direst ne- No matter how mixed the instrumentalities, of his kindness to man, and from his throne | cessity, loss of sympathy are educators; for a | nor how the colors of wrap and woof may of suffering defies the power of the gods. I just God has the same law for the drop of meet, so long as we are assured that He, who like Washington at Valley Forge. I like dew and the single heart, that He has for the made the loom and the colors, knows the pattern He is weaving. We can not be crushwere divine necessities. The Huguenots and But this high truth has a hard time get- ed by sorrow, for it is a part of ourselves.

A Deat Mute's Evolution.

(Continued from First Page.) with the finger tips and you will be able to feel but one point. Gradually separate the pins and note the distance at which you can distinguish two points instead of one. You will find it varies from an eighth to a sixis no assurance that still more may not be him moving to and fro in his native Judea, so bare and hard by the footsteps of a thou- teenth of an inch. Two very fine needles were used in the experiments with Miss Bridgman, and the distance at which she infinitesimal. With most people the tip of the tongue is even more sensitive in touch than the fingers. In Miss Bridgman's case this rule does not hold good. A rare treat for Miss Bridgman about a month ago was a visit to the Waltham Watch Factory. There she found delicacy of workmanship which her exquisite sense of touch could appreciate and take delight in. She became wonderfully enthusiastic over what was shown her, and when a watch movement was presented to her she was quite overjoyed. Much of her spare time since then has been spent in carefully putting together and separating the delicate mechanism of wheels and springs.

Dr. Howe's greatest aim in his training of Laura Bridgman he failed to accomplish, and it was one of the greatest disappointments of his life that he was thwarted in his plans. When he undertook her elevation it was under the strict condition that she sunshine. But there are agencies at work, of man which have changed the face of the course of streams, and set your ancestral should be solely in his charge, and that nothing was to be taught her on any new subject without his permission. He believed he could solve through her one of the great problems of the human race. He took her at the age of seven, possessing intelligence, but no knowledge. Her mind was an absolute faith, and reason, and school, and temple- down upon the difficulties of existence; grap- racked with pain, and the soul with grief, blank respecting any or the world's theories of morals or religion. His plan was to teach her first the physical things of life. but to carefully abstain from giving to her mind any religious idea or impression until she came to mature years. Then he believed he could ascertain through her whether or attendants of man's earthly career,—sadness, conflict in order of time comes first. The every brave, and holy, and seeing man, to not there is in the human mind any innate religious instinct, and if so, of what nature and scope. The study would have been one of vast interest, and it would have had an immense influence upon some modern religious views. But Dr. Howe's plans were thwarted by certain zealous persons, who, grow up weak and puny, when by using their duty to save Laura's soul without further delay. Accordingly they filled her mind with the dogmas of the orthodox faith, and she accepted them.

When Dr. Howe returned he found his protégée a changed woman. She was no longer, mentally and morally, original and independent. She made Scriptural injunction the basis of almost every thought and process of reasoning, and so it has been ever since. Dr. Howe died without accomplishing his great ambition in the case of Laura or any one person filling the conditions was never known before. There have been a few pecple deaf, dumb, and blind, made so by accident or disease after they had reached years of memory and knowledge, but no case where the victim was practically born with those infirmities, and who possessed an active,

capable mind. There has been no parallel of Laura Bridgman's case until, within a few months, Mr. Anagnos has been following the career of a young girl in Alabama, who promises even more wonderful results than did Laura. Her name is Helen Keller, and she lives with her parents, well-to-do people in Tuscaloosa. She is seven years old, and lost the faculties of sight, speech, and hearing when only six months old. She is thoroughly robust and healthy, while Laura all her life has been delicate. Furthermore, she is bright and in-

telligent, and is pining for knowledge. Mr. Anagnos sent one of the best instructors of the institution, Miss Sullivan, to Alabama to undertake the education of the unfortunate child. She has pursued the same methods adopted by Dr. Howe with wonderful success. When the child, after a few weeks, began to comprehend the meaning of the raised-letter signs upon her playthings she became wild with joy and ambition, which were both pitiful and inspiring. She is making wonderful progress. She shows powers of memory that are remarkable. Already she has mastered nearly 500 words, and she would spend all her time adding to her knowledge if permitted. She abandons all her former amusements, and begs all around her constantly to talk to her with their fingers. Such words as "comforter," "spread," "pillow," she learns and spells correctly after only one repetition. Mr. Anagnos fears, however, that this opportunity for making the great investigation which Dr. Howe Difficult and beset, at first, with much district is this lesson of life, that all evil is urning to good. This secret is not for bildren and any non-ventions, nor is it for the child's parents are strong science. The child's parents are strong to good. This secret is not for istered unto as soon as she is able to compression. The child's parents are strong this state, and are now ready to receive applications for the positions. Managers handle large amounts of money, and each controls at least \$1,500.00 (wholesale) worth of goods, and must furnish at least \$750.00 cash capital. The salary is \$150.00 per month. Although this company has only been interested since 1886 its income from membership fees trust is this lesson of life, that all evil is the Helen's spiritual welfare shall be min-

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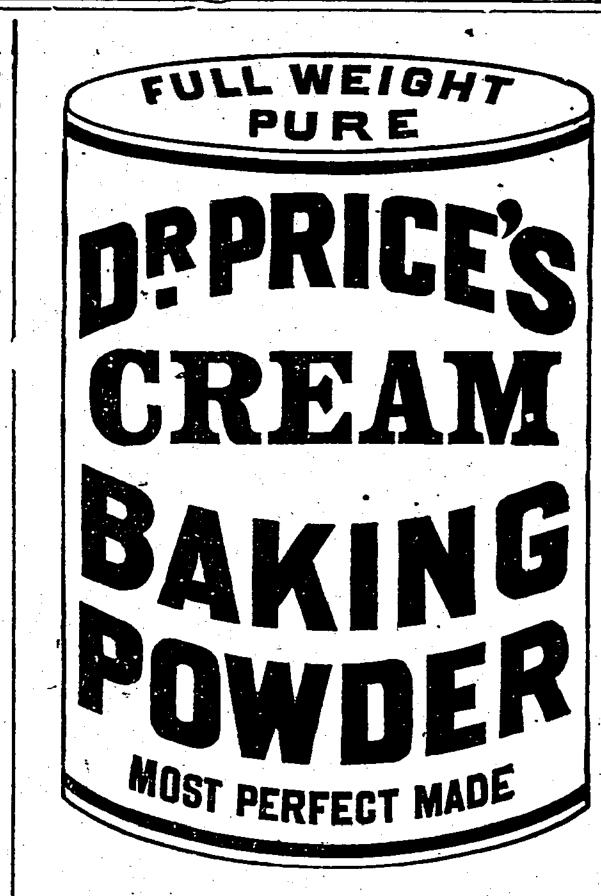
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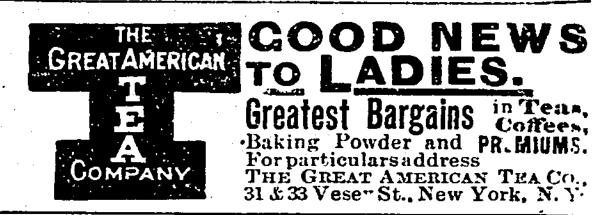
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