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BABY LEE. His little voice is hushed and still, It is not heard at play; His rattle-box, his toys, and all-They've put them all away. Ah! they'll remember where they are, And oft will go to see The playthings, shoes and little clothes Of little Baby Lee.

No more the lullaby is sung To hush the babe to sleep; They see the empty cradle bed And turn away to weep. The father dreams he hath his child A'holding on his knee; He wakes to find the vision gone Of little Baby Lee.

The mother dreams, around her neck His little arms are thrown; She wakes to find a vacant place-The phantom babe has flown. The winter days seem long and drear, She weeps—the tears flow free, As thoughts go back to happy days With little Baby Lee.

The little ones will stop their play. Lay up their drum and kite, As Lillie's silvery voice will sing "Brother's an angel bright." They ask, "Oh, when the summer comes, And it is warm, can we Plant sweet flowers upon the grave Of little Baby Lee?"

Ye may; and oh! cull out the fair, The sweetest and the best Of all the pale, white flowers that bloom, And place upon his breast; Sweet emblems of his pure young life. Brothers, oh! lovingly Plant these upon thy brother's grave-The little Baby Lee.

Oh! hope to meet this little one Who dwells in heaven above; There ye may drink eternal joys And ever share his love. Then as ye stand beside his grave Beneath the willow tree, Look heavenward, and hope to greet Your little Baby Lee.

THE NEGATIVE PHASE OF MEDIUM-SHIP; IS IT A DISEASE?

ALL the varied Phases, Developments, Phenomena, Manifestations and Communications of Mediumship have their existence and action through the Negative condition. Without susceptibility and impressibleness, control by spirit power would be impossible. Spirit impresses and controls directly, only the more refined and imponderable elements, therefore, the person having most soul or spirito magnetism is the best medium, proas to be readily set free or disengaged from the organizaton by which they are evolved; and, provided also, that those magnetisms are in relation to their surrounding spiritual atmosphere, as the minor pole of the electric battery is to the The quantity and quality of these elements depend, in the case of the individual, upon the nature of their constitution, upon circumstances and conditions in life, and upon the influence of the personal mind and the vital forces.

The quantity and quality of magnetism, so created and modified, determines the Voice, Degree, Phase and Development of mediumistic condition.

The relative degree of refinement or of grossness, the greater or less volume or amount, the high or low degree of intensity and the manner of polarization, all are involved in deciding the nature of the

phenomena produced. Intelligent, personified will, wherever and however existing, seeks by natural gravitation, action and expression, and is such action and expression becomes posto serve their personal purposes. Such enlarge and intensify the capacity of into their susceptibleness, and can hasten or retard the natural progress of mediums through the different stages of their de-

Thus the Phases of mediumship depend upon circumstances and conditions, and lastly, upon the will of spirits. We are not to consider the Negative condition as certain phases of temperament which are hereafter. marked by the signs of the Negative con-

velopment.

It is ever to be remembered, that Positive | the Negative condition itself constitute | When sickness breaks the body-hunger, watching, and Negative are, in this connection, a disease. comparative terms. The degree of re- | Health inheres where all the parts of finement is the measure of power, and the system are in harmony with each er, either of force or quantity. Thus the physical strength may exist in a diseased analogous to the natural impressibility relation of Positive and Negative, which and gross organization, so great fineness which exists in other cases. any influence or person bears to another, of fiber, refinement of material and deliis dependent upon the quantity and qual- cacy of constitution may not be incomity of magnetic element they possess, and patible with perfect health of body and the degree to which their will is capable mind. of energizing such elements.

whenever conditions favor their manifes- ments. tations, and they are brought under the them. But while this is true of the bilit is also a fact, that there is a class of persons who are, by condition or consti- tiplied causes. tution, negative to most others. Persons of this peculiar constitution are found ceptivity, of impressivness and capacity, among the sanguine and lymphatic temperaments and their non-vital modifications. Therefore the signs of these temperaments may be regarded as common indications of a mediumistic disposition; but not by any means to the exclusion of its best returns. other suggestions to be found in those of One portion of the organization may be because of faulty construction or lack of tone and vitality. For some reason the vital forces may not be fully attracted to or thrown upon or into that organ, and so sider that it lays its powers open to influit remains negative to the entire system and to every portion of the same.

In this way, persons very positive in condition as a whole may be negative to to a degree in part; and such parts may fall under the influence of some intelli- their shame, may be traced to a constigence, which may be able to control, completely, that particular organ, and thus fully manifest, by the use of it. The phenomena will be determined in character, by the nature of the organ or orviding these magnetisms are so polarised, gans made use of, and must be analagous to the ordinary functions they habitually

There may be control of any particular member, in this way, without disturbing of the remainder of the body, and the phenomena be equal to those produced spiritual hemisphere of being, and a proppositive; that is, negative in condition. when the whole system is negative and a portion only is required to produce the tain in the action of the forces and powmanifestation.

Not only may any portion be thus made use of through a local negativeness, but will disappear. Conscious of the nature members which are distributed over or ramify through the system, are subject to | the influences ever operating to control the same law and may be thus controled. | them, they will recognise the conditions

nerves and muscles are acted upon, while to regard the necessities of their temperin the Automatic Phase, the nerves, muscles, membranes and tissues may be governed, more or less perfectly, in accor- to which they are subjected. dance with the degree of development.

others are permanently positive towards the work of reformation. them, there may exist a liability to dis- The Negative Phase is the fallow ground irrisistibly drawn to the instrumentalities eased conditions in consequence of the of medinmistic growth; and the proand organizations by and through which lack of balance in the organization. gress of development is not to be sup-Wherever a negative organ exists, weak- pressed by ignorance of its existence or sible. Which is to say, all grades of er or less active than others, the impuri- nature. All attempts to ignore its bespirits seek those mediums best adapted ties of the system will be thrown off ing and repress its capacities will but enupon it; thus may be engendered a vari- gender disease and inharmony, producintelligences can, by their will and action, ety of local disorders — as the negative ing unsightly weeds and noxious herbage, organs, being weak in repellant power, dividuals in any direction, in proportion retain such impurities and in consequence degenerate and perhaps disorganize.

Health is harmony of development and action; and very often diseases orupon original peculiarities of constitution, ordered magnetic action. This knowledge suggests the means of cure, and ina manifestation of disease. There are sibilities in that direction to be referred to

Thus the disproportion of magnetic ing and prayer." dition. The sanguine, the lymphatic and conditions between organs and members encephalic are of this class. Yet medi in the same body may create a liability umistic capacity is not confined to these to disease, or be itself a cause of disorder;
temperaments nor their modifications. but it is not to be infered from this, that Ruffles its current; in unused conjuncture,

the less must be subordinate to the great- other; and as great positiveness and

The violin is not of necessity out of There may be great positive power be- tune, because not "strung to concert use as revelations of psychological mystecause of a great volume of gross magne- pitch;" it only needs that each chord there shall act a wiliful, energizing mind; the tone be soft and low, it will not preor the controling power, the superior en- vent the measure from being perfect, as he: ergy may depend upon a less volume of the music divine. So a constitution, normagnetism of a more subtle nature; in mally negative, may be free from physiwhich case an equality of power may ex- cal or spiritual discord, perfect in health, ist, even though the potentcy of will, in sound in mind, and if careful to observe concert with the refined magnetism, the order of life the nature of its make should not equal the first. The same, or up requires, can and will live and labor similar inherent capacities seem to exist physically as long and as well as the coarse in all temperaments or organizations, organizations of the positive tempera-

Negative constitutions or conditions influence of a transcendent power, com- are not of themselves a disease, as has petent in kind and force to develop been explained; still, those who possess them, under circumstances, challenge our lious temperament and its modifications, sympathy; for, constituted or conditioned as they are, they suffer keenly from mul-

> The Negative condition is one of re- CLEVELAND, SATURDAY, JAN. 30,'69 rather than force; it is the passive and susceptible, rather than the executive nature; it is like the fine fruited tree which requires proper soil, tilth, shelter and care, in short conditions, before it yields

Yet the same impressibility, which a different constitution. Whatever the makes Negatives subject to such suffertemperament or condition of an individual, ings, qualifies them for an activity of corthere will not always be found an equal responding intensity when favorable condevelopment of every organ or function. ditions obtain, and they also have in posdeficient as compared with others, not spirit with ideals of infinite truth and haronly on account of inferior size, but also mony; at least, this is among the possibilities of the conditions.

> It may seem that the constitution or condition is unfortunate when we conences from the worse as well as the better side of existence. The annals of misfortune bear the names of many sons and whose greatness and glory, as well as tution which allowed or created the Neg- peace policy, base, cruel and inhuman. ative Phase of life. Impressed from above, influenced by their surroundings, they have been by turns, the teachers of the age in which they were born, the prophets of the coming time of good, or the surpassing devotees of passion, the wild examples of exceeding recklessness and despair.

"Capacity for good admits temptation," but with an acknowledgement of the er understanding of the laws which obers of the same, much of the danger which attends the progress of negative persons, of their own development, and aware of Thus, in the Spasmodic Phase, the and limitations of their welfare, and learn ament and condition in all the affairs of life and in connection with the influences

"The Negative condition is not to be criminating charity will properly estimate Europe? We find that it has been, at least, order to save it from certain destruction, considered a disease." It is true, that the errors of humanity; while a scientific three peopled, and of the first two races having at last a poor and imperfect caricawhere but a part of the organs or mem- knowledge of the relation of effects to bers of the system are negative while causes will suggest and make practible

> where passivity to a natural course of development will create harmony, preserve health and enhance happiness, producing spots? Civilization never has and never why repine at the unvarying order of golden grain and fruit of use amid the blossoms of beauty.

The true Negative condition of Quietude iginate in an imperfect electrical condi- and Passivity has been earnestly desired tion, in deranged vital polarities, and dis- by many who know its importance. It is forwarded by retirement and silence, by a dicates, in connection with what we cleanliness, by absteminousness in every know of the powers of control, vast pos- direction; by self-abnegation, by avoiding anger, irritability and anxiety, by self-possession, by peace, by aspiration, "by fast-

> sometimes induced by other causes. "Oh not alone when life flows still do truth

Special bery a create a contract to the fire and

Excess, or languor—oftenest death's approach, Peril, deep joy, or use."

Pain and suffering attenuate the body ulties, inducing an exceeding sensitiveness, of that conversion.

We cannot recognise negativeness as an abnormalism or disease, yet we may gain matured an ethical code adapted to our valuable suggestions and ideas by observation of the effect of physical disease and weakness, in preparing many for immense

Let those who desire the best unfolding tism, especially, if in connection with it, harmonise with the other, and though of the Negative Phase, remember the advice of the Hindoo Spirit, and ever remain

> "Not preoccupied, With all things satisfied; See the sweep of the Universe, The certainty of chance: Backwards and forwards; Ever the same: All things are traveling, The road which they came."

"Charity for all : malice toward none."

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THE INDIAN QUESTION.

the desolate shores of the Atlantic, and The hunter race and the husbandman are their first contact, during that terrible win- opposed in their interests. If the fields ter, with the Red Man, the relations be- are cultivated, the hunter must work too, tween the Indian and the pioneer have been or perish. Ask Nature, Who shall possess an open question. On the one side have the land? Her answer is unmistakable: been those who followed the remorseless | They who make the best use of it. It law of necessity, and thereby gained the takes three thousand acres of forest to supname of being cruel and heartless; on the port an Indian hunter; it takes five acres, session the fine intuitions which fill the other, those who, feeling a deep sympathy or less, to support a working European, for the sad fate of the Indian, strove to and even then the former is famished porameliorate his condition and snatch him tions of the time. Shall the red man, that from his doom. Now that Civilization he may prolong a miserable existence, preclamors on the East and on the West, and | vent six hundred individuals from making the Red Man stands between, ripe for cruel his wilderness a garden? The Indian has warfare, this question assumes a new in- attempted to conform to European custerest. On every hand we hear the moans toms, and after a weak and sickly manner of philanthropists, who pause not in their has succeeded in a few places, but who daughters of genius and inspiration, eulogiums on Indian character, before they dares contradict the statement that in a very call the Government, its officers and every- short period these local struggles will be body else who favors any other than a decided against him?

feelings. Pity will not stay the grand by way of Christianizing the Indians, yet march of the elemental forces of Nature, the Christian convert has faded away with nor turn aside the equally irresistible action | the unconverted. Conversion has not stayof the law of races.

age country, the aborigines have died out; ticability. not because the two would not blend, but nothing remains.

"But," say the philanthropists, " we are leaving the doctrine of love-we are trying | the point we can expect the Indian to reach a new method."

It is cheering to see such confidence in the face of the incorrigible facts of the ment for these statements, and be called past. "We are to civilize the Indian, cruel, unfeeling, brutal - but it will be make him a Christian, an industrious farm- wrongfully. We have as much "feeling" er and mechanic," is the cry from the good- for the Red Man as any one, and contemhearted missionaries.

can be forced on a people; it is of INTERNAL things? Is creation a mistake? Does God duces lasting effect. Thus, the Egyptians, taming the buffalo have come to nearly spare and mild diet, by great personal governed by various nations, sunk in ab. fact does not prove us heartless. ject slavery, and absorbing a constant his fairs, his peculiar customs.

The conversion of the Northern Nations and all we can say or do will not change

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to Chrisianity was only conversion to another form of Paganism, at the time, and the RESULT has been a thousand years of and often intensify and sharpen certain fac- growth, rather than the immediate effects

> We have received the ultimale result of this long and painful progress. We have wants and desires. Now take this transcendental code to the Sioux, the nameless tribes of the vast plains beyond the Mississippi. Say to them, Stop chasing Buffalo and scalping your enemies. Take up "homesteads," build houses, cultivate fields and live as we white men do! Your talk would be comprehended as well by a grizzly bear or a prairie wolf. Why, if he could comprehend it, this great and radical change would require TIME, and the progress of the whites will not stop, can not stop. The Indian will be crushed before he has an opportunity to change. We have as a people been nearly two thousand years advancing from the rude estate of warriors in the forests of Germania. If the Indian could receive our civilization, a few generations might suffice for the change; as he cannot, but must await the growth of one adapted to his own particular wants, the necessary time is indetermi-

Here are the Indians, occupying a vast Ever since the landing of the Pilgrims on continent. The European demands it.

Missionaries have from the beginning This subject is not to be decided by our | boasted of the work they have accomplished ed the tide of destruction. Regardless of A race may exist indefinitely, stagnant, this utter blank for the millions expended, without progress, if no stronger race is it is seriously proposed, by influential men, brought in contact; but if a stronger, pro- and papers, to make good and faithful citigressive people come in collision with it, zens of the Plain-Indians. Supposing this the weaker must go to the wall. This les- possible, a considerable length of time son is taught us by all history. Wherever several generations at least, will be rea civilized people have colonized in a sav- quired—and the question arises of its prac-

If a farmer wished to raise the best because they could not. Australia, New stock, would be commence with the veriest Zealand, Cape Colony, North and South "scrubs" he could find, that he might per-America, are examples. In South and fect their points through ten or twenty Central America, the dark Spaniard has generations, or would he take the best he partially blended with the Indian, but the could find, and thus gain all that had been result is extremely bad, and a few centuries accomplished before him? But the phiwill probably obliterate all traces of the lanthropists demand that we take this sav-Then a more comprehensive and dis- lower stock. Where are the aborigines of age stock and attempt an impossibility in ture of civilization, rather than open the broad fields to those already far ahead of in ten generations.

Doubtless we shall receive severe treatplate with sorrow the sad fate which awaits Can you make the leopard change his him; but why wail over the unavoidable-GROWTH. Race is permanent and unchange- plan imperfectly? We think not. If the ble. No external pressure or mixture pro- experiment of Christianizing the Indian and since the time of Herodotus, have been identical results, surely the statement of the

The fraud of traders, the swindling of stream of diverse nationalities, yet the government agents, the mutual wrongs of Copt to day retains the precise physiogno. White and Red, weigh not a straw in this my of two thousand years ago, and pre- question. Nor are our ordinary ideas of But the state of spiritual Passivity is serves in his frantic religious ceremonies right and wrong, justice and injustice, inaround the sepulchre of Sautons, and at volved. The laws controlling the rise, progress and death of races, is at work,

them. We may hold back the tide for a local organizations throughout the country, ocean, a region forbidding cultivation, the of impulse. aboriginal people will indefinitely remain, The amount needed to establish the prorible "struggle for existence," the weak stitution and its managers to use them. gives place to the strong, that pregress may be a possibility and the earth always Bro. French. develop the highest types.

THE COLLEGE MOVEMENT.

THE article published under this caption with the accompanying editorial comments, created some interest among those who favor and those who oppose the scheme in question. The masses have not yet given the subject that degree of thoughtful consideration which it deserves and will receive at their hands. The Banner of Light copies the communication and the remarks, and makes them the basis of a leader.

Our views upon the relative importance of the Local and College interests are unchanged. We should not speak of them again at present, only that we cannot afford to be misunderstood by the large and continuous increase of readers since the previous writing, or to be put to any degree in a false position before them, by the supporters of the movement, or its enemies.

The American Association and the College have our support and advocacy. Both, however, are legitimate subjects for frank criticism, clean-cut and unsparing, and we respect the man who differs from us concerning either. Ridicule and sarcasm are unworthy the momentous issues involved; prejudice and personal consideration sho'd be peremptorily dismissed. The Constitution and declaration of principles of the Association we look upon as the magnaand susceptible of improvement. The College is a great desideratum, an obvious necessity. Nevertheless, there are underlying interests more precious still-interests that lamentable apathy exists concernthe various Spiritual interests, and the over the gray bleakness of the present. consequence is they have only dimes to yet the Society of Spiritualists in this city ing differently.

our earnest prayer.

Missionary work.

"Division of labor" must prevail in resider the establishment and maintenance of who cannot be entertained by friends.

day, but the end is the same; and we but of first importance, should do relatively prolong the sufferings of the victim on the more for them and less for the other; and rack. In the interminable forests north of may whatever steps are taken in favor of the Canadas, stretching from ocean to either, be the results of deliberation instead

and, as modified nomadic hordes, roam posed institution properly, is about \$400,over the deserts this side the base of the 000, or about \$2 from every acceptor of Rocky Mountains; but wherever they come the Harmonial Philosophy in the United in the way of European advance, no power States. That it will be completed within a can avert their doom. The soldier and few years is almost certain; that it will bethe rifle must be the vanguard and defence come a truly efficient instrumentality in ad- from a house of ill-fame in Amity place, by her faof the pioneer. The wild-with the deer, vancing human progress, instead of a bear and Indian—disappears before the ef- burden and a curse, depends greatly upon ficient axe and rifle. It is not for us to the growth of Spiritualists out of and away mourn over the fact, but to accept it as a from externalism—so that they may use part of the divine plan whereby, in this ter- the institution instead of allowing the in-

On page four may be found a letter from

THE RADICAL.

THERE is a philosophy of history. Every age furnishes a philosophy of the ages to follow, which if we fail to read, it is because of our ignorance. The deeds of each century are evolved out of those that preceded it. The Past contained the germs of the Present, and the Present of the Future. We call the Present the best, rightly perhaps, perhaps wrongly; the Golden Age glimmers in the remote Past, for the street, others for in-doors. and to whom the future is a dreadful night. The Radical believes the reverse. The sun other forwards.

Society began in savage clans-began in intense individualism. From thence onward the process has been one of subduing the indi-State combined to stifle individual thought, and their success was indicated by the ignorance that prevailed, the brutality and merciless cruelty. There has been a great reaction against these forces, and moving on in a circle we have again reached Individualism, but in a new form. We began with the individualism of the brute; we end with the individualism of the intellect. Our circle is a spiral.

The conservatives say this is not progress. Progression with them means forever following the same round, just as the squirrel inside the revolving cage thinks turning the cage means crude though they may be in some respects getting ahead. So they, blinded by the fog of and inspired sister. creeds, think that movement in the same orbit, forever, is most desirable.

There are those in the world who think oth-

scribed in any locality for the College do method and seeks out a new path. Fired with not, temporarily at least, impoverish the youthful zeal, he sets up for himself and disin fact, and the purported arguments in brothers. He is the radical of the family. cious. We know individuals, and have are prodigal sons, but not fed on husks. They heard of others, who have decreased their have their sorrows and their joys. They are usual contributions since subscribing to the pioneers, who clear the pathway across wild henor and intend to pay what they have summits obtain the first glimpses of the beautipromised. Under the excitement of the ful regions in store for those who follow. To famy! moment and the psychological influence of them comes the inspirations of great thoughts larger than) they should have given to all splendent beams, and sending rosy twilight

Radicalism is the ultima thule of Protestantspare for the pressing necessities of the lo- ism. It is the consequence of the granted guishes before their eyes. Right here in right to protest, so has another, and this pro-Cleveland, about \$1,200 were raised at one testation may go on to the complete separation meeting in Lyceum Hall, for the College; of all individuals, leaving all believing and act-

have recently been obliged to alter their This result is quite the opposite of that deconstitution, abandon the free-meeting sys sired by a respectable class of thinkers who conpolicy, to pay for recent much-needed ac- als should all think and act alike. On every hand quisitions and make up a deficit in receipts! we hear much said about "harmonious devel-This after multiplied appeals for larger do- opment." They would have us believe that nations. It is no answer to our objec- all disagreement should be avoided, and pertion to say that it would have been just so fection attainable only by means of perfect unanyway. Nine-tenths of those most able to ity. This view is little better than the conservmake up this deficit, would reply, virtually, ative idea of sacrificing man to society, making if now asked to do so, "I don't feel like his personality of no account compared to the other place in this State, where about four ing avoided, the State interfering whenever hundred dollars were subscribed to the conflict occurs, harmony results, but it ends in College, under similar circumstances, it was stagnation. The individual is lost in the roufound difficult to raise fifty dollars for the tine of senseless forms and ceremonies. There is no growth, and Chinese civilization is effete, May prosperity attend the College Move- not in dying with old age, but because it is unment, is our desire; but may we observe able to break through the crust of its concreted the law of growth and orderly procedure in ideas. Conflict, radicalism, tempest, is the only all progressive undertakings - attending cure. So in the world everywhere, thus has it the conservative of to morrow.

right that those who are engaged in behalf Mediums will be held at Avon Springs, N. established dynasty. Let us stick to what and profane historians. of the College should make it their para- Y., Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 16 and we have, say they, and fully improve what This of course includes Josephus, though they can do honorably to further the enter- Whaley of the Avon Water Cure, to board is just enough to temporarily blind them same to be clearly an interpolation. prise. It is also right that those who con- at one dollar per day those in attendence to their inconsistency in other matters.

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

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AMONG THE OUTCASTS.

A young girl named Houghton, recently decoyed from an academy in Connecticut, was to day rescued ther. The proprietress was arrested and held for trial and the inmates fined ten dollars each.

him to administer to the needs of this un- dungeon and death, fortunate class, and s popular trance and inspirational lady lecturer and reformer, saw and felt cannot be fully expressed. It requires another and a more graphic pen than ours to justly and truly depict the

scenes we witnessed. First inspecting the station-houses and tombs-places of temporary incarceration -lowest deus and places of abode, their dance-houses, drinking-saloons and scenes of nightly carousals. Here races and nationalities were lost sight of-colored men and white girls smoked together. Everywrongly to the conservative, in whose mind thing was in full blast. Some were dressed

Bleared, sunken eyes, haggard and dissipated looks, told their tale of wretchedhas yet to rise in full splendor on the glories of The hopeless expression which some wore that age. One gazes wistfully backwards, the accounted for the freedom of manner and license of action and speech occasionally exhibited. Others were shy, reserved and gentle. All were young; some apparently not over fifteen years of age. One whom we questioned, whose age was only sevenvidual. During the middle ages, Church and teen, had been up before the Courts three

> Many bore unextinguishable marks of rare personal beauty of face and formthe probable cause of the first misstep. whom they call by the affectionate name of every where in every thing. 'Father,' because of his repeated and disthem with great respect and kindness, and even tender regard. The lady who accom-

they go and what shall they do? Where | way." are the proper Houses of Refuge? the

experts, their names went down for an floating like visions of Eden through the cham- yields to temptation; so long as woman is amount as large as (if not in some cases bers of their minds, lighting the future with re- treated as a toy on the one hand, or made and remorselessly condemns his innocent diumship." victim, so long must we expect these charand beauty, before whose every step is

moral decay and terrible death. As Victor Hugo, of immortal memory, ualism, or out of it, as for that matter. says, in his preface to Les Miserables, that is divine, with human fatality; so long | these and kindred subjects. as the three problems of the age—the degradation of man by poverty, the ruin of woman by want and the dwarfing of childgiving much, for I've a hundred dollars to State. Such will find an example in China of social asphyxia shall be possible; in other pay the College, in a year or two." In an- the result of their theory. Disagreement be- words, and from a yet more extended point of view, so long as ignorance and misery remain on earth," it is the duty of every one who can, and with every means in his power, to give light and knowledge whereever exists ignorance and error.

TOO SOON.

This is a bug-bear used to frighten men and women, and never sounds so oddly as telligence is in such contrast as to almost

The cry of 'too soon' always greeted tion?

the enunciator of a truth which looked either to the immediate or even remote recognition or success of which they had ocrat, the Hon. Nathaniel B Shurtliff. no personal concern or selfish interestnothing beyond the reward which providentially or otherwise instigates and stimulates him or her whose life is a labor of love for humanity, progress or truth.

iversal acceptance, but which when first an-RECENTLY, in company with a practical nounced, subjected the author to public saw it in full and glorious operation. philanihropist, whose sympathies have led | condemnation—which is damnation— the

past, the world to-day is full as ready to has sufficient interest, whether born of cuwe were privileged to spend an entire eve- repeat itself as ever before. Allowance riosity or otherwise, to voluntarily attend ning in visiting these inhappy creatures in being made for time, the same fate to-day, a Progressive Lyceum, will ever after entertheir haunts of misery and woe. What we comparatively if not actually, awaits the tain nothing but kindly feelings towards one who thus seeks to instruct the multitude concerning things whereof they are ignorant. The cry of 'mad dog' is easily raised, and becomes generally believed after frequent repetition.

we were afterward taken to many of their thoughts, children of celestial life, and ilar places of trust and power. mighty plans of use to man, are struggling the Baptist, the great Forerunner, must exist the wide world over. Repeated efforts are necessary before success is attained. Perfection is relative and of slow growth. 'Tis supremest folly to expect anything but, first, the seed, then the blade, and in due time the ripened ear of ness more potently than spoken words. | yellow corn. Spiritualists must expect to follow the course of nature-get Paul to plant and Apollos to water, remembering that Wisdom ever dictates the employment of means to facilitate cultivation.

But as freedom is the natural birthright of man, give room and welcome ever to every thought-child of gentle or noble blood, of lowly or kingly origin. Let it live if it will. Time will soon tell whether 'tis of sickly or of healthy constitution. As to its being PREMATURE, let it demonstrate itself. There is an antidote for ev-Knowing well the principal of our party, ery poison and a need of improvement

In the words of one who lately became interested services in their behalf, as well as a dweller in the Life Beyond, whose years his whitened locks, we were treated by while here though few, were spent as a pioneer in the Grand Army of the Lord of Progress—our brother L. Judd Pardee, panied us being a woman of sense, freely once said: "Though we walk the valley of and naturally engaged them with interest- the shadow of death, as a Government, or ing conversation. In thought and speech as a body of men and women with a disand act, she treated them with a considera- | tinctive religious or spiritual idea—a class tion becoming an enlightened, progressive through whom there has come to the world a New Dispensation, the light of Truth The treatment of society toward these shines down the way from afar and invites wayward ones of earth, is anything but us on. And we move very swiftly, for the sensible, humane or just. Driven by a gathering forces of a century push us, and merciless public opinion, false as it is fickle, the breaths of inspiration blow the way. to regard themselves as past redemption, Under the living inspiration of the living You have noticed a large family attaining guilty of the unpardonable sin; with the God, brooding now over all, particularly maturity and following the exact footsteps of first wrong step taken, in many instances | those receptive to it, outcomes of beauty ing. The assertion that the moneys sub- the father. Perhaps one, however, tires of this the result of loving 'not wisely but too and power are inevitable. Out of the fuwell; when, awaking from their delusive ture, towards which, step by step, we dream, 'more sinned against than sinning,' march, dawns the culmnation day. Wait they find themselves heartlessly abandoned a little longer. The thought or truth that local Societies and Lyceums, is unfounded cards the trammels of habit which confine his by those in whom they fondly trusted. So- struggles for an advent to-day, may be ciety, negatively virtuous at best, and full wrapped in the kingly robes of recognisupport of that position are plainly spe- Just so do the radicals of society arise. They of rotten respectability, cruelly thrusts tion to-morrow-by the logic of God-conthem out of doors, with the cry of out- trolled events, peacefully somewhat if you cast' ringing in their ears. Whither shall let it, fiercefully if you stand blocking the

Too soon? If it is too soon to APPLY College Fund, because they are persons of continents of ignorance, and from mountain Hospitals for the Unfortunate? the Mag- a truth, it is never, in one sense, to UTTER dalens retreat? Alas! that response sho'd it. Too soon? So they tell all truly come only from brothels and houses of in- great thoughts struggling for a birth. Every advent destined to make a mark is too So long as woman's weakness readily soon for the world that knows not of it.

Particular Notice.—We don't care who a slave on the other; so long as opportu-knows it—more the better—we wish that nities and privileges which by every prin- all the thoughtful people in the country, ciple of common sense, right and justice, whether Spiritualists or not, could read belong to her, are to her denied; -must we | those excellent and instructive series of expect a continuation and an increase of articles which in each issue are being princal cause that in too many instances lan- right of private opinion. If one man has the this demoralizing work. So long as soci- ted in this paper, under the distinctive Boston, Mass. ety practically sustains the guilty seducer | heads "Arcana of Spiritualism," and "Me-

> Though we do say it, 'tis none the less nel houses of sin to be stocked with youth | true, they are the productions respectively of two of the best and soundest minds to

Our own judgment in this matter, has tem, and resort to a ten-cents admission sider harmony the desired end; that individu- which we quote almost entire: "So long been repeatedly confirmed by the voluntary as there shall exist, by reason of law or affirmations of men of acknowledged culcustom, a social condemnation, which, in ture and discrimination. We are glad the face of civilization, artificially creates | they are attracting the attention of those hells on earth, and complicates a destiny who are in the habit of THINKING upon

> more than the price of a year's subscription. If any of our readers have time to read The Spiritualist, by this gifted author, will hood by physical and spiritual night—are only a portion of each number of this paper, need no further introduction to this volume. not solved; so long as, in certain regions, don't omit these articles by any means. in them—better than gold-bearing bonds.

> > book form, as also are the articles entitled Ar- of a soul redeemed by its own strength. cana of Spiritualism—omitted this week.-EDS.

Who will Answer?-We wish some of when coming from those whose general in- our many and able correspondents who are versed in historical lore, would put upon first to the things of first importance—is been for all time; and the Protestant to day is wrrant one in attributing it to a freak or record, in orderly arrangement, and send us all the evidence there is, outside of the Youthful conservatives alike with old Bible, of the mortal existence of Jesus of Convention of Speakers and Mediums. fogies, repeat the charge of 'too soon' at Nazareth. All the evidence which can be formatory efforts, as in all other. It is __A quarterly Convention of Speakers and any and every proposed change from the furnished, both by what are called sacred

mount object, and that they should do all 17, next. Commencing at ten o'clock, A. M. is already ours, ere we attempt any thing scholars of all schools have ruled out what Arrangements have been made with Bro. else. The measure of plausibility in this, purports to be his testimony, declaring the

Who will give us this desired informa-

THE MAYOR OF BOSTON.

AT the recent Municipal election in Boswelfare of humanity. The world is full of | ton, certain local questions were involved instances where men and even women, in the contest, and largely affected the rehave been moved to assert and maintain | sult - the keeping in office for another some new doctrine or revealment, in the year of a very estimable man, albeit a Dem-

Last Sunday, seeking to interest a lady friend, we called and had her accompany us to the Lyceum. As a matter of course she was delighted, as is every one who visits the Children's Progressive Lyceum In mechanics, medicine and morals; in when it is in session. While present, enphysics, metaphysics and theology, have joying the occasion, we were pleased, as there been put forth, from time to time, well as a bit surprised, to notice the entrance expressions of truth which became of un- of Mayor Shurtliff, unattended, who for the first time in his life, visited a Lyceum and

We were glad of this, more on account of His Honor than the children. We were Notwithstanding this sad lesson of the glad of it because, knowing that whoever

We are certain that the Lyceum did him. more credit than he it, however worthy a man he is, or high his official position.

We can but commend his example as While the world sleeps on, grand worthy of imitation, by those holding sim-

Come to the Lyceum gentlemen and it to be born. But the descendants of John | will do you good to see what we are doing for the rising generation.

OBITURARY.

In Buffalo, N. Y., on the 14th of Jan., 1869, the enfranchised spirit of JOSEPH A. Bridge—fifty-one years a denizen of earth departed in peace and sought the bright home and dear ones awaiting him "beyond the River," leaving with his beloved family and many friends, a shining record of his earth-life and a glad assurance that he had but gone "to prepare a place for them" in the realms of his Father, and would return to comfort and bring Peace to rest with them till he should welcome them all to the Kingdom he now inhabits.

The funeral services were ably conducted by Bro. E. V. Wilson, and attended by a large concourse of friends. The family accept the consolations of the Spiritual Philosophy, and were blessed in the parting hour by the peaceful departure of the beloved one, who, to the moment of dissolution, remained calm and clear in mind, and, with spiritual sight opened, saw the gathering hosts of immortals as they came to conduct him to "the mansions above." Asking his wife and family to allow him to go with tihem, he breathed his last on earth, and, freed from pain and woe; now rests from every earthly ill. С. Н. М.

CHILDREN'S SOCIABLE.—Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Hamlin, the former the efficient Guardian, and the latter the leader of one of the larger Groups in the Cleveland Lyceum, gave the children an entertainment, last Tuesday evening. We had the pleasure of looking in upon them for a few moments, and were surprised and gratified at the unusually large attendance. The best of feeling prevailed.

CLEVELVND S. & L. of S. & L.—The election of officers for the ensuing year is as follows: President, D. U. Pratt; Conductor, L. King; Vice President, Geo. Rose; Guardian, Mrs. D. A. Eddy; Rec. Sec., A. Briggs; Librarian, A. P. Fairbanks; Treas., Dr. M. C. Parker; Cor. Sec., D. A. Eddy; Musical Director of Lyceum, Geo. Holmes; Musical Director of Society, F. Skinner.

WE learn that J. H. Randall is lecturing to large and appreciative audiences at Rollasville and Ballsville, in Sandusky county.

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Poems, by Augusta Cooper Bristol.—Boston: Adams and Co., 25 Bromfield street; pp. 190. A finely bound and printed volume of the Either one of these series is worth far above title is on our table. Those of our readers who perused the poem in number 19 of

The work before us contains passages of won-They will bear studying, and return fair derful poetic fire, and not only great intensity interest and profit to those who thus invest of thought, but daring expressions of radical truths. On every page we are conscious of a WE take the liberty of announcing the au- great soul stiriving for utterance, and but half thor of the articles on Mediumship-Mr. E. S. satisfied with the feebleness of words. It is Wheeler—and think the compliment paid them | sometimes the despair of a soul overburdened is well-deserved. They are to be published in but not conquered by pain; again, the exaltation

For sale at this office.

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CONSOLIDATION.

[Tax following did not reach us in time for the first | horrible. issue under the new arrangement.-Ens. Au. Sr.]

and THE SPIRITUALIST of Janesville, Wis., the same price to the subscribers for both papers. We shall still keep an office in Janesville, Wis., and have the care of the North-West Department, under the genersend to us as formerly, and all subscribers ism utterly denies. will do their business with THE SPIRITUAL-1st at this office. The paper will still be the organ of the Wisconsin Association of Spiritualists, and publish all reports and notices as heretofore.

To our readers who are not acquainted with THE OHIO SPIRITUALIST, we have only to repeat what we have said, "It is a galaxy give full satisfaction to our readers. Of ourself it becomes us to sav little. The Cause arrangement for all they have thus paid us, Spirittaist," as heretofore with no additional charge. Those who have not paid us will account to Messrs. Tuttle and Hammond for all that is due THE SPIRITUALIST, and can pay the same at our office in Janesville, or to J. O. Barrett. We do not take leave of our friends in Wisconsin, for we shall still address them from the edito-Spiritualist, with whom we are as yet unacquainted, we make our bow and extend Hammond to introduce us; and we hope that on further acquaintance we shall become mutual friends. JOSEPH BAKER.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

SEVERAL ways we have heard that the "Lowell factories," Mass., surrounded by churches, are "business inquisitions," and the following fact, reported by a reliable lidity of the statement. Oh, ye mediums! drives to despair, could not be endured. heart faint." Whilst we expose injustice and bigotry, let us be patient as need be, after the example of our martyr brothers and sisters whose bones ages gone enrich earth's soil, and whose exalted love is "touched with the feeling of our infirmity." We trust the Lowell Spiritualists, whose magnanimity we have tested and found to be genuine, will not let such cases pass without a rightrespondent says:

A Spiritualist has just been 'cleaned out' here to- | the country. day, because his wife is a public medium, holding seances in one of the Company's buildings, for which rent was received by them-all for being a mediumbid my wife good-bye to-day, and she cried like a and stable culture?

Our correspondent, not a little wrothy, but unchurchally indignant and defensive of the right, asks, with a sarcasm of keenest edge:

Where's 'the Lord,' that he does not work a mirmeek and lowly, from preying upon and tearing the poor, blind, deluded, 'shut-eyed wolves?'

TOTAL DEPRAVITY.

THERE is no doctrine in all the catalogue of errors held in the churches, not excepting transubstantiation, that is so opposed to reason, experience, and well established philosophical facts, as the idea of the total innate depravity of man. Reason rejects it as a gross absurdity, and it is believed in all business and political relations that there is more good than evil in human nature. Hence men are generally believed and trusted. Men are in law considered innocent till obey? proved guilty, and the majority rule and are trusted with government, because crime and evil are exceptions to the general rule that men are naturally honest, true, trustworthy.

Experience teaches us that virtue and sterling goodness are found in all conditions, and in all grades of society, and that the most hardened criminals have

dency. By teaching that we can do pers! nothing but sin, the uselessness of good endeavor is taught and believed. Who cares to be moral, except by the power of reason as opposed to clerical dogmas, if he believes the moral man is in a state no better in the sight of God than the

It involves the certain loss of every unconverted soul, whether heathen, infants or idiots. If all are by nature bad and there is no change after death, this awful result is perfectly certain, as it is

Reader, look at it with your reason, WITH this issue, The Ohio Spiritt alist for reason is the noblest power of man. He who has no reason is not a saint, but are consolidated and will be furnished at is either a fool or crazy, or what is worse, a bigot, and he who dare not reason is the slave to the doctrine of error.

The doctrine of transubstantiation is a al supervision of Messrs. Tuttle and Ham. | silly error, the doctrines above described mond. All Wisconsin correspondents will are most pernicious ones, that Spiritual-

FACTS FOR CONSIDERATION.

Is our rush to liberty, and zeal to proselvte, we have argued Spiritualism fought for it-wept for it-blushed for it when abused; but have we lived it?

Is it not true that selfish ambition for of gems of thought." There are no more power or position, with its legitima te earnest, able, honest laborers among us, as fruits of irreverence and angularities, has we believe, than Bros. Tuttle and Hammond. been a very mildew, a killing frost, on Brother Barrett will still labor for and in our sunny gardens? We have never the paper with all his active zeal, and our known it to fail, where Spiritualists have humble efforts will be in this paper also, as sought to make merchandise of the kingformerly. We hope, as we believe, that dom of heaven, but disaster speedily THE SPIRITUALIST in the present arrange- came - just like the early disciples of ment will be more useful than ever, and Jesus, ere they were spiritually baptized on the day of Pentecost. Such have been of Spiritualism being the Cause of Truth. | quarreling over spoils as to "Who shall will engage our most earnest attention, and be greatest?" and not a few have "carwe are firmly of the opinion that our sub- ried the bag" and played the Judas. A scribers will receive a paper that will more large amount of our force has been exthan satisfy them. No one will lose any pended in bitter, unrelenting denunciathing pecuniarily, for all who have paid tion, until chronic in fierce criticism that us in advance will be credited on the new | tears down and builds not. We have invited and driven out from prison, but fairly and honestly, and will receive "THE how often left the emancipated to shiver in the cold of our social unfriendliness. We have torn the shell from the birdlings and they are bleeding and starving without social protection. There are scores of good men and women who, seeing our truth, basked in its light, unwary of the presaging cloud, who felt rial chair. To the many readers of THE OHIO our inspiration and anticipated fields of work commensurate with their humble abilities, where they might earn, by doto them the fraternal hand of a warm-hearted | ing good, an honest competence for them-Spiritualist, leaving it to Bros. Tuttle and selves and families, but who, on trying the experiment, have been obliged to retire, finding no social heart to pity or hand to succor!

glory, flattered into a sentimental vanity, of mothers, sisters, wives and daughters. and elevated into a moon-struck illumiinduced, under nervous excitement-we friend of ours, is another proof of the va- have idolized and pampered "hifalutin," till some are flabby as children sick of Were there not mercy in heaven, this con- candy-till exhausted, relaxed, discourstant and malignant persecution, that aged "the whole head sick and the whole

Look over our blighted vineyards and see how tangled and bleeding are the vines we have grown in the hot-house of reasonless zeal - " zeal without knowledge." The lone Indian, stooping in sorrowful meditation with his mysterious mantle wrapped around him against the ress. mourning wind that sings the requiem of eous judgment in word and act. Our cor- his race, is not more disconsolate than is our religious condition in some parts of

"What shall we do to be saved?" What shall we do to be brought into harin the dead of winter! The poor woman came in to mony, reasonable, rational illumination

> 1. Our philosophy must be educated, educated, EDUCATED! Purge it of vainglorying and self-adulation! Let us cultivate our conquered territory!

acle, and stop his 'BLESSED LAMBS,' so innocent, so than for every one of us to examine our inner life,' and there find the cause of our misfortune.

3. Lie low in the valley of Modesty, where the sweetest springs of love can refresh our wilted souls, and devise order, the various duties connected with the Lyceum; system and discipline, keyed to the prin-

ciple of self-denial. 4. Bring this disipline to focal points locate speakers qualified for the solemn trust. Erect the highest moral standards, encourage modest speech, develop charity and discretion. Order is heaven's first law of progress; when shall we

"The oak-tree boughs once touched the grass; But every year they grew A little farther from the ground,

And nearer toward the blue. So live that you each year may be, While time glides swiftly by, A little farther from the earth, And nearer to the sky."

REPAIRING HELL. - Repairing the "brimstone regions" is decidedly a ruintheir good qualities amidst their vices. ous policy for the church. It is irrepar-They are not totally depraved; no, not able loss to theology. Having reduced even the worst of men. The worst men it to "remorse of conscience," there is have the germs of goodness in them, all now the guarantee of reformation in the

N. W. ASSOCIATION.

THE Quarterly Conference of the Northwestern Association of Spiritualists was held at Omro as appointed, on Saturday and Sunday, January the 9th The Convention was called to order by the chair. Dr. Stillman was elected Secretary pro tem.

Committees were appointed on Business, on Resolutions and on Finance, as follows :- Committee on Arrangements-Mrs. Parkhurst, Ellis Thompson, and Dr. Palmiter. Committee on Resolutions-Dr. Stillman, J. S. Loveland and Clara Wilson. Committee on Finance-John Wilcox, Chester Hazen and Jennie Tower. Committee for the next Convention and Speakers-Dr. Phelps, Ellis Thompson, R. Z. Mason and Ruth Floride.

The Chair suggested the propriety of having two more Vice Presidents, whereupon Fitch Hamilton has a special work to accomplish. It ap- amazed, myself, at this Hall in this most of Berlin, and John Wileox of Omro, were elected. Dr. Stillman was called upon for a speech, but objected, and moved for conference, as in that way we get acquainted; exchanging ideas, thereby pro- his path. They all fear to arouse him. breaking down of creeds and partitions ducing variety of thought, and a more general interest. Conference was general and harmonious. Dr. Stillman from the committee on Resolutions

read the following which were adopted: 1. Resolved, That no great enterprise involving the progress of humanity, ever accomplishes itself, but demands the active, and constant efforts of all

who sympathise therewith. 2. Resolved, That we recognize the constant inspiration and superintendence of the spirit-world, in all that pertains to the good of men; but at the same time we repudiate the old superstition that pected soon .-- The World's Crisis. men can be regenerated, saved, or intrinsically benefited independent of hisown co-operation with the influences from above.

Committee on Programme reported for evening, leeture by Dr. Stillman to commence at 6 oclock and continue one hour, social party following. Programme for Sunday morning. Conference from nine meet at six o'clock.

it harmonized with the spirit of the meeting.

Ripos, Wis, Jan. 8th, 1869. R. A. FLORIDE. Sec. N. W. Convention: It is with regret that I find business of an urgent nature comation. I trust and hope that the friends of reform will harmonize as usual however, and have while at Omro a foretaste of that "good time coming" for which we are all striving. I hope that the fe male suffrage question will be a prominent feature of this meeting. It seems to my view, the great pivot question upon which turns the destiny of our

While the CHURCH UNION the organ of Evangelical Christanity in the east is calling for the organization of a Church or Christian political party, let not Liberals forget, that equality before the law for all, regardless of sex or color (and I place woman before the negro) is above and beyond all Churches, and yet is in beautiful harmony with the teachings of the founder of true Christanity. Let then noble words be said, noble deeds be done, words and deeds that mean something, and that will be respected by those who now hold the law making power both at the State and the National Capitols Our organization at Ripon has unfortunately not flourished; still our reformers are hopeful that what we were not strong enough to do may be accomplished for us by others. Never perhaps has our cause seemed so bright as at this time, when Wilson in the Senate, Julian in the House of Representatives, advocate it. Let us thank Goodness and take courage; Let us give our Assembly at Madison no peace until the right of suffrage is obtained. Wiconsin is by no means in the rear of progressive reformers, let us Furthermore, prompted by personal place her in the van. I remain yours for the rights

DUNCAN G. INGRAHAM. Dr. Stillman spoke on the subject of woman, picnation-a phantasy of inspiration, self- turing in brief her position, mentally, morally and

of freedom, equality and justice.

or system can have more than a partial claim upon | was gone. I remained over night with the patient, any person which does not embody the unitary in- who required but little more atention. He arose of our dispensation, and unfit for the use of man in | and as lasting as any case under medical treatment the opening race of progress now before us.

site intellectual and moral qualificatious.

adopted by a unanimous vote. faces of those dear children as they participated in hereafter.

lished rule and custom. Sunday afternoon session. The meeting was called to order by the President, and all were invited to speak on the questions before the Conference. The conference hour having expired, J. O. Barrett of Janesville, by request addressed the convention. J. S. Loveland of Monmouth, Ill., was next introduced and delivered the address of the Convention. His argument was an able one and the whole discourse a masterly effort.

Music by the choir from the Spiritual Harp, and the meeting adjourned. Evening session was opened by a short discourse

from Joseph Baker of Janesville: Subject mythology,-which was treated in a scholarly manner. J. S. Loveland followed with the closing discourse, which was listened to by a large and attentive au-It was moved that a vote of thanks be extended

tainment and the effort made to secure the comfort and happiness of all. Parting words were spoken, new resolves formed, and all we hope went to their homes happier,

to the friends at Omro for their hospitable enter-

The Convention adjourned sine-die, R. A. FLORIDE Sec.

total depravity of nature, and hence the morse without a keen sense of moral Louis Phillipe's leading Cabinet minister, There is no common "clap trap" in it. need of an entire change of nature is principle. Brethren, you are certainly who is now in his eighty-first year, says: The tone is just right, original and spicy. taught in all the churches that assume losing your compass—it is depolarized! "Of the rulers of Europe, Napoleon III. I wish men were not so selfish. Here the name of sound orthodox or evangeli- Better keep up your undiminished hell, is undoubtedly the one man, whose task is my great cause of discouragement. peopled with immortal Salamanders; it is and whose responsibility on the question We have money enough to sustain all The doctrine is pernicious in its ten- more efficacious upon sin-loving worhip- of peace or war are at present the great- our projects if our professed friends

der. What will he do next to astonish only by fear? the world? He is continually adding to You know we opened a new Hall here his power, while other nations stand last fall. Brothers, it is a glorious sucand 10th; and was both profitable and interesting. aghast at his successful operations. He cess. The poor ignorant ministers openalready occupies a giddy hight, rarely, if ed on us some five weeks since, intending ever, attained by other men in the histo- to crush us. Probably a more dastardly ry of the world. Has he no place in the operation never was gone into than they sion is not reasonable.

himself a man of destiny; i. e., that he our sociables increase in interest. I am pears to be in his power to create war or | conservative place. But the angels built to preserve peace. They dare not cross it, and they can and will sutain it, to the He is to them as is the lion of the forest among the people, and uniting all in a among other beasts. They are pleased common brotherhood, with this only for to keep out of his way.

united. They are rising together, and to be able to send you quite a number of are married to each other. Let all watch subscribers. the signs of the times with close attention. Further developments may be ex-

ARE MAGNETIC CURES AS DURABLE AS THOSE FROM MEDICATION! BY DR. GEO. NEWCOMER.

How often do we hear persons say, "Magnetie cures are not permanent," but what does reason and till ten and half o'clock: Lyceum exercises following. experience say! They say that a cure is a cure, Music by the choir, and the meeting adjourned to | whether from medicine, magnetism or any other remedial means. Having practiced medicine under Saturday evening session, was opened by the theories of the various medical schools for over reading of a letter from D. G. Ingraham. It was 20 years, and for years past having healed many moved that the letter be published in connection | cases where all medicines have failed, and in many with the proceedings of the Convention, as in tone cases too, where the patients have been considered beyond the reach of all medicine - such an experience sholud be worth much more in arriving at truth than the statement of the inexperienced. It is true, not every case of disease is cured with pelling my absence from this meeting of our Associ- one, two or three doses of medicine, neither by the same number of wet sheet or water applications, following rates: Five cents per line, first insertion; yet many persons think a cure must be expected three cents per line, each subsequent insertion. No with but one magnetic treatment, when they would not expect even the same case to be cured by twen- space measured. ty doses of medicine. Here we merely hint at the unreasonable mode of pretended reason. I know well what can be done with medicine in curing the they saw the goods advertised in these columns. sick. Homeopathy stands thirty per cent. over Allopathy, and at least from ten to fifteen per cent. over the Eclectic or Botanic, vet a good healer will, in many cases give immediate relief where medicine would require hours, and even days, if not weeks. But cures are not always completed with one, two or even more treatments, though they can be made in less time than by any medical or hydro pathic treatment, and as permanently as under any other practice. For the evidence of what we have above stated we ask permission to report a few throat and lungs with his Magnetic Catarrk Remedy, cases with names and place.

First case: a Mrs. Fitch, of East Cleveland, who cians and after six weeks confinement, not being For curing colds it has no equal. Try it. able to turn herself in bed, and still growing more hopeless. On the 19th of October last her physicians gave her up, said they could do no more. In THE NEW AND SIMPLIFIED METHOD for a few days after, I was taken to see this case. We reached the house at about 4 p. m: I treated her | nounce to the public that she is now teaching this took her out of bed, walked her about the room, method with great success. All persons wishing to left her sitting in a chair, and when her husband avail themselves of this admirable system of musical returned at tea time, he found her seated at the ta- instruction will please call upon or address by letter, ble partaking her first meal (at the table) for six | Mrs. E. S. LEDSHAM, 24) Erie street, Cleveland. weeks. I visited her a few times now until she had N. B. Besiness hours from 9 to 12 a. M., and from regained her strength; since she has visited me at 2 to 4 P. M, my office 288 Superior st., and still continues well. Second case: Mr. A. Platt, a prominent citizen of 66 PIPPLES ON THE TIDE OF LIFE." Volphysically; the cause and the cure. None who lis- the same place, on the 12th of November last, was

tened could but acknowledge the truth and justice | taken with severe inflamation in the bladder. The of her remarks. The interest and appreciation pain was so intense, that his screams could be heard manifest in the audience told plainer than words one square. A homeopathic physician was called that now is woman's hour, and she has but to work | and used hot applications, mustard, and the usual and wait for the harvest that is ripening, when she internal remedies given in such cases, but no relief. can gather for herself and daughters the rich fruits I was called, reached the house at ten o'clok p. m. the patient having then been under treatment some Sunday morning; Conference for one hour, with eight or ten hours, but still sufftring the greatest the discussion of the following resolutions: Re- agony. I laid my hands over the parts affected and olved, That as our spiritual growth and conditions | bid him try and keep quiet a few moments if possidepends to a great extent upon the physical, that | ble, his bowels being so sensitive that I could not we should strive by living in accordance with nat- for a time even touch my hand upon them; yet in ural laws, to promote healthy conditions, and that twenty minutes, he was not only relieved of all the use of all stimulating drinks and tobacco, should | pain, but the swelling and soreness. When I said be discontinued by all lovers of purity and prog- to his attending physician (who stood at the foot of the bed gazing with wonder at what I could do), to Resolved, That perfect humanity includes every examine his patient and see if he now could find member of the human family, and no institution, any swelling or soreness, he had to admit that all telligence and affections of the race; and therefore next morning, ate his breakfast as well as usual, and that all existing institutions which are the product has since continued so. These were marked cases of the masculine half of humanity, are unworthy of severe illness, cured by "laying on of hands," can be. I might fill pages of such statements, some Resolved. That Spiritualists should encourage the of rheumatism, one case of a young lady who had culture of home talent, and foster speakers within | been thirteen weeks under good medical treatment, our associations wherever such possess the requi- (so called in this city), and was left a hopeless crip ple with contracted cords etc., yet was cured by Discussed by J. O. Barrett and Joseph Baker, and | that power coming through my own hands. In a future number I will mention cases of cancers, loss Music, and the meeting adjoruned to meet in of sight, and confinement to bed for years etc., 2. A better victory cannot be gained Conference at 1. p. m. Speaking at two o'clock by cured by magnetic treatment. In my experience, J. S. Loveland. The Lyceum which followed was | magnetic treatment stands No. 1, especially where | an interesting feature in the meeting, and did credit | the life of the physician draws around him the more selfhood-to retire into the closet of the to the Conductor and friends of reform and prog- intelligent class of spirit influences. All mediums ress of that place. Well may they feel a just pride | are not good healers as their own physical developin their success, for their efforts have been abund- ment has much to do in adapting them to the work satly blessed, and was truly a picture worthy the as healers. Have more confidence in good healers, Great Master Hand, to watch the beaming smiles of give them a fair trial, and you will be benefited ac innocence and pleasure that rippled over the bright | cordingly, as the angel world will assist you. More

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mental philosophers argree, and yet, the other world; for there could not be re- "THE ONE MAN."-Guizot, who was per America has seen, no doubt of that.

would work and pay as the church does. Truly, Napoleon III. is a man of won- Is it possible men cannot yet be moved

prophetic scriptures, while many others, concocted. But, thunks to the guardianby far his inferiors, have been noticed by ship of the angels, and the good sense of the prophets? We think such a conclu- the people, it has reacted on them powerfully. I think we have more at our We believe he is correct in considering meetings than either of the churches, and a creed: "The Fatherhood of God, and Napoleon and Spiritualism are closely the Brotherhood of the race." I hope

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reached me, in which I notice an article head- man would vote just as her husband did." ed College Movement, that has attracted my give the name although it is not difficult to main identify the author.

Your correspondent says: "I deeply feel that the local and State cause should first be supported and not one cent drawn from them

until there is a surplus."

To allay the fears so emphatically manifeslocal and State cause to build a College. They each have, so far as I know, all the money they had previous to the introduction of the College subscription in Ohio. My books show for the American Association, I received but our coming King .- The World's Orisis. forty-three dollars from treasuries of the several Societies I visited, and that I delivered therefor seven lectures, six of which were given on fifteen dollars per Sunday for my lectures before I commenced the work of the Association. The balance of the money I received was annual payments if he or she desires.

has subscribed a dollar for the College. The forms in order that they may be recognized, four thousand dollars, that annoys your corres- and for other kindred reasons. The other idea pondent so much, is from individuals, not Socie- no doubt is original with the person referred to. ties or Lyceums. Those individuals that have It is often the case that abstract thinkers canmade these pledges are "all of age," so far as not make their theories plain; this writer has I know, and fully competent to transact busi- endeavored to present his thought to our read-

If the Educational movement is the "dome" to the Spiritual Temple, will your correspondent tell us where we can find the base? Of what use are libraries for our children, until they first know how to read? If it is likely to impair the growth of Spiritualism, to simply give pledges for a College, had we not better begin at the root and ask our Legislature to release all Spiritualists from taxation for school pur-

that the cause in the Buck Eye State is only and corporeal structures have their first from the first burst of grief, however, I think principles, man was first spirit, existing the twenty thousand Spiritualists in Ohio will in electrical and magnetic principles, and require a better equise for its "sudden decline," than the fact that the Spiritualists are trying of God breathed in by the great life-essence to build a College. If, with the numbers we claim, and wealth we represent, we cannot build ONE College without destroying our state and local Societies, and ruining our papers, we had better call on our Orthodox neighbors to write our obituaries at once.

amusement, to see what a remarkable develop- and external covering—began to incorment of caution is exhibited by many of our porate the spirit child's form. In due Spiritual brethren. Our pity would be quite space of time an organic form was as free as our hilarity, did not all this shivering developed with all the necessary apand chattering over the College movement like aratus for its new sphere of action. We a monkey at the invasion of a lion, betray more

The American Association and our State and Local Societies, have each their legitimate work, and nothing but an unreasoning and unreasonable selfishness will cause any clashing matter of the elementary world. Its between them. In regard to the management first organic form was only force and and control of the college when built, there need | magnetic attraction; yet its form was upon the Spiritualists of America to even in now having taken an organic position, sinuate, that, with annual Elections and Con- the organic structure is changed to ventions, they cannot find persons competent to meet the demand of the new sphere of perform that duty, especially when "five dol- action. When this present form has comlars" will give your correspondent a voice in the elections.

I am most happy to know that the majority in Ohio and through the West, realize that we CAN and WILL build a College of our own rather

be supported. Yours truly, Chicago, Jan., 1869. A. B. FRENCH.

AN INCIDENT. the route, we had the company of one of the the State of Ohio, or to use his own language, a member of the State "Legislatur'." The conversation turning upon the question of female suffrage, he remarked that he "did not eous condition. In the first sphere, while wish to be disrespectful to the ladies," but he in the womb of magnetic principles, con-"really did not think they ought to vote." ceived by the positive germ drawing thority. Upon being interrogated by my husband, as to from earth a germinal principle from all language. First, "Bekase two women could not talk politics five minutes, if they disagreed, without pulling hair." Second, "Bekase they would be sure to turn this into a monarchial fluids in the earth which will, when unform of government, bekase they would vote

FRIENDS EDITORS: Through the kindness son, but of less importance to him, viz: that of Bro. Jones, The Spiritualist of Jan. 9th, has "there 'was' no need of it, bekase every wo-

Hoping your readers will have as full an apattention. Unfortunately the writer does not preciation of his arguments as we did, I re-Yours very truly,

Jan. 16th 1869. Mrs. A. A. WHEELOCK.

Spiritualism has a strong hold of the people in Chicago, and is becoming very

We propose to commence a discussion ted, let me say for the benefit of all concerned, in Dansville, N. Y., Jan, 26, to continue that not "one cent" has been drawn from the five evenings. Our opponent will be Mr. E. V. Wilson, a noted Spiritualist. Pray defense of the word of truth as revealed | cle called for, we republish it:] that during the two months I labored in Ohio in the Holy Scriptures, and thus glorify

ORIGIN AND DESTINY OF MAN.

[A FEW days ago, the writer of the following Sundays in places that had been paying me made the novel statement in our hearing, and locomotive apparatus—a la tadpole—in the from collections, and members made to the So- process of post-mundane development, and his ciety. My total cash receipts were less than spiritual body be absorbed gradually, or rather one hundred sixty dollars, for which I delivered excreted, until only the most intelligent and for my own benefit, I could have received as globular portion remains, viz, the head; and whole time speaking. The "local and state subject to planetary laws and in fact become cause" in Ohio have therefore to thank the the germ of a new world. In conversation he American Association for ten gratutious lectures, brought forward some very ingenious comparithat, had they been delivered by their state sons to illustrate the tendency of intelligence agents, would have cost them one hundred to seek incarnation in circles, spheres and globbalance per month and-expenses. At the ules, as, for instance, the form of the head and same time fourteen individuals have received more particularly of the EYE, which flashes certificates of membership in the Society; that, forth so much meaning. The planetary part your correspondent will please add to the ten of the hypothesis struck us much as we presume gratuitous lectures. Not a dollar that has the heresy of the rotundity of the earth, and its been subscribed for the College has been paid, motion through space, did our forefathers; but or will be called for, at least under one year; it is a part of our religion to listen respectfully nor then, unless sufficient amount is pledged to to any new or old idea, no matter how seemingsecure success to the enterprise. The subscri- ly absurd. Many philosophers have held that ber has, then, the benefit of four equal semi- spiritual existence does not require, and therefore does not have, a body shapen like the Not a Society or Lyceum in Ohio, as such, present one; but that the spirits assume such

ers, but unfortunately has not been clear in the use of terms.—EDS. Man is a corporeal structure of three worlds. First, of essence deitical; secsecond, negative. The third, external, inspiration was perfect. Sad indeed is the NEWS, so gratuitously given, or "matter." Therefore, as all organic living at a "dying rate." After recovering existence, corporeally, in elementary conceived and quickened by the breath They met in holy wedlock and their mar-Surely, it furnishes no slight opportunity for riage gave to magnetism the life motion be little fear. It certainly reflects no credit completely adapted to its position, but pleted its mission and the brain ripened off, or in other words, the brain become use for arms and legs. The arms and ny that these books have any claims upon them. than pay our money to support those under legs will lose their present force and the in the least conflicting with our State and Local magnetism of the limbs, will be drawn up Societies, each of which are necessary and should into the circle emanating from the brain, and will facilitate motion by the will power of the brain, and the organic form bebecoming a minute world and moving original cause. EDS. SPIRITUALIST: In pursuing our Mis- subject to the laws of planetary motion.

an organic form corporally, and that form will constitute a planet in its gasresentative of all the solids, gases and folded and developed, culminate in a

pursuit of happiness." He gave another reattree in its shell and will make the oak accept of the invitation, which in olden time when developed, so man has in his or- would have been rendered, "Thus saith the ganic form all the embryotic germs which Lord." will unfold into a planet-world when fully matured. And as man possesses in his mental and spiritual powers the wisdom and talent we find manifest in principles as divine mind, we may safely say when the three principles, motive, sensation the light that is streaming straight into every and wisdom, are fully unfolded he will become like unto the parental sire. Representing deity corporeally as a planet, divine and spiritually, as the divine mind, we recognize Deity.

THE last edition being exhausted, and for us, that we may be successful in the more copies containing the following arti-

USE AND ABUSE OF SACRED BOOKS. Synopsis of a Lecture delivered by C. C. Burleigh at South Newbury, O. Reported by George Wm.

Wilson, for The American Spiritualist. MEN are often ignorant of the contents of their sacred books. Many persons read the Chicago, Ill. books of the Bible through and through, and that man will gradually lay off his prehensile never know what they contain. If you tell them what there is in these books, they will say a falsehood. If you tell them that in Genesis there are two accounts of Creation—that in the New Testament there are two accounts of the birth and early life of Jesus—they will at once much for the Sundays alone as I did for the that this intelligent globule will ultimately be call you a falsifier of the truth. Many have read these books hundreds of times without ever dreaming that they contain two entirely different and irreconcilable stories of Creation and the birth and early life of Jesus.

Why do sacred books exist? Theologians give the answer, that certain men in ancient times were inspired by the Holy Ghost to write these books, that they are infallible, and have street, just above Ontario. been preserved without variation or change that in the least degree affects their authority. They admit that a hundred thousand readings have been added, but it is claimed these are not important. A certain text that is very much disputed over by the Trinitarians and the Unitarians was not in the original copy of the New Testament. So, many other passages are inchapter of Matthew and the first and second chapters of Luke are of doubtful authenticity. The books of Jude, James, 2d Peter, 2d and 3d John, were considered by the Christian Fathers as of doubtful authenticity, and were not relied upon for proving or sustaining doctrinal points.

Why do sacred books exist? My answer is this: In different ages of the world men have arisen who have excelled other men in spiritual as well as intellectual progress. They had larger conceptions of the truth, and were inond, corporeal and magnetic; third, ele- spired, (to use a common phrase,) not to write mentary matter. The germ projected truth without alloy, but to utter sentiments in from the divine essence of God inherent advance of those generally received. Men who in all life principles, conceived in mag- excelled in poetry and oratory were said to be netic principles. The first, positive. The inspired, but no one thinks or affirms that their

The human soul stands in such relations to the Divine Soul as to be susceptible to the influx of ideas. While some are endowed with the genius of poetry, oratory and art, others are inspired with clear conceptions of moral and religious truths. These men, in all ages of the world, have given utterance to the truth as they perceived it—having the treasure in earthoutside of all organic law, pervading ev- en vessels, they were limited in the impartation ery thing in all space. The magnetic of it by their imperfection. They have given world existing as a medium between mat- expression to their best thoughts in their best ter and the spiritual and magnetic world. way they could. Men in all ages have thus given their thoughts to the human race.

We only know who wrote a few of the books of the Bible; we cannot even conjecture who wrote most of them. These books must stand not on the merits of their authors, but on their own intrinsic worth. We have evidence of their human imperfection. Sacred books are the best thoughts of the best men of their age. elementary world, only existing in the of to-day. Accept of them not as absolutely blood and magnetism of the parents in good or true in every part, but as giving us the many gems of thought and incentives to noble M. D., Registrar, No. 195 Erie st., Cleveland, O. 14 achievement. They are admirable for this use, with your reason. Take them with an earnest desire to make the best use of them, with a respectful but thoughtful reverence.

The abuse of sacred books is of two kinds, coming from two extremes, and both are pernicious. The mind of man has been so highly strained by theologians that when it sees the well rounded out, there will be no more truth it swings to the other extreme; such de-

the auspices of our sectarian neghbors, without power of locomotion now existing in the stition of men, and their incomplete knowledge where she is prepared to give sittings and administer of the truth. Spiritual progress is attended by a succession of errors, one giving way to another WESTERN DEPOT FOR LYCEUM EQUIPof less magnitude, until at last the perfect day natural outgrowth of the human soul. Priests come entirely round or globular-now are the products of this growth, but not the

No sacred book is entirely useless. All these sionary labors, we had a stage ride of about fif- Extend. this emanation of spirit power books have some good in them, and bear some ty miles last week. The last twenty miles of from the center where this germinal evidence of heart-communion with the wise and spark penetrating matter calls to its sur- good of all ages. We abuse them when we men who at present assists in making laws for face those genial particles which give it entirely reject them, as well as when we accept of them as all good, and as the final arbiters of It is an abuse of sacred books to place them above reason, understanding and conscience, without daring to question their merits or au-

Sacred books do not claim to be infallible, his reasons why; he gave two very weighty gases and elements that exist in the and the claim that they are so is not supported ones. They were new to me, and may be to earth, they unfolded themselves and be- by facts. There is no evidence to show that some of your readers; and as I think both sides came spirit-germs that gave to the child these books were intended to be received in the of every question should receive due attention, its affinitive relation to all of the elements sense and manner that theologians would have I give you them as near as possible in his own now existing in our great elementary us believe. We have no reason for believing world. Hence we find in the child a rep- that they were intended to be lords of the understanding and conscience.

In ancient times, when a man had a high order of genius, he was said to be inspired-"the spirit of the Lord was upon him," etc. to have whiskey abolished, and that would be PLANET. Now in this life, we are sim- Hence such expressions were used in a different itual welfare of humanity. infringing on the rights of the men; for a man ply germs in the womb of the great plan- sense from what theologians claim. If a minhas a perfect right to drink whiskey, if he pays et, waiting for birth into space, to roll ister is invited to preach in a certain place, he for it, bekase the Constitution says that man is through the etherial realms fulfilling our carefully considers the matter, and, after due created with a right to life, liberty and the mission again. As the acorn has all the consideration, says he is "divinely called" to leago, Illinois.

The genius of man is reinforced and sublimated by study, but it is a divine impartation all the time. Sacred books should never be received as absolute truth, or as MASTERS of the understanding and conscience. They are only helps and guides—so many mirrors reflecting

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