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EDITORIAL

THE German Emperor imprisons his subjects for contempt. Whether imprisonment is a cure for contempt has not yet been proven.

THE "Boston Globe" thinks the abolition of Sunday papers will be about as difficult to accomplish as to turn revolutions backwards.

THE frigate Constitution (Old Ironsides) is still included among the vessels of our navy. She was launched at Boston in 1797, and will undoubtedly be the recipient of centennial honors if still above water by 1897.

SENATOR SMITH, of New York, has introduced a bill to prohibit cremation of the dead in that State. Is Senator send-off will be an unnecessary addition to the one awaiting him in the future?

A BILL has been introduced in the French Chamber of Deputies providing that damage done to buildings by the unlawful use of explosives shall be punished by death. This means that measures are being taken to meet it.

ONE of the famous "Blue I.aws" which has never been repealed, says the "N. Y. Press," reads: "If any white female of ten years or upward shall appear in any public street, church, tavern, or ballroom, with naked shoulders (i. c., lownecked dresses), being able to purchase necessary clothing, she shall pay a fine of two hundred dollars."-But affecting the elite of society it is not brought into requisition. It is the poor sinner that the Church and State are after, and therefore only old laws concerning the Sabbath are unearthed and enforced.

IN HIS Unitarian Club address Rev. spiritual certitude. If by agnosticism meant that nothing with certainty respecting God and the invisible world we are not agnostic. If by rationalism is meant that all our knowledge is derived from the logical faculty and through observed phenomena we are not rationalists. We believe in the power of the human soul to perceive immediately and directly the spiritual and invisible world. We believe in spiritual certitude, but we do not believe in an infallible Church, and we do not believe in an infallible Bible."

THE Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference has voted to exclude women from the general conference. But let the women be of good cheer. When they get to heaven they will be in a majority, and if any male Methodis from Philadelphia has the nerve to apply for admission they can easily exclude him-if they so elect .- Telegrain.

Tut, tut! The Pauline doctrine of the silence of women in the Churches of male "religious persuasion" was halfan orthodox golden-paved city where the chief employment is singing. What would the Philadelphian, or any other Methodists, do without the soprano enough.

THE return of the Jews to "the land of their fathers" seems to be attended with as much unconcern as the emigration of the negro to Liberia. In fact it would be easier to induce the latter to go to Africa than the Jew to Jerusalem. The negro is desirous to go, but lacks the means to see his way clear; while philantrophic Israelites are not only aiding want to see it. emigrants financially, but are sustaining them in Palestine to induce others to follow. But the lew who sees his way clear amongst other people than his own is unwilling to take any chances in Cansan, though once the happy land longed for; and the desire of certain wealthy Israelites to see a Jewish Kingdom or a nation re-established will most the present.

OUR NEW DEPARTURE.

Self-laudation is inexcusable; and in venturing before our readers with a few emarks concerning recent improvements, which have placed THE BETTER Way in a position to command greater respect and attention than has hitherto so curb our exultation as not to make it | co. appear that we are seeking the applause merely of our readers, but that a pleasant duty devolves upon us which they have, in part, enabled us to perform.

THE BETTER WAY came into existence amidst privation and want, and when the present management took charge of its struggling life with a purpose to place it upon a footing where it should take an aggressive part in [the great discussion of the day, there was a large admixture of uncertainty as to the outcome of our resolve. That the paper has lived and thrived in the face of adversities which would have sufficed to Smith perhaps apprehensive that a fiery kill an ordinary business enterprise; that at no time has it failed to present itself when it was due, and that it has contained the best element of thought in the ranks of Spiritualism, is sufficient to show that the word failure did not enter into the considerations attending Anarchism is rife in Paris and desperate our policy. Through all these years the struggle has been growing more heated in some quarters and less in others, and while our plans are far from assuming the form of perfection laid out for them, we take pardonable pride in stating that at no time in its history has THE BETTER Way entered upon a more prosperous future than at the present.

With this issue we take up our work in new and commodious quarters, bright and cheerful surroundings, and with every incentive to make the home of THE BETTER WAY an ideal one in the annals of spiritual journalism. For the past three years our headquarters have been Lyman Abbott said: "We believe in at the corner of Plum and McFarland Streets, in a dingy, uninviting locality, in rooms cramped and gloomy, but even there we found conditions which enhanced our work in a manner not to be met with in the miserable quarters where we found the paper originally. These conditions had been a source of annoyance and discouragement. But all such annoyances are wiped away, and we may, without boasting, pride ourquarters. Our new home is in the "Excelsior Building," at the southeast corner of Race and Longworth Streets, Room 7, in the heart of Cincinnati, surrounded by all the push and energy, vitality and enterprise of a great city. Offices light, airy, and convenient, with plenty of room for the mechanical deearth never was enforced where the partment of the paper, and everything conducive to sound success. We feel civilized, and could never be enforced in like the proverbial rooster that screeches victory after a bitter campaign.

Now, all this has been brought about by hard knocks and bitter experience, voices? The music would be base but our motto is and always has been, Nothing succeeds like success," and our determination to make THE BETTER Way the foremost journal of its kind bids fair to be consumated. As we have indicated herein, many improvements are yet in embryo which, as time moves on, shall be brought about and which will place THE BETTER WAY where we

Not a little of this anticipation depends on the support and encouragement we know is our due from the spiritualistic public, and we confidently look for an increased patronage, knowing that our subscription list, at one dollar per year, ought to be doubled and will

the aim of the management shall be to present the truths and issues involved in the spiritual philosophy in a calm, dignified, and courageous manner. Our corps of contributors is of the best and will be improved, and no expense will been accorded it, we shall endeavor to be spared to make THE BETTER WAY A

WORLDLY CHARITY.

We are not surprised. The trumpetblowing which accompanied Mr. Jay Gould's little gift to the missionary treasury of one of the New York churches is now followed by the statement that Mr. Gould has been "converted," and will join the Presbyterian Church of which Brother Paxton is pastor. When the Nazarene gave the conditions of charity, or alms-giving, he is reported as using these words:

"Take heed that ye do not your right acts or alms, before men, to be seen of them; else ye have no reward with your Father which is in heaven. When therefore thou doest alms, sound not a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; that thine alms imay ibe in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall recompense thee."

The alms-giving of modern Churchianity is after the latest approved, Wall Street pattern, which has become generally fashionable in all Churches. We are not surprised that Mr. Gould, educated in the tricks of shearing "lambs" and filling his financial warehouse with their fleeces, should employ the heaviest of theological thunder known to the excedapulpits of New York, to sound his little half-penny alms. The poor widow who casts into the treasury of the old synagogue her two mites which equalled a farthing, will give our new "brother Gould" "points" on value in alms-giving when he leaves his scores of millions behind him. The key to a heavenly condition of existence is not a platform of wealth, nor alms-giving accompanied with a blare of human-trumpet voices.

LET US HAVE PEACE.

Go to, Mr. President Harrison and gentlemen of belligerent tastes in Congress, who desire a scrimmage with Great Britain over the little Behring Sea cal success! The spirit of murder, whether materialized by the knife or revolver of an assassin or accompanied. on a larger scale by plumes, military regalia and shoulder-straps, is not in consonance with the spirit of the great mass of the people of this country, or of the age. War is bloody business, and intellectual and moral nature and their its results are not completed when it natural outworking through the material has buried its mangled dead in long selves upon our present position and trenches, and emptied the national coffers by pensioning the diseased and crippled living survivors. War is bar- ture. It is destructive to all progress, and barism, out of place in this age of spiritual knowledge, spiritual light, and acknowledged spiritual law as governing an eternal spiritual existence.

Our friends on the other side of the mortal line declare the unity of the race, as set in families of nations to be blended into a national unity of comity and purpose, when an evoluted humanity shall have touched the zenith of main true that "one star differeth from its spiritual coronation. Our brethen another star in glory. of the Churches, who believe in the friends proclaim it the day-dawning Daybreak" expresses it, "the personal of ignorance and superstition, false pride, and the beastly spirit of prowess. of peace, Mr. President and Congress! Our hearts want a rest from the sad, hopeless wailings of war's, widows and orphans! "Let us have peace."

MEDIUMSHIP.

The able editor of "Medium and Day break," Loudon, England, Mr. James Burns, in his "weekly 'theme" of March 4th, discusses some very practical topics connected with the psychical, both incarnate and excarnate. He holds with our expressed convictions that "all mankind are mediums," in that they are the subjects of "influx." The power to tend a little of this influence in that di- and messages of independent excarnate matters in THE BETTER WAY.

rection. As in the past so in the future spirits, must come to the medium through experience, close observation, and analysis. A true sensitive is always affected, in a greater or lesser degree, by contact with other minds and by the subtle influences which are peculiar to, and belong to other personalities.

Persons can not wholly determine the nature or quality of their own individual mediumship. It very often happens that there is an almost overpowering desire on the part of a sensitive to become the medium for a special phase of psychie phenomena, and so intense does this desire become that it crystallizes into a fixed purpose, to the exclusion of a natural mediumship which would confer a lasting benefit upon the person and the world. It is needless to say that in nearly, if not all such instances, a lamentable failure results. Nothing is more true in modern psychic revelation than that fundamental law of spirit nasome 2,000 years ago by a psychic writer in these words:

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit. And there are diversities of ministrations, and the same Lord. And there are diversities of workings, but the same God, who worketh all things in all. But to each one is given the manifestation of the spirit to profit withal. For to one is given through the spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same spirit; to another faith, in he same spirit; and to another gifts of healing in the one spirit; and to another workings of powers; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues (languages); and to another he interpretation of tongues; but all is se worketh the one and the same sple,t dividing to each one severally even

We have quoted the entire paragraph from the Pauline epistle, because it will bear study and analysis in the light of modern mediumship and varied psychic phenomena through different individuals. It is safer and far more pleasant to the individual, not only to permit but to welcome a development in harmony with the nature as seen and as sought to be utilized by the wiser excarnates. And whether an intellectual or a physical mediumship results, we can rest in the consciousness that it is the one for which we are best fitted by that natural and original endowment in which we, individuals had no choice and less

power of direction, The laws of nature create and conserve variety. These laws are disclosed | rends and his Church, how refreshing to | 10,221 organizations and a membership in all the lower organisms of the mineral, vegetable, and animal kingdoms, and should be expected in the kingdom of book of the New Testament, in a large to the statistic of 1891 as a full report the spiritual, the higher realms of the organism. Sameness in the universe of as knowledge and light. Religious taffy matter would act upon the spirit of man has ceased to satisfy even half-awakened Chinese have kept under one governas an opiate acts upon the physical naprogress or evolution is the universal law. Sameness of individual spirit nature would be appalling when viewed as some personal comfort out of it, is like world. It is the oldest country extant society unit. Because the infinite variety in personality and its "gifts of the spirit." Each in his own orbit should orthodox miracle of resultant physical in its heathen harmony. Comtemporfill the measure of uses by the exercise of his natural "gifts;" while on earth as in the stellar universe it will ever re-

Some are blest with the double intelsupreme authority of the Book, call it lectual and physical gifts in medium- step towards the betterment of life is the day of the "Millennium." Our spirit ship. As the editor of "Medium and that a man shall be fearlessly honest which banishes the old night condition and thought planes become amalgamated, and those persons have the experience of spirit presence and the influx of rends to have resolved itself into the sin Give us a reign of reason, of love, and thought combined. These are their own 'mediums;' they can think with the How many of his hearers, good Church thinker; they can at the same time hold members, who not only believe but personal intercourse with spirits, and in know that Spiritualism is true, but who various ways discern the identity of spirits." But we agree with him, with ly denounce it, that charge of the sin of an emphasis, in the statement that "these glorious results are not to be attained know in his earth ministry. He will be by sitting in circles, but by true Spir itual Education."

THE anniversary exercises of the various Spiritualist organizations in this city promise to be unusually interesting this year, and will be attended by a larger concourse of new converts, who have properly discriminate between our own been initiated during the past winter, exalted spiritual condition in intellectu- than at any previous time. Further parlikely prove an "iridescent dream" for be if our patrons and readers will ex- ality, and the impressions, thoughts, ticulars may be found among the local

CREEDAL CHAINS BREAKING.

heart from the cruelties which a past igworking Spiritualists, for they show how deep and how broad this emanci- handle, your mental intuitions and your There seems to be no creedal incrustabefore the sturdy creedal subject is conscious of it, he is talking a new language and, if a minister, preaching new doctrines to his people, who trust in his or- not confess the truth openly, is to cherthodoxy, while being blest and enlightened by his heterodoxy.

The Rev. Dr. Behrends, of New York, ture and method of revealing voiced pastor of a trinitarian, orthodox, Congregational, Calvinistic, elect-saints-and reprobate-sinners-before-the-foundationof-the-world Church, whose ability has been equal to the retaining as members of his Church mothers and fathers whose non-elect babies were writhing in eternal torments for "the praise of the glorious justice of God," recently visited the Spiritualists have 334 organizations and preached in one of his former par- in the United States with a memberishes. We have before us an extended ship of 45,000. While this may be very report of his sermon, and we are moved nearly correct, so far as the organized to congratulate Dr. Behrends and his effort is concerned, it falls far short of people upon his emancipation and the number of Spiritualists per se, as growth in that standard virtue of hu- every one knows. But we are not bemanity known as common sense. It is hind in the race for all that. Those who brethren to possess and use in these with 732 organizations with but 43,000 times of heresy-hunting and ecclesiasti- members and perhaps very few outside. cal ferment, unless they possess a cour-

> His text was taken from the Book of Revelations—the last book of the New Unitarians with 407 to 20,000; Salvation Testament-but we are among the mul- Army with 320 to 9,000; Shakers with 15 titude of "the many readers to whom it to 1,800; Theosophists with 40 to 700; is a riddle rather than a revelation." He and Altruists with one organization and called it "a series of pictures from be- a membership of twenty-five. Those in ginning to end. The canvass," he said, order above us are the Jews with 533 orare thrown together." Oh, Dr. Briggs, haps comparatively few who are not with your "higher criticism," are you equal to the discounting of that state- Then come the Quakers with 1,056 to ment?

clesiastical martyrdom.

As the whole Bible is given to man for fort out of it." It is not so much "com- the rest are completed. fort" and ease in Zion which are needed creedal minds and hearts. But to advise bigots to read an abstruse and metaphyasking a dyspeptic to gorge himself 'comfort.' With the vigorous statement of Dr.

Behrends that "there is only one unpardonable sin, and that is falsehood," we are in perfect accord. When he supplemented it by saying that "the very first with himself," we respond with a hearty as well as to the rest of the world. amen! The hypothetical "sin against the Holy Chost," seems with Dr. Behof falsehood against one's own nature. by their position and profession, publicfalsehood hit and hurt he will never wiser bye-and-bye. The sin, shame, and eternal disgrace of a bigoted creedalism to-day is that it holds its subjects to a lie, and thus debauches all their moral nature. This is plain language, we know, but plainly spoken truth is what is now required. There is a quiver of grief and required. There is a quiver of grief and required. There is a quiver of grief and give them credit for as much sense as sorrow behind our pen as we write it, but men have. Ave, frequently more, for it should be written.

With another remarkable statement in this sermon we are in full accord. He him out of trouble and lead him where said: "I believe in faith in God as much mistakes are unknown.

as anybody else, but I also believe in The giant strides taken every day on faith in ourselves. Faith in the veracity the line of the emancipation of mind and of our sense, faith in our eyes, faith in our ears, faith in our hands, faith in our norance has imposed upon both, must mental intuition, and faith in our moral be refreshing to active and observing judgment." Well, Bro. Behrends, why spirits on the thither shores of the mor- don't you use your senses, and advise tal life. They are very refreshing to your hearers to do the same, your eyes to see, your ears to hear, your hands to pating power extends. Its silent but ef- moral judgment to investigate and know fective force is one of the best proofs of that God has an angel ministry of excarits distuity, enshrined in spirit laws. nate spirits now at work upon these mortal shores. The whole realm of their tion which it does not penetrate or break. ministry lies within the boundary of hu-And yet it is so quietly done that almost man consciousness, and is manifest through the very senses you have named.

Not to investigate is sheer cowardice. To investigate and be convinced and ish the unpardonable sin of falsehood. Upon which horn of the dilemma do you advise your hearers to be impaled? But we are thankful for even so much of an advance over old creedal teachings. When creedists begin to "see men as trees walking," it is a sign of hope.

THE SPIRITUAL CENSUS.

According to the religious statistics as published by the Census Bureau for 1892 dangerous thing for our creedal follow us in order are the Universalists Then come the Mennonites with 550 orage of their convictions equal to an ec-ganizations and 42,000 members; Seventh-Day Adventists with 995 organizations and a membership of 29,000; is overcrowded, and a great many things ganizations to 131,000 members, and peridentified with some body religious. 165,000; Episcopalians with 5,118 to 470,ooo; Presbyterians with 13,619 to 1,222,his guidance, for the ignorant and ooo; Lutherans with S,127 to 1,199,511; learned, the wise and the foolish, as "the | Baptists with 48,371 to 4,292,000 ; Methodone only sufficient rule of faith and prac- ists with 54,711 to 4,989,000; and crowntice," according to the creed of Dr. Beh- ing the whole are the Catholics with a narrow, bigoted mind this bit of ad- of 6,252,000. The five last-named Provice: "If you would simply read the last testant denominations, however, belong way, you will get a great deal of com- has not yet been received for 1892. All

THOUGH a "heathen" people the ment, under one homogeneous set of civil institutions, the greatest mass of sical book, filled with blind figures of human beings that has ever existed unspeech, "in a large way," in order to get der one government in any age of the that possesses a history, covering a with indigestible food and expect the period of 4,600 years without a rupture aneous with Egypt, Babylon, and Nineveh, it has outlived them all. One of the oldest books in the world it its Shu-King, one of the classics, and contains a record of events that occurred in this country B. C. 2,300. What the latter is, will, if permission be given, prove an interesting investigation for philologists,

WHERE there was but one woman from the South studying medicine four or five years ago, there are twenty-five now. In the emancipation of women lies a better and happier future for the whole race. Not only for the coming generation, but for men and women now living who otherwise have been indifferent to the subject. It must be realized to be appreciated, and a very few years of experience, brought on by change of environment or circumstances, teaches one how to appreciate the situation fully. Women, as a rule, have no cause to complain of their treatment in women have a higher intuitive sense, if permitted to act, and not crushed out by man's presumption, would often keep

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Written for The Better Way. THE ISSUE.

M. C. C. CHI RCH.-NO. I To the reader of my first article, under the above heading, this query will come appermost and I proceed to answer it. If the now prevalent scientific thought takes the ground, as it must to be scientific, that man, on this plane, is not absolutely free, then how are we going to make him responsible for his acts? How, in other words, can a system of ethics or morals hold good in the face of such a fact? I see but one way out of the dilemma and that way was pointed out about a century ago by Emanuel Swedenborg. He declared that man knows nothing of morals, of God. or of his own soul even, except by extwo factors enter into the attainment of moral fact underlying all the relations to-day.

study, are beginning to see the truthat present see the wisdom and beneficence of the operation.

The purpose of God in his providenin conscious beings full self-consciousness. This can not be done without the All-wisdom hiding Himself, as it were. that he may come forth in the experiences of good, and evil as their veritable thought to express itself visibly to the as just and impartial and as unjust and orthodox world, who yet wonder at the home.

the development of this self-consciousness the appearance is that the recipient of life is free, that he is master of his own destiny and therefore responsible for what be does or leaves undone.

As we advance out of the realm of appearance we no longer hold to such unsatisfactory conclusions, but we realize what the actual truth is, that God himself and not man is the real worker in all this drama that He is responsible for His own work, be it so-called good or evil.

Many are ready to say this can not be that if such teaching prevails there will be no restraint upon the folly, wickedness, and disorder of men. Not so, I reply. No one will ever accept this teaching who has not been disciplined and prepared for the thought. The feeling very difficult to convince them that they are not the authors and finishers of all This Bertian Way cannot well undertake to wouch for the homesty of its many advertisers. Advertisements which appear tair and homorable upon their face are accepted, and whenever it is made known that dishonest for improper persons are notify our advertisers are at once futer-faced.

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When the post office address of The Bertian Way is to be changed, our justions should give us two weeks previous fiotice and not omit to attait their previous factive and not omit to attait their previous factive. And it trying to convince the reader and such as he that they should prematurely dismiss, if they could, this appearance of things? I am not. So long goes to press every Wednesday. port and relief from the consciousness

and such as he that they should premaas you believe that you are free and that all the rest of your fellow-sinners are free, you would be injuring yourselves and them to dismiss the illusion And what is more it is impossible for you or them or the writer to commit such moral suicide. We can discuss the reality of truth, although we may not be able to appreciate it or live a life in accordance with it. This is wisely ordered while we are passing through our tentative their measurement of passing time. We experiences as denizens of earth life.

As scientific Spiritualists, opening up the splendors of the beyond and forecasting in thought at least that which is to seek and to know the gennine foundation upon which truth rests and no the moss of mysticism, which bring no and watch. true illumination nor true knowledge of life, here or hereafter.

____ Written for The Better Way. THE THREE ETERNALS. HON, A. B. RICHMONI

Slave to no sect who takes no private road But looks through nature up to nature's God.

In THE BETTER WAY of March 12th I read a very interesting and well-written article by Dr. H. H. Brigham and it suggested the following thoughts:

Speaking of primordial cells the doctor states as a self-evident proposition as follows: "Within the cell the phenomena of life is found to exist and here it is affirmed that life originated." I would differ with the doctor in the statement that here life originated and would but only that they attend it and govern perience and revelation. That these change his proposition as follows: "Within the cell life was first maniall true knowledge. That up to the fested." It could not have first origitime of the giving of the law-I mean nated there, for the reason that the for- mind whose commands must precede all Jesus, who came to teach us these things, ploring just before he laid down his the ten commandments-man's efficial mation of the cell must have been the movements either of worlds or atoms co- and for this end was born the second earthly body in death's embrace. Rome knowledge was experimental, needing result of an intelligent life that preceded eval with matter in its existence and place of the God, we, not without reason, was lately shaken and spirit Denton loss as those who are minus this blessthe conclusive test of revelation. That it. Once on this earth there were no that by immutable laws directs and con- honor him." since this revelation was given from Mt | cells; matter existed in attenuated su-Sinai the race has been gradually taking perheated vapor. The atoms of this vaup into itself the ethical principle and por were governed by a force, and that it through the vast domain, evolving it in statutory enactments as a force must have been intelligent and part of its life, until now, through the only expressed itself through immutaevolution of the State and the customs ble laws in the countless forms of aggreof society, we have the life of God as a gate matter as they exist on our earth

of life. All this independent of man's The cell could not have been formed free will. It is the divine life as law rul- by the innate potentialities of matter uning in civilization. To appearance it less each separate atom had both the inseems to man as his own work, but it is finite power and intelligence of a God. not. It is the work of one overruling What moved the atoms of the first cell power using man as an instrument in to assume a form peculiar to its genera and flows from an infallible source, it the evolution of his purposes. This ex- but some power behind the throne must present a perfect view of the Diperience of the race, confirmed and sup- greater than the throne itself? What vine Being. If we examine it critically, plemented by revelation, has been the directed the affinities of the same ele- in the same unprejudiced manner we do work of the past. As we now see it, as mentary atoms in the countiess millions any other book, we shall find that such embodied in the State and the customs of different formations that succeeded is not the fact. It bears the unmistakaof society, it is to get a foundation for each other under the laws of evolution ble evidence of human origin. If God the divine life to rest upon, so that the until they culminated in man? Did the gave a revelation to Moses and another evil deities; and Lucifer, fallen as he is, the spiritual man. Planetary relationgift of a higher spirituality may come as primordial cell look into the vast future to Paul, he would represent himself the is believed by the orthodox and Catholic ship is changing, creating climatic rupa new manifestation of the divine in hu- and design and contemplate the creation same in both. The Bible should be a man nature, revealing the fact that man of the human race? or was the cell the unit throughout, although its inspired of souls he captures be a sign of power. tric forces. Dwellers on earth begin to is a mere form of life and not life itself. foundation of a project of an infinite writers were scattered over a thousand The biblics "4ea of God is anthropomor- feel all this and look with prescient eyes In the past and largely in the present mind? By what right or logic dare we years. We find, sad fact, the very reverse, phic, Both mediumship of Christ it into the twentieth century and see a the appearance has been, and is, that assert that the intellect of man once It is a book composed of many fragman has life of his own. That he is free slumbered in the potentialities of atoms? ments; and each of these contains not to do or not to do as he may elect. Al- When and where did it so assert its the absolute view of God, but the writmost everyone believes this to be true, presence in primordial elements? As er's ideas of God. and as a consequence we have confusion | we'll might we assert that the genius of confronting us at every turn with no all great inventors was the innate prop- bringing new ideas, but God is eternal Persian, the Moslem, of the Christian scientific or philosophic solution of our erty of the wood and metal out of which and unchanging. The rude Isrealites in problems. A few, however, mostly those they constructed the engine and printwho have made Swedenborg's works a ing press or the ship and railroad train. far differently from each other. They

the truth behind this appearance. To of the manufactory and see the various their illuminated vision all is order and parts shaped and formed to accomplish the character and attributes of God, its same with the added graces of some not the reverse. That which appears to a certain purpose and adapted to the atbe evil, with all its hideousness, is in re- trainment a certain result that once "withality one side of the absolute working out form and void" exerted only in the trinity of the Godhead, it yields many through forms receptive of life, and that mind of the inventor. For long years the ultimate issue will be good, although, the mighty engines of modern civilizatoring the latter. He is represented with our limited knowledge, we can not tion lived only in the world of thought as satisfied with his works, and as and realm of intellectuality. The beauty dissatisfied; as dwelling in temples and of the sculptured form existed in the as not; as dwelling in light and in darkkingdom of mind alone long before the ness; as seen and heard, and as impostial deslings with the race is to develop hand of the artist moulded matter into sible to be seen and heard; as being the expression of thought and design. weary and resting, and as never requir-The wonderful products of genius were not born of matter, but of mind. The po- knowing, and as limited in presence and or without any function to perform and one with a record of which it seems in the consciousness of His children, tentialities and affinities of matter were knowledge; as all-powerful and the rebut the means and forces used by human verse; as changeable and unchangeable;

self-consciousness, making these forms senses of men, as the universe is but partial, and as the author of evil and performance as they would at a trick of of life to feel that it is their own. In the expression of the infinite mind or not its author, and as warlike and as power we call God. An atom of matter peaceful as cruel, unmerciful, destructforce. Force never could formulate a only that there was an intelligence that directed force in its operations on matter to form and aggregate. The presence of force and intelligence is as discernible to the senses as is that of matter, and science dares not assert that the one is the product of the other. The unbridged chasm between mind and mat- rality of gods are both endorsed by the ter has never been spanned by an innate notentiality of atomic atlinity. The kingdom of matter is even more limited and certain in its boundaries than is the realm of mind. For the one can be measured and weighed in its elements of self-hood is so dear to men that it is and their combinations, while the other is as boundless as the flight of thought three distinct persons the Father, Son. and as deep as the affections and pas- and Holy Ghost; "the same in substance they do and say and think. Even resions of the human soul. Man may, to and equal in divine power and glory." a certain extent, control the winds and Such is the translation of Bible lan the waves, but not the thoughts or reason of the human mind. We may by dyke or wall resist the tides of the ocean, but the very effort or attempt to forget an incident only impresses it more vividly on our memory. We can control or neutralize the known properties or innate potentialities of matter, but not the emotions of the human intellect. Thought wings its unfettered flight into remotest space, while we can control and govern all of the known atomic forces by the bolts, bars, and chains of mechanical devices.

We view with admiration the complicated parts of the engine or watch; we see their movements and marvel at the ence and unchangeableness are ascribed energy of their motion and accuracy of to him. observe their force and know that it Father, through his human nature, as obeys unchangeable and eternal laws and yet all these are not more evident he undertakes to pay our debts and fulthan is the unseen and immeasureable fills the obligation. He is the husband, ours by birthright, it is proper and wise mentality of the designer that formulated their parts and adjusted them in in-all to his people. Jesus Christ is God mechanical harmony, and verily do we and man, united so as to enable him to longer look to the worn-out systems of know that the potentiality of matter be a true mediator between the infinite the past for the "Bread of Life." These never devised valve, wheel, or mainsystems rest upon the supposed free- spring, but was only the obedient serdom of man and are covered over with vant of a mind external to both engine Father and the Son. He is omnicient,

> We know that the affections of the human heart are not like the affinity between an acid and an alkali, and that hatred and revenge are not the potentialities of discordant atoms. The silent, ever-present monitor, conscience, could not have exorted as an element of primordial germs, but belongs to the intel- faith. lectual realm of mind and soul. What evidence have we that matter possesses any other attributes than those manihow shall we ever learn them, save observe force in the movements of mat. ter, design in its formations, and intelligence in those designs, but there is no evidence that they come from matter, its formations, and surely the presence of an intelligent design is absolute proof trols it. Either matter is the God of the universe or there is a God that governs

Where all are but parts of one stupendous

Whose body nature is, and God the soul.

Written for The Better Way. THE GOD-IDEA OF THE BIBLE. HUDSON TUTTLE.

The necessity for a divine revelation is supposed to exist on account of the failen and corrupt nature of man. If this revelation supercedes nature and reason.

Man changes; the ages come and go, the wilderness and the disciples taught Afar off appears huge and unreal; near We look at the complicated machinery wrote differently. Hence the Bible is contradictory, and when asked to give testimony is most diverse and conflicting. If called to decide the unity or texts for both, though more strongly ing rest; as being omnipresent and all

never moved without the application of live, and ferocious, and as kind, merciful and good, as vindictively, angry, and nevermore to disturb the quietude of design without intelligence. No sage unforgiving, and as merciful. With true man, or scientist ever detected intelligence in heathen relish he is described as delightatoms either single or aggregated, but ing in burnt offerings, sacrifices, and the observance of holy days and, again, when a sudden gleam of spirituality pierces the darkness as disapproving all of these, as accepting human sacrifice and prohibiting it, as tempting man, and lying and decriving, and as neither lying nor deceiving. The unity and plu-Bible. The Creator represented as the author of all things is an eternal omnipotent spirit, almighty, perfectly good, merciful, sincere, faithful, who upholds and governs all things, good and bad. It teaches that this Creator subsists of his own simple and undivided essence, in guage by the makers of creeds.

> The Father is the true God, who from eternity begat his only Son, consulted with and foreordained him before the foundation of the world. He sent him into the world, supported him through his earthly struggle, speaking in and working through him, gave him up to death, and raised him up from the dead and crowned and gave him all power in heaven.

> The Son is equal to the Father as a person, but one in essence. He is called God, the only God, the King of kings. and Lord of lords; and all the divine attributes of omnipotence, omnipres-

Though as Son he is equal to the mediator, he is inferior. In that state shepherd, friend, and physician, the alland the finite.

The Holy Ghost proceeds from the omnipresent, and almighty. He is recognized not as an energy, but as a person, reproving, executing, and being grieved.

Such is the trinity recorded in the Bible, and received by the orthodox Christians. Its mysteries they do not attempt to solve, but receive with blind, uncriticising

The Unitarians claim that the Bible tory for us by preserving past arts and furnishes absolute truth that God is one. Christ in the Son of God, and the Holy hands. The mysteries of the Nile are fested to the senses? And if it does Ghost is the power and divine influence being solved. Ancient hieroglyphics form the marriage ceremony. The happy of God. They hold that the early are being read by modern philologists, couple leave for their home in Denver through such manifestations? We can fathers for the first three centuries were although much of these have been deon their side, and that the Bible has re- stroyed by designing or vandal persons. ceived its trinitarian texts from contact Priests very likely have done their share. with paganism.

and the earliest writer next to the apost caused a land-slide and fissures to open. tles says: "We worship God, the maker of the universe, offering up to Him ports of earthquakes. Java was severely of an intelligent designer. An infinite prayer and thanks, But assigning to shaken while our loved Deuton was ex-

> of the God-head has more or less dis- not reached the worldly age of immunturbed the quiet of the Church; and ity. there is now a gradual movement. through Unitarianism toward a more rea- is informed by the spirits, and he prophsonable, not to say understandable, view ecises of the future that cataclysms will

perfect without him. The belief in his conditions of State and society. By the existence is passing away, but his name convolutions of thought there is being can not be blotted from the pages of made radical changes in philosophy and Scripture. It remains as a remnant of theology. The coming catachysms will the influence of Persia and Assyria on dare to deal with creeds, dogmas, Bibles. the Hebrew mind. The Bible recog- and Churches. Change is in the air nizes duality in nature; the good and with regard to the physical world and world to be the stronger, if the number ture and influencing magnetic and elecis inter ly so. The human mind weary new order of civilization, a more positive with "tatemplating the infinite seeks the revelation to men of the laws of life, and dist ie man, and deisies ideal human na- the ushering in of an evoluted spiritual ture. Human hature even returns to era. With terror we stand at the brink itself, in the theology of the Hindoo, the and the ordeal may bring many a pang world. The God at last is only a man. he develops to human size. The God of the Old Testament is a crafty, cruel lew the God of the New Testament is the thousand years of culture.

Christ is the ever-expanding ideal of the age receiving him. What then do we learn from the Bible, of the nature, power, and attributes of God? Nothing. The God of the universe could not have been an overwrought caricature of an Arab, and if that were possible, such a being could not have had a son like Jesus Christ

The Holy Ghost is a sort of nondescript. without any assignable reason for being. the poor much abused Devil has dema- proud. We are pleased to see the docterialized, right before the astonished for becoming so popular in his new

legerdemain. The devil was there, horns and hoof, captivating the souls by the million, and presto he has gone

Weitten for The Better Way CATACLYSMS.

W BATES

There is no doubting the effects and facts of past convulsions in nature that have modeled the face and interior of the earth we inhabit. There exists set, without much doubt, a molten interior and it is readily surmised that there was a time when as cometic matter this world was a molten mass. The cooling processes created the surface known as the tertiary period. The first forms of life come from the waters. Moriada of insects, mollusks, and animal life have builded rocky terraces by the wonderful processes of amalgamation. Fossil life shows the processes of unfoldment and evolution in earth structure. Decaying vegetable matter has builded stratas of the earth. As the cooling processes progressed the ice-age at the poles followed, and by earthly motion and tidal force vast icebergs were sent adrift, grinding down mountains, forming valleys, and depositing their freight to build continents. The whole of North America shows the effect of what is called the ice-age. South of Cairo is a constructed country by wastings from the North and yet there is building in the Mississippi delta by the wastings an island that will be, e're long, inhabitable and most likely attach itself to the mainland for better protection of New The lost Atlantis is continually being

proven as a reality and not fiction. The archaic findings reveal the racial connection of the mound-builders with the inhabitants of Mexico and jointly with a pre-historic race similar to those revealed in Asia. And then the soundings made by English and American vessels naturally compelled to be very select in reveal a mountainous ridge in ocean depths connecting Asia and Mexico. can not admit of any controversy that What a fertile field this will be for Arch- is extended or lengthy in MSS. We wologists! And what will they reveal have our regular contributors, but will to establish history before any possible not debar others who have a truth to Mosaic time? Man stops not in fear of tell or an opinion to express, provided God's vengeance against studying the they do so briefly, logically, and in good world's secrets, for he now knows that spirit. God desires him to explore and learn. Thus only will He reveal! His true revelations are in the rocks, the stratas of earth, the verdure-clad hills, and the silurian deposits. There the Bible of nature is found and is the true Bible. Herculaneum and Pompeii have made hiscivilization from destruction by vandal Vesuvius yet speaks of internal commo-Justin Martyr, the most distinguished tion. The shaking earth at Charleston

Throughout the globe there are resays it is but a forerunner. As we write From the beginning to the present, there is handed us a report that shocks

change our coastline, perhaps destroy The God-idea of the Bible would not cities. He foresees the clash of nations be complete were the devil omitted. That to change geography. The discontent personage fills a most important posi- of wage-earners and wage-payers foretion, by solving the vexed problems of tells a future revolution of force or peacethe existence of evil. The scheme is im- ful arbitrament that shall change the of pain, yet the future good demands the travail that from the matrix may be born the more beautiful, pure and true. Similar to this-more fully and eloquently-said spirit Wm. Denton through Mrs. Kates in the lecture last Sunday might before the Pittsburg Spiritualists. The watchfulness of spirit minds is untiring and from their prescience we may learn much to ward off what may be disastrons to many people while old mother earth is undergoing accouchement for the birth of force and power that shall bless her myriads of depend-

> The "Kansas City Times" speaks in high terms of our friend Dr. Jos. Rhodes Buchanan. Not only as a citizen, but as

PERSONALS.

Contributions accepted: E. L. M., H. H. W., M. F. P., J. J. O., F. B., B. F. R., н. н. в.

Attention is called to a notice in another column concerning "Summerland Echoes." Mr. U. G. Figley, author of "Life in the Stone Age," has something to say to his friends in it.

A reader asks when and where and by whom was independent slate-writing first developed. Perhaps some of our older mediums for this phase can give the information. Who will?

We are indebted to Dr. R. C. Long. fellow of the "Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery" for an invitation to the commencement exercises of the fifty-seventh session at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Tuesday evening, March

Mr. H. A. Starry was bonored last week by a pleasant little gathering of friends at his cozy residence on Rich. mond Street, to bring him congratula. tions to his birthday. Mr. Starry is the genial secretary of the Union Society and never fails of his duty. Early and late he may be found at his post.

Decorations for the anniversary are requested by the Ladies' Aid of the Union Society, Greens, flowers, plants, wreaths. garlands, stuffed white pigeons, and singing birds (the latter a pleasing new features may be sent to G. A. R. Hall, 115 West Sixth Street this Saturday after. noon (March 22d) where the ladies will be found at work arranging for the feativities.

Mrs. F. O. Hyzer, having regained her health and strength, is now ready to accept lecture engagements. Mrs. Hyzer has always been one of our most eloquent speakers and her recent illness has no doubt added to her mediumship and given her a new lease as a spiritual worker. She may be addressed at Ravenna, Ohio.

Der Our space being limited we are our choice of reading matter, and thus

The Durango "News," of Colorado. March 4th, had the following: "Married, last evening, at the residence of Judge Garbonati, Dr. L. L. Bedell, of Denver, and Mrs. E. A. Wells, of New York City. The doctor and Judge Garbonati where old-timers together, having met at Central City, this State, in 156: Naturally enough the doctor sought the aid of his old friend to perthis morning."

We are sorry to be compelled to announce the fact that Mrs. Emerson. mother of our excellent test-medium and worthy co-worker, Edgar W. Emerson, has passed beyond the mortal realms and made a pleasant home desolate by her physical absence. Yet not desolate in a spiritual sense, for she is not dead. and those who are gifted with soul-sight or spiritual sensitiveness feel not the sing. Mr. Emerson is thus blessed, the discussion of the unity and trinity are being felt in California. We have theless and hope he will soon be consoled by the ever-presence of an angel mother instead. Her transition took I'rof. Buchanan sees as a scientist and place on Thursda: evening, March 17th.

> "Old Testament Stories Comically Illustrated," by Watson Heston, New York. The Truth-Seeker Company. This is a compact, neatly bound, and wellprinted volume of 394 pages profusely illustrated with cartoons, showing up the humerous side of the old bible stories of creation, fall of man, etc., and is gotten up in Mr. Heston's own inimitable style. The story is taken from the beginning of the genesical account and embelished here and there by apt comparisons and conclusions; carries the reader through all the absurdities of the Pentatench, finally ending with a full and complete exposition of the lonah-Gourd whale combination. It is immensely funny and we have seen nothing like it in the whole course of ridicule upon these subjects. It is safe to say that no unshelled orthodox minister could peruse this book and not langh and be the better for it. Those who have followed Mr. Heston's cartoon work in "The Truth seeker" can hardly fail to find rich less in the guise of mirth and ridicule in "Old Testament Stories Comically Elizstrated, Price, cloth, \$1.5.1 boards, \$1.00. For sale by The Truthseeker Company, 25 Lafayette Place, New York

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Notes From Boston.

The season of Jubilee the Christman of Modern Spiritualism, when we celebrate its

special meetings on that occusion. It is well that we hold in commemoration that event, when after the long dark ages a time had come in the world's advancement when the spirits could make their pre ence known as individuals, when with the development and improvements on the material plane the day had arrived when "a little child could ago. lend them." So Boston to alive with prepara-

The Brecen Spiritual Temple Society holding its regular service in Berkeley Hall, will on this occasion occupy the large hall of the same buthling old Fellows Hall , which although day, and with this hall have the advantage of a manity. commodious banquet hall on the same floor, where will be served refreshments during the day to all who desire to partake. There will be three sessions, one at 10, 10, 2 pp, and 7, jp. Music will be furnished by the Nilson Ladies' Quartet. The morning discourse will be given by the Hon Sidney Dead. In the afternoon there will be short addresses by Dr. H. H. Storer, a pi-neer worker in the cause, Mrs. R. ever popular reader Miss Lucette Webster, followed by a descriptive seance by Edgar W. Mr. J. T. Lillie. The evening will consist of R. S. Lillie, readings by Miss Webster, concluding with a seance by Edgar W. Emerson. Admission for a single session ten cents of the entire day will be furnished by the Nilson Ladies' Quartet and Mr. J. T. Lillie.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum will celebrate forenous, afternoon, and evening in Tremont Temple. One of the anniversary ad-Frank Baxter. Other talent will participate. and of course the children will form on attractive feature.

At the Pirst Spiritual Temple, corner of New hury and Exeter Streets, on the evening of decoration of a "spiritual tree " with gifts by the members of the Spiritual Fraternity. This will be preceded by music, speeches, and reci-

At Wells' Memorial Hall, of Washington Street, Friday April 1st, day and evening, the event will be celebrated by the First Spiritual Ladies' Aid Society. Dinner and supper will be served at the Ladies' Aid parlors, 1031 Washington St., after the morning and afternoon session, the hall being near, this will be a great convenience. Speakers who will take part in ship. the exercises of the day are Mrs. M. T. Lougley, Mrs. Sarsh A. Byrnes, Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, Mrs. N. J. Willis, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, Mrs. Alice Waterhouse, Mr. J. Frank Banter, Dr. H. B. Storer, Dr. A. H. Richardson, Eben Cobb, Rev. S. L. Beal, Mrs. E. J. Bowtell and Jacob Edson. These three are to represent the mental phenomena, Mrs. Mary Bayley, Mrs. Carrie Loring, Mrs. Kate Stiles, and others An anniversary poem by Mrs. Emma Mercer, of Clinton, Mass. In music Mrs. Amanda Bailey, who is the regular musician with this society will be assisted by Mr. J. T. Lillie. The talented elocutionist Miss Lucette Webster has also been engaged to take part.

Anniversary exercises will be held in Lynn Brockton, and other places adjacent to Boston, in which excellent talent will take part and where a good time is anticipated. The Helping Hand of the Boston Spiritual

Temple with the Veteran Spiritual Union will that is, such specimens as the Union has been through her for the good of humanity.

Boston, Mass,

ton continues unabated ; we should conclude it tain. to be on the increase, if we may judge by the new meetings that have recently been opened. We see many new medium's coming to the front. some of whom give promise of great future possibilities. It will be our privilege and good pleasure to give their names later on, as our sympathy is with young mediums, who have many discouragements to experience in their struggle upward and onward.

Dr. Smith occupies both Rathbone and Commercial Hall, his audlence being too large for one half on Sundays.

Dr. Hale's audience show much interest at his his new quarters, 241 Tremont Street.

We are happy to state that Dr. Abble K. Heath who has been ill for a long time has so far recov ered as to be able to take charge of the meetings again at her former quarters in Dwight Hall, 51; Tremont Street.

Mrs Wilkinson has removed to Harmony Hall, 724 Washington Street. Another new meeting has been opened at 2;1

Tremont Street, J. Edward Bartlett, Chairman. Mrs. C. H. Hall in Ladies' Aid Parlors, and Mr. Matthews in Eagle Hall. The Children's Progressive Lyceum, under

the direction of Mrs. Maggie F. Butler, is well attended. The lyceum directors are anticipating an unusual display of talent at their anniversary celebration, which will take place in Horticultural Hail.

We had the pleasure a few evenings ago of attending the reception given to Mrs. Mary C. Lyman, previous to her departure for Baltimore, Md., at the former residence of Dr. J. Rhodes Buchanan. The occasion was an enjayable one, attended by a few select friends of the medium and hostess, Mrs. Wheeler. After a bountiful supper controls of different mediums present spoke words of cheer and good advice to the one about to take her departure from our midst, not forgetting to mention the proprietor of the boute, who is far away from his own familiar surroundings, and whose influence is keenly felt by those present. Dr. Tripp's controls were very amusing and entertaining, as wereiMrs. Chandler Bailey's. Mrs. Lyman is a speaker of rare merit, her controls being of the highest psychic order, always pre-

I saw a notice in a recent edition of THE BET-TER Way of a task performed by the controls of Dr. H. P. Tripp, in which they gave tests to is forty seven minutes, which was indeed considered a most unusual circumstance. Dr. Tripp is meeting with marked success in his fring the predictions made by him. I have be-

ceived from Mr O. M Wallace Revere Mass. tho says we may use his name as reference. advent to now at hand-the 1st of March. And red seal, and that it would come across the big talents. the air is full of the thought of preparation for waters and would contain papers transfering many, which put me in possession of property that I thought had passed out of my reach long

This is only one of many and in face of thoughts works and deeds. It teaches us charity and liberty shows us how to live and above all how to know ourselves better, and to be true higher up, will have an elevator running all to ourselves. Yours for the uplifting of hur tellect. His success in experiments in psychic AUGUSTA PRANCIS TRIPE.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Brooklyn Progressive Conference had a more than interesting meeting on Saturday, March 12th, Mr. W. W. Sargent acting as president protem.

Of late there have been themes and subjects brought before our conference for discussion, which interchange of thought can not help but s. Lillie and Sidney Dean. A residing by the instruct and impart valuable information to investigators. Although we may not wish to accept everything coming from a free platform, Emerson. Music by the Ladies' Quartet and yet there are many good and valuable thoughts thrown out which if properly grasped by the an invocation by Sidney Dean, address by Mrs. | thinking mind, must, sooner or later, bring forth fruit of the most profitable kind.

The subject for discussion at this meeting was "Materialization, whether false or true," twenty-five cents for the day. The music for and the first speaker to light a torch in its favor was Captain Dey. This gentleman, in a a tearned, yet explicit manner, gave some of his experiences with mediums of that order, saying darkness was required, as the oak tree when first starting out to grow had its seed put dresses at this place will be given by Mr. J. into dark mother earth, nature's law requiring this. Spirits trying to take the first step to materialize also need darkness, and as soon as we acquaint ourselves with the laws governing materializations we would not be asking so many questions, but be more able to under March joth the event will be celebrated by the stand this phase of phenomena or medium. ship.

Mr. Richardson upheld the first spenker in all that he said, giving some of his own experiences; also producing a message received at a seauce from one who signed himself James A. Garfield.

Mr. W. C. Bowen followed with some remarks in the negative, reading a report out of the "Religio-Philosophic Journal," which gave reason to believe that there was still a great deal of chaff among the wheat of so-called medium-

Mrs. Holmes followed Mr. Bowen in the same vein of thought, saying we ought to look to the education of our own spirit and the Godpower within us, trying to do good to everyone, and to lead pure and good lives.

Mr. McDonald, being repeatedly called for responded in a very pleasant manner, saying that he was not a Spiritualist of thirty or forty years' standing, but only a baby of three months' growth, yet in that short time, he had learned enough to look at death differently than heretofore. Death to him now meant the birth of a new life and all the beauties that life contained; and if Spiritualism had not done anything else, the proof of continuity of life was ample reward for his investigation EFP. K. thus far.

Fraternity Rooms, Brooklyn, E.D. At our regular Sunday meeting we had the great pleasure of listening to a grand inspirational celebrate at No. ; Boylston Place, March 30th, discourse delivered by Mrs. Holmes. The afternoon and evening, supper at six, with an words of wisdom, the sound logical advice, the excellent program for both sessions. An exhi- lifting and carrying us away into the realms of bition of the museum of the Veteran Spiritual- thought, advanced beyond common-place, was ist Union will be arranged for the week of the such as was appreciated by the audience, who anniversary at this hall. This is to consist of were wrapped in close attention. This lady specimens of work in the phenomenal line, should be more generally employed than she is produced by spirits during the forty-four years; at present, for a great work can be done

We also had the unexpected pleasure of lis-In closing I will say that Mrs. Nellie J. T. tening to Mrs. Perkins, of San Francisco, who, Brigham has had two very successful Sundays with her husband, has been working so nobly with the society at Berkeley Hall, to which for the cause that is dear to their hearts. Her place Mrs. Lillie will return for the last two tests were clear, concise and convincing, show-Sundays in March. Meetings have been held ing the ability of invisibles to draw close to as usual in the regular places with unabating her. As she soon returns to her native home interest, but space forbids an extended ac- we wish her God-speed, and hope the bounties OBSERVER. of heaven and earth will pour down upon them of its richest treasures, and that they may be blessed with health to carry on the good work Interest in the spiritual phenomena in Bos- which they have consecrated their life to at-TELKA.

At a public reception tendered Mr. and Mrs. Perkins March 6th, at which time many friends gathered to express their regret that they must at last say good-bye to these workers, Mr W. W. Sargent, as vice-president of the Spiritual Association, in a very neat and complimentary address to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, in behalf of the society, presented a copy of the following testimonial to the efficient work performed by these lecturers and test mediums while in the

To the friends of truth wherever found: We, the trustees of the Brooklyn Spiritual Association, desiring to express our appreciation of the work done for the truth as seen from the standpoint of Spiritualists by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, of California, during the past few months, while carrying on Sunday after-moon meetings in our hall, and developing and lest circles during the week, hereby extend to them our sincere thanks, and earnestly recommend them to the seekers after truth, where ever they may find their field of labor.-Samuel 8. Bogart, president; W.W. Sargent, vice-presideut; C.H. Nourse, secretary : Joseph I,a Pumee, treasurer; Lucy J. Weiler, Martha K. Nourse. M. A. Rockwood, Elizabeth F. Kurth, Henry Mannock

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins responded with appropriate remarks, and followed by a program of songs and dramatic readings. Mrs. Perkins, under control, then gave each one many spirit tests and communications, which brought forth many expressions of gratitude to the spirit world for the glorious privilege of Spirit-communion. The happy gathering dispersed at 12 o'clock with "good-bye" singing in each others cars.

Alexandria, Ind.

A reader writes that Mrs. S. Seery, of Dayton. O., has been in Alexandria, Ind., for two days leaving to fill important engagements at Anderson. This was her second visit here. Her seauces were grand in her particular phase of mediumship. As a trumpet medium her seances excel anything of the kind ever witness ed in this vicinity. Mrs. Seery made many personal friends during her short stay with us. and many converts to Spiritualism. Yet this term of convert does not express my ideas, we should rather say through her mediumship the grand path and highway to a more perfect life every person in the audience at Rathbone Hall and an eternal existence is opened to the view

Mr. M. Swein also writes that Mrs. S. Scery spiritual work; hardly a day passes without has been giving trumpet scances there with re-some one either in person or by letter, veri-markable success, and created a desire for "an other visit from this grand little worker in the hre me a letter, from which I will copy, re- cause."

Kansas City, Mo.

Affairs in Kansas City may be said to be pro-He states I, for the first time in my life at greating anely in our society. We have now

This month we have placed Prof. T. C. Bud. property to me that I knew nothing about I diagton upon our platform as an exponent of ave days I would believe it quicker. In about to the psychic side of life. His lecture yestera month this all came just as you had said. day on the question Is actence Competent to I received an official blue envelope from tier | bolve the Problem of Immortality' was a mastery exposition of the power of science to deal with all forms of phenomena. His repuration as the author of the books on Planetary and Sidereal Evolution entitled him to a con such esidence transpiring daily. Who can say sideration as a scientific writer second to none Denton his voice rings with the vibrant tones land. of inspired truth and he takes us into a realm of mind hardly dreamed of by the average inphotography at the request of Col Van Horn. of the Kansas City Journal was marvelous and their influence must in time be felt in all departments of Science, for he has demon strated the possibility of any mind that ever lived being able to present itself through the amera as palpably as if it were in visible form to-day

Mrs. Ada Fove has been with us for two eye nings on March sth and 4th and created an interest greater than any test-medium here for ears. She will be the speaker for our single ersary exercises which will be held on the aird, 4th, 18th. Prof. J. Rhodes Buchanan will occupy the rostrum on the closing day, and we expect a feast of reason and flow of soul that has not been witnessed in this city since the advent of Modern Spiritualism. Mrs. Orvis is the speaker for April, May, and June. She has been here through December and February. Bishon Beats was with us to lanurary. On the whole it may be said to have been a very successful year, as the society has grown from a few carnest workers to quite a comfort and efficient organization. Dr. Mikeswell the fine independent state-writing and trumpet me dium is with us, doing more good work and will participate in the anniversary exercises This city is a great distributing center, and the mental and spiritual forces center here, for the Missouri Valley Christian Science has its harmony with the psychic forces of spirit. Our main work has been in the field of demonstration, and we hope some day to be able to announce to the world that man as a whole is in unity with the spiritual forces that govern worlds and their progeny, and can prove it by palpable evidence of an undisputed character

W. WINGETT, President First Spiritualist Society.

Summerland, Cal.

Your fine edition of recent date has reached me in this faraway colony, Summer land. Its columns are replete with good articles, for which all are pleased who read your valuable paper. Allow me to congratulate you on its improved success. It is a sound, logical. independent, superbly, gotten-up paper. I have no doubt but the readers of THE BETTER WAY have read many descriptions of Summerto tell them of the rapid growth and fine imthem two stories high, public buildings, improved grounds, and much to make the place attractive and home-like. Summerland site lies upon a beautiful curve of the sea 'neath a is protected from ocean streams by three islands that are situated about thirty miles from shore. One being over fifty miles long, I am told, is under good cultivation. The Sanfrom the north winds, consequently the valleys are gardens of tropical fruits and flowers. This colony, in spite of the odds against it. has gone on its way 'neath faltering steps in

heart, interest, and home attractions. The spiritual association of Summerland is n a flourishing condition. What grand veteran and scholar Pro'. Loveland is, president and speaker. I listened to one of his finest discourses to-day and find in his delivery the ring If strength and clearness of mind as of old. As he beacon light on the hilltops grows brighter consecrated hopes, he will there lay down the sheaves garnered in the valley below

Near the place of meeting, the "Brass Band" of Summerland, discouses sweet music every Sunday, the harmony it lends, the influence it produces, together with the God-given truths uttered by our grand old friend and teacher made the day one long to be remembered by us. The music is still vibrating in my soul and I must utter these lines that come before

Ah! music thy sweet sounds have conquered Thy strains have awakened the past, The present is grandly transfigured

And my star shineth light to the last. I was to tell you more of this colony. This beautiful site for a town is one of the most lovely and natural in its beauty that the angels could have selected this side the "Rockles." The grandure of the surrounding country, mountains tinged with undulating coloring, sea always calm in the dignity of self-respect, sky of an Italian blue, the every day setting sun as he sinks into the arms of ol locean, wrapped in the gorgeous splender of heaven; the tinta that deck his brow as he bids farewell to earth for spirits. can never ion this planet be duplicated by the touch and hand of man. Just over therisathills lies the Montecito Valley; with its oran, and lemon orchards. We drove several mile, was redolent with aroma from this golden in fallow grows and bear fruit as surely as good fruit. Southern California is the place for the poor man, as well as the man prosperous. One can live in a tent the year through. Soon you shall have more, excuse length of this letter.

East Westmoreland, N. H.

Fraternally,

ROSE L. BUSHNELL.

Thanks for sample numbers of your excellent paper. I like its make-up and tone very much. The paper is good and will hold together while reading. The type is good also, and its arrangements throughout is first-rate-It is ably edited, with well-selected paragraphs of useful and interesting information and current news and passing events. Besides, the in tellectual feasts to be had, as given by some of the most candld and able writers on the spir itual philorophy and other subjects, concerning which we should all seek for more light and

After a careful reading of the three numbers received, we can not say that THE BETTER WAY s second to any Spiritual paper we have ever read. If we take and read a spiritual paper we prefer one that is not too much filled up with long continued "naratives" of any kind 'Story" papers are read by some, but most eaders have neither time nor taste for such desiring facts and philosophy instead. ELLIOT WYMAN.

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Detroit, Mich.

As I have seen but little in your paper of late to regard to aperituation here I wish to say we tended a scalled spiritual circle it seems about the members on our rolls and a steady are not all dead or sleeping but owing to the your pariors, . Dwight Street and your con increase of members to reported monthly. We protracted timese of our estremed president trol told me among other things, that I would have had some fine platform work in the apeal. Mr. Sanford, the meetings have been discouting soon get a long blue envelope bearing a large ing of Mrs. Orbis, Bishop Beals and local undfor the past two months but our mediums have not been tille.

Mrs Iteland has been futhful and true, and so a test medium she has done a grand work replied that were you to tell me I should die in the scientific thought of the age in its relation I and Tweeday evening the home of Mrs. And comb and myself was thrown open for a beneat social for Mrs Ireland. In my absence from home I was at Bay City lecturing Mrs. Ans comb presided as hostess, a fady well qualified to make it pleasant to, all concerned, and we are happy to say the friends turned out in large numbers our parlors being filled with cornest Spiritualists all auxious to show their respect the spirit world is not cognition of our in this generation. Like the Life William and appreciation of our co-worker. Mrs. ite

Personally speaking I have not been at home but one Sunday this winter having been kept busy disseminating the truths of our loved phi lusophy. Bidding every earnest worker God speed in his efforts to better the condition of the human family, I remain fraternally

Mus. NELLIE S. BAADE

beneht and social entertainment to Mra Belle benefit and social entertainment to Mrs Belle. No one admitted without recommendation ireland on the eve of her departure for. Toledo of introduction from some well known byiritand other cities, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Auscomb, 476 Pifteenth Street. The even was most pleasantly spent, and Mr. and Mrs Anscomb did all in their power to make the guests happy. Refreshments were served for the company numbering about fifty persons. The host and hostess are not only prominent Spiritualists, but have proved themselves to be first class entertainers. In appreciation of Mrs. Ireland's services the society presented her with a purse. It will be remembered that she was the organizer of this society, and has been active in promoting the cause of Spiritualism. The purse presented was a fitting token to a womanly woman from many friends.

W. J. Coucit. Washington, D. C.

Perhaps never has there been so much interest in Spiritualism as expounded from the platform and phenomena, manifested through medlums, as during the past winter. The meet, iugs of all sorts have been crowded. These inspeakers and official organs and works in clude the Sunday services at G. A. R. Hall, the Tuesday and Friday evenings at Wonn's Hall. the one social and the other phenomenal, and the Sunday afternoons at Mrs. Ross's, where a large number meet for interchange of thought and the manifestation of such spirit power sa may be present. Mr. and Mrs. Ross did not come to Washington quite as early as usual getting into their winter quarters only a little before the new year. Their occupancy of their new home was made the occasion of a grand reception under the auspices of the leading indies of the Progressive Society, and was an event that will linger long and delightfully in

the memories of the crowds who attended it. Notwithstanding some drawbacks, both Mr. and Mrs. Ross having been seriously ill for a time, their seauces have been of even a more remarkable character than heretofore. The cage has become a regular institution, Mrs. Ross being locked in beyond any possibility of land, yet I do not think it will be out of place escape, and the manifesting spirits seem to delight in astonishing their audiences. At a provements I found after an absence of six scance I lately attended there were four spiritmonths. I find several new cottages, some of out at once. The room is so situated and ar ranged that there is no opportunity for fraud or collusion with others of any kind.

The more one sees of Mrs. Ross the more one in impressed with the wonderful quality of gentle slope from theifoothills to the shore. It her mediumship and the exact honesty of her

St. Paul, Minn.

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The St. Paul Spiritual Alliance continues to hold its meetings, and Mr. Frank T. Ripley, of Boston, lecturer and test medium, still draws large audiences. It is lectures and tests are the best ever given here. Some of the best people come out to hear him. This is Mr. Ripley's fifth month with us. His gentlemanly ways make him many friends, and when he goes away he will leave good friends for all time. He thinks The Better Way is a paper, the paper, you apply it. If possible let no other handle, keep in the dark, and onto twear longer than two nights. If you write, enclose money, then hay what you please, and, if necessary, I will give your letter my attention. Usually an order and address is sufficient, and time is precious. I have treated successfully and hope to do so in all cases. Adultic LINDSAY LYNCH. tagnez Mountains back protect and shield ley, of Boston, lecturer and test medium, still its infancy, but now it stands erect neath a ways make him many friends, and when he purpose and aim, and in its determined effort goes away he will leave good friends for all has gained a stronghold on the people's mind, time. He thinks THE BETTER WAY is a paper that can be relied upor, and that it preaches sound doctrine. REPORTER.

To the Spiritualists and Liberals of St. Paul Minneapolis, the surrounding country, and the public: The organized spiritual societies of St Paul have perfected arrangements for uniting in a fitting celebration of the forty-fourth an he beholds the sacred altar on which lie his niversary of the advent of Modern Spiritual sm on Sunday, April 3d, at Odd Fellows' Hall corner of Wabasha and Fifth Streets. There will be a fine array of speaking talent and test mediums. The speakers for the occasion as Frank T. Ripley, Bishop A. Beals, and Moses Hull, Slate-writing and materializing medium. C. E. Winans. There will be morning, afternoon and evening meetings. There will be lunch served in the dining-room of the hall at a nominal price for the convenience of all those who prefer to remain at the hall for the afternoon and evening meetings. JOHN SAUR.

Pittsburg, Pa. The good work goes on here in spite of the inclement weather. March has beapattered us with snow, but not dampened nor frozen the ardor of the Spiritualists. The attendance is quite large-especially Sunday nights when many are unable to find seats. Mrs. Kates has given some excellent lectures and tests. Being controlled by spirits she has the advantage of us who plod along trusting to the chances of inspiration and opportunity to study and reflect. Yet we, in thought, depend on self sufficiently to accept no positive ipsidixits even

Liberal arrangements are being made to celebrate the anniversary, and we expect to have a I good report. A suggestion made here to this nepciety finds fertile soil in generous minds and

In fallow ground.
Till Samoky city is a spiritual center, although it may seem next to the impossible, vet bigotry and intolerance stalks abroad, There are old atatutes in Pennaylvania made during the days of blue laws. Occasionally some one suffers by them. Just now a medium s under arrest here for "telling fortunes." No had results are anticipated by her, yet it may result in a test case. By all means the Spiritualists should see that the possibility of persecuting mediums is reduced, and that the guar anteed religious freedom shall be meeted to all who are earnest seekers of truth.

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Since soil can meet the tide a Time
In its eternal cob and flow, Amured that spring and summer skies And all their bloom to wrought of mind That all of life a real value ties in what within ourselves we find.

It is for us to govern Thought And train each sense with artist's abill.
That Love and Wisdom may be brought
Their laws within us to fulfill. We live to an eternal Now-Age but of our unwisdom speaks; The silvered treeses of the brow, The sickly pelor of the cheeks.

Reveal that we are yet unlaught. The glorious, aye, eternal Truth, That we can hold by power of Thought The fiesh in all its grace of youth. Mind is subjective, atoms sway And vibrate to the light of brain That stays or speeds them on their way, Bidding them go and come again.

The clear voice of the Judean seer. Sweet Mother Nature echoes still In every breeze its tones I bear, And catch its strain in brook and till, Although I go I come again, The season chants from year to year, The beauty of the hill and plain, Retires but to re-appear.

The morning sunbeam wooes the dea From the fairest petal of the rose, As though its glancing, tris hue It rises from its sweet repose To meet the warm embrace of light, Reflecting to the lower plane The promise in its pure delight, "I go, but I will come again."

"I gladly meet the morn's embrace But in the soft, refreshing rain, Here, or in some more needful place To the dear earth I'll come again." The day upon the glowing west Lays gently by her solar robe. That in the shadow we may rest Upon our side the whirling globe

But true to berunerring laws, Absent she can not long remain : Larth a yearning love upon her draws, Until she smiles on us again. And thus, when our beloved depart From our embrace in time and seuse. No ties are sundered in the heart For though they seemingly go hence.

They only pass the grosser vail Of primal matter's lower plane-Divine attraction must prevail-They vanish but to come again. And as the seasons come and go I'non the valley, hill, and plain, As crystal dewdrops earthward flow In the refreshing summer rain.

As truly as the day returns From the dark chambers of the night And on the east in splendor burns, Plooding a hemisphere with light, Nature reveals to all the day-For none need seek this truth in vain. That though our loved ones pass from clay To our embrace they'll come again.

O God, my God-Eternal Mind! Sweeter to me than praise or prayer Thy omnipresentness to find, Pinite as all the findings are; Por thus through darkness, clisff, and droi I draw the light, the gold, and grain, Sensing in change no waste or loss, Since thus the soul must soul remain.

Each rising in relations new, Holding its claim on law divine, Is to the universe as true As bloom and fruitage to the vine, And though the star should crashing roll Promout its orbit, 'twould remain A conscious, proud, aspiring soul, Lighting the ether vault again.

Written for The Better Way. SEEKING KNOWLEDGE. ALLIE LINDSAY LYNCH.

I am seeking knowledge. My soul seems hourly reaching out with earnest endeavor to grasp truths, to grasp these as fully as its unfoldment permits. verse, this truth will yet reach my understanding. The aspiring, earnest soul progresses. This is the fundamental claim of Spiritualism. During January and the present month I was not permitted to devote time to the daily influx of periodicals that more or less I take pleasure in perusing. I gathered up THE BETTER WAYS each week and bid them "bide-a-wee" for my attention, This morning I chanced to take up the issue of Pebruary 6th, and almost incarefully perused Mr. F. H. Bemis' "Theism versus Atheism and Materialism." few back numbers 'till I found my "Thoughts,"to which he made reference. I find that I quote the sentence: "Anything approaching what they with honor name a personal God is a bete noir, and that even the phase 'infinite intelligence' is altogether too indefinite a term for the nameless something that pervades medial instrument that ranks, I believe, one of the, if not the first-Mrs. to a national organization. I know that a God-belief.

To come to the facts, I think, we Spir itualists all acknowledge "a something that pervades the universe," nameless to many; nameless to myself at present. Had the word God not been so long understood to apply to the orthodox personage of wrath, vengence, and ignorance, I would not object to its application to this "something that pervades dwell on this, nor have I anything but gratitude to offer Mr. Remis or any

Women's Department. discovered but now, through running over back numbers. I have reference to the extract from Edgar A. Poe, given by George F. Kittredge, in December 19th issue, page 4.

Poe's mesmeric subject treats of God, apirit, and matter. Poe asks: "Is not God immaterial?" "There is no immateriality; it is a mere word." The subtributed to spirit, is but the perfection of matter," "Mind existing unincorporated is merely God. To create individual thinking beings, it was necessary to incarnate portions of the divine mind. Thus man is individualized. Divested of corporate investure, he were God." we must imagine an action of God returning upon itself."

prove that God is much more than myself-at least to my mind. I reason that, thinking a good deal of myself, I perhaps think as much of God as others do, for I reverence myself to the extent of seeking to improve in intellect and Spirituality all the while. The poor Atheist, Materialist, and myself should be looked him-but I want him only as I can untruths. I own to being in the primary eternity is of long enough duration. 1 know.

Written for The Better Way WHAT'S IN A NAME?

ELLA LUCY MERRIAM. A rose by any other name smells just mustn't call it Spiritualism! A highly respected friend of mine, two or three years ago, could hardly preserve his equilibrium, could hardly keep from ridiculing my remarks upon the facts of spirits, of loved ones coming back and Safe Cure by a serious case of Bright's behind, and yet after a moderate interval almost reverential mein, of the wife of a it in other cases since then constantly, judge (legal) who had lost a pet cat, who and my original faith in its power has saw that same feline every day under been confirmed. I have seen patients her stove! But that was different, you know. Another lady friend of really gravel, and Bright's disease when all high intellectual attaiument, said to me : other treatment had failed, and I have "I could stand it if they did not come through furniture!" And yet what other troubles." way have earth spirits to send their ten derest, purest messages to each other save over a common wire, operated by immoral people, perhaps, with soiled hands in a room foul and rank with tobacco fumes and coarse unholly epithets O, consistency, thou art a jewel! Human beings languishing for a loving philosophy, for a picture of a Deity over the leaves he said: aglow with love and beauty, would stand agast at the mention of Spiritualism, but will flock into a Unitarian Church where the bladder of long standing. He had the simon-pure truths of Spiritualism are taught, but covered up with another name, and offered in the form and garb of Church vestments, where faith yet supplies the place of knowledge. But advised him to try Warner's Safe Cure. never mind. Truth is coming to the He felt better from the start, and in a front as fast as possible. Be patient and reasonable with those who can not yet embrace our views. Remember when we, and then said: or our ancestors, were creed-bound. Live and beyond the harvest will be abundant.

Written for The Better Way. MATTER THROUGH MATTER.

FANNIE E, LAMB. The vexing question of matter passing through matter I hoped to have explained when I commenced reading the article thus headed in your issue of last week. I was quite disappointed with the result. As I sat quietly thinking this was given me: Matter passing became enciente, and about the fourth stantly I sighted my own name, then through matter is incorrect in the expression, for force which is superior to matter, is limited to conditions of mat- coma, caused by urenic or kidney poi-This necessitated me looking through a ter in the material plane. But from the son. Several physicians who saw her spiritual plane, where it is all force and said she could not live, and in this view intelligence, matter is made subservient I fully concurred. As she could still to the will of the intelligence being and swallow I said, as a last resort, that they controlling force. When conditions are might try Warner's Safe Cure. They in perfect harmony with the law of con- did so, and to the surprise of every one trol, the spirit intelligence draws from she recovered. She has since given birth the material side of the circle magnetism. They supplying the electric is the universe," from a spirit guide of the formed a force, or a condition of force, that instaneously dissolves any material substance and as instantaneously unites ticity, I should consider it a great favor Cora L. V. Richmond. I was quoting the dissolved portions. Hence the pre- if you would give me their names. I from the spirit's opinion with reference cipitancy of the medium passing think the importance of the subject through the wires. It is as instanta-Mrs. Richmond's guides, in general, have neous as a flash of lightning. Had an interruption occurred the consequence would have been serious-perhaps fatal. Matter does not pass through matter, but through the opening made by force.

SOUND.

All sounds, whether high or low, loud or soft, travel at precisely the same ratei. c., about 1,100 feet a second. Were this not so, the different notes of music would reach the ear at different times, the universe." But I am not going to and the result would be confusion instead of melody. If the sun gave forth

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It would be difficult to measure the in terest and comment not to say excite ment, which the published letter of Dr ect procedes to say that God is "unpar R. A. Gunn, which appeared in the paticled matter,"and this same is what men pers yes erday, has occasioned. The call mind. "God, with all the powers at- prominence of the doctor and the un usual nature of the letter have both tended to add interest to the subject and make it really the talk of the town.

I called upon Dr. Gunn at his resi dence, No. 124 West Forty-seventh Street, yesterday afternoon. I found the reception room crowded, and it was only "But he can never be thus divested-else after an hour's waiting that I succeeded in obtaining an interview.

Dr. Gunn is a distinguished looking I would not have missed reading this man, and impressed me at once by his article for a good deal, yet it does not manly bearing and air of sincerity. I took the seat he courteously offered me, and said :

"Are you aware, doctor, of the commotion your letter has caused?"

Dr. Gunn smiled and replied: "Things out of the ordinary usually cause comment. It is not a common thing for physicians to indorse and cordially recup with pity by those in advance, for ommend medicines other than those in according to our light" we present our the Materia Medica. History is full of thoughts. I want God if others have instances of scientists who have indorsed discoveries they believe to be derstand him, the same as I want other valuable, and have been denounced for so doing, and yet these same discoveries department. I intend to graduate if are blessing the world to-day. I hope I have the manhood and courage to be have set forth to improve my mind or self true to my convictions, and that is why -by an ever-present resolve-I want to I so openly and unhesitantly indorse Warner's Safe Cure as being the greatest of modern discoveries for the cure of diseases which have baffled the highest skill of the medical profession."

I was impressed with the earnestness as sweet, only in occult matters you of the doctor, and saw that he meant every word that he said.

"How long have you known of this remedy, doctor?" I asked.

"Nearly ten years," he replied. "My attention was originally called to the communicating with the dear ones left disease, which was considered hopeless, and yet, much to my surprise, under its Mrs of time this same person tells me, with use the patient recovered. I have tried recover from inflamation of the bladder, found it especially efficient in all female

> "Can you specify any particular cases doctor?" I asked.

> "That is a delicate thing to do," the doctor replied, "but, as I always keep a written record of my cases, I can accommodate you."

Theroupon the doctor opened his desk and produced his record book. Turning

"Here is a case of a gentleman who was a great sufferer from inflamation of consulted a number of physicians without benefit. When first consulted I myself tried the usual methods of treatment, but without success, and I finally few weeks was entirely cured."

The doctor turned a few pages further

"Here is another case. It is that of a good, pure, honest lives. Don't disgrace gentleman who had frequent attacks of Surely, if there is truth in the claims of the name of Spiritualism by even the renal calculi, which, as you know, is many regarding their knowledge of God shadow of suspicion. A name amounts gravel forming in the kidneys. He had having existence and place in the uni- to but little after all. We will sow the never been able to prevent these formaseeds of virtue broadcast through life, tions, but after an unusually severe attack, I recommended him to try the Safe Cure, which he did, and, although it is three years since he took the remedy, he has never had an attack since."

> The doctor continued to turn the leaves of his book and suddenly exclaim-

"Here is a most remarkable case. It is that of a lady who had suffered for some time from Bright's disease. She month suddenly became blind, had convulsions, and finally fell into a state of to a living child, and is perfectly well.' "Those are certainly most wonderful cases, doctor," I said, "and while I do not for a moment question their authenwould fully justify it."

"In the interest of other sufferers I think you are correct," Dr. Gunn finally observed, after a moment's thought. "Both the lady and her husband are so rejoiced, so grateful over her recovery, that I know she is only too glad to have others hear of it. The lady is Mrs. Rames, wife of the well-known costumer. She was not only restored, but is in perfect health to-day."

I thanked the doctor for his courteous reception, for the valuable information imparted, and I feel assured that his generous and humane nature will prewho are seeking knowledge. I want to touch briefly upon another article that I

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Bishop O'Connor, Roman Catholic priest, says: "We are not advocates of religious freedom, and religious freedom is simply tolerated and endured until the opposite can be carried into effect."

The crime of Benedict Arnold was a commendable virtue compared with this treason. Here we have samples of both journalistic and prelate doctrine and purpose which openly avow that liberty in the United States is a sufferance to be endured until the Church returns from the burial of constitutional government. After that event free thought, free speech, and a free press may take a siesta, nor be alarmed if their dreams of torture become realities.

Here is shown up without a mask the gorgon side of the Janus-faced virago that grins behind Uncle Sam's closet door. How long is it to be e'er the door will be opened? For centuries the Jesuitical arm of the Roman Church has clutched at the throat of liberty. That same arm is now reaching after the vitals of American institutions. At no time since Thomas Paine wrote "The Crisis" in the dark hours of the struggle for independence have the cries of outraged endurance been louder or less heeded, and it is unlikely they will be heeded until the goddess on Bedloes Island is tumbled into New York harbor and her pedestal poluted by a pope's image with the cross for a beacon and a hyena to guard shackled justice.

President Madison had this to say anent the subject of Church and State: "Religion is not in the purview of human government. Religion is essentially distinct from government and exempt from its cognizance. A connection between them is injurious to both." Vesterday, as it were, Senator Hill, in making a bid to the Roman Catholic vote for the chair that held Madison, told the Tammany Hall Democracy how much he revered the memory of the bishop who wrote, "Lead Kindly Light." Is there any significance to this? Is this Jeffersonian simplicity or theocratic

impudence? Last November the president issued upon the sheep and the goats to offer thanks to Almighty God, who, in His boundless providence, had bestowed the swelling air arose with it the sarcastic wail of the poverty-ridden, begging the Almighty to accept thanks that the dogs of the aristocrats had plenty to eat and that the 70,000 boy tramps of the country still had room enough to sleep in the open air. But we did not hear of a priest suffering from hunger nor refusing a starving Biddy's contribution at the confessional. The fumes of the altar were just as rich, and sacerdotal oil just as plentiful and as worth less as the prayers that jostled the cobwebs up amongst the rafters. Upwards of \$1,500,000,000 are tied up in untaxed Churches in the United States. At two per cent, taxation it would yield \$30,000,ooo annually. At present it only serves to point to the most stupendous deadhead religion on the globe, and not only that, but an insufferable robbery of the people's wealth. If this vast sum was available and wisely distributed in reducing taxation on the homes and industries of the people it would of itself extirpate uninvited poverty forever from this country. But no! Shorn pates, gout, and intrigue must be supported. Labor can stand dejected at the plow with starved horses in the furrow; babes may suckle at the dugs of poverty; men may be turned back upon the line with beasts, but the sweet chimes must ring out from gilded domes a pean of joy to Jesus, while mitred priests turn the spigot of the inquisitorial canteen and squirt holy water upon the great un-

The constitution declares that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishing of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging freedom of speech, or of the press. Every demand made upon the Congress by any religious sect in this country for particular favor, to the discomfiture of others' rights, is a blow at this provision of the constitution, and the party or sect making the demand should be punished for treason. Every subteringe now being made either by the Jesuis or the orthodox Churches to get contol of the public schools or have a cerin Bible recognized as a text-book, is a menace against the very vitals of our astitutions. According to statistics there are in the city of Rome where Catholicism blooms at its own sweet will, thirty cardinals, thirty-five bishops, 1.59 priests, 2,382 monks. and 2,215 mas, and yet 190,000 of the inhabitants on neither read nor write. Transport this sample of Roman Catholic educaion to the United States and figure out how long it would take to transform the

system is an open one; we know what podes, the archbishop of Mentz declared WILBRAM'S WEALTH, or the purpose of this power amounts to. him a heretic and consigned him to the Wherever the history of the Church has flames. Galileo was condemned at Rome been written, monasteries, nunneries, publicly to disavow his sentiments re beggary, illiteracy, and intrigue march garding the motion of the earth, the hand in hand along the path of that his- truth of which must have been abundtory. As fast as the people learn to antly manifest. He was imprisoned in lic organ, says: "We hold education to think for themselves the power of the the inquisition and visited by Milton, Church wanes. In order that the right who tells us he was then poor and old-

and opportunity to think shall remain inviolate we must not lose sight of our ogne, and distinguished by turns as a secular schools. If we lose them we lose the only star that can light up the lawyer, and writer, was believed to be a fogs of superstition. It is important, magician, and to be accompanied by as well as noteworthy, that the stars and familiar spirit in the shape of a black stripes float just now above many a dog; and was so violently persecuted school-house, but the peril is perceived that he was obliged to fly from place to when we view the necessities which have place. Descartes was horribly perseimpelled the national government to cuted in Holland when he first pub this resort. The flag is a warning that lished his opinions. Voctius, a person there is yet a line over which the minions of a foreign obligarchy must not and had even projected in his mind to pass. But is it not deplorable that the have this philosopher burnt at Utrecht, tentacles of the octopus have been allowed to grow long enough to reach on an eminence, might be observed by across the Atlantic and fasten a sucker the seven provinces. This persecution here and there, thus arousing the vig- of science and genius lasted till the close ilance of a sleeping lion sufficient to of the seventeenth century.- Benjamin draw that line? But the octopus keeps D'Israeli. right on growing simply because it is stronger than any rebuff yet hurled against it. The stoppage of its growth lies in cutting it off and the amputation ought to be done before the cross takes the place of the stars and stripes. It

founded on the Christian religion." What, then, means the insufferable boast that this is a Christian country? I will answer. It is because the country is menaced by a power which does not recognize the principles of the constitution, as they relate to religious liberty. The laws, we insist, are utterly impartial, and be it a Christian, a Bedoin Arab, a Mongolian, or a Sepoy, the right to think and to act in accordance with the dictates of conscience and in conformity to moral law is inalienable and must be maintained.

will not do to talk about it after that.

Washington wrote in the treaty with

Tripoli in 1793: "The government of

the l'uited States is not in any sense

We demand that the Church, with its hordes of non-producing sky pilots, stand off and let severely alone the fabric which gives us these rights of independent manhood and womanhood. As an example of the abuse which invariably follows where these leeches of Jesus get control, look at Pittsburg and consider the contemptible methods employed to further their ends. Less than two weeks ago the agent of the minions of orthodoxy who has been warring upon the newsboys and newsdealers of the old chestnut proclamation, calling that city for selling papers on Sunday was arrested for corrupt perjury, the offense being that he had sworn positively that he had purchased a copy of such abundance upon us, and up into the "Pittsburg Press" at 7.20 o'clock Sunday morning, February 28th, from a south-side dealer. The dealer testified that he did not sell papers that day and at the hour named was eating his breakfast. Notwithstanding this, he was fined \$25.00 and costs, whereupon he instituted proceedings against the agent. The dispatches say that at the hearing the agent stated that it was his intention to go after the newspaper proprietors next for violating the Sabbath day. What is true of Pittsburg can be made true of other cities. The tiger is crouching, ready to spring whenever it shall suit the men who hold the chains to unleash her. What are the Spiritualists going to do about it? Is this, too. one of the ticklish subjects which, like the discussions of labor and capital in a of convenient size. Place the palms of the spiritualistic paper, so exasperate certain buttermilk Spiritualists? Is there not something in the claims of Spiritualism besides angel breathings and halos? If Spiritualists, or those who dub themselves thus, would devote a little more attention to the Jesuits and political shysters and less time in bolstering up and whitewashing poltroons of the Archer stamp who masquerade as mediums, the respect, if not the allegiance of thinking people, would be accorded them and they would then be in line to demand a hearing before the bar of public opinion.

> Nothing herein set forth refers in any respect to the integrity of people who, linked to the Christian Church in any of its guises, still hold to the necessity for absolute separation of the State from Church denomination. The Church never grows : the same mummeries that shrived every tyrant of the musty past are still chanted forth as the panacea of if not, what order you should take. After this all wrong and injustice. It is all out of place. The flunkeyism of infallibility either in its God, its Jesus, or its pope, has made the Church odious and it can not grow. What life it has it owes to the new thought beaten into it by those its dogmas have cursed and ostracised. Its own action is forever retrogressive | Intelligence use its own means; if the attempt and it bears in and of itself as little relation to the intellectual splendors of our day as a Nubian mummy bears to a phonograph

MARTYRS OF SCIENCE.

Before the times of Galileo and of Harvey the world believed in the diurnal immovability of the earth and the stag- ask too many questions concerning self, nor nation of the blood, and for denying these the one was persecuted and the other ridiculed. The great geometric- gation of the spiritual phenomena is a science ians and chemists, as Gerbert, Roger Bacon, and others, were abhorred as ma-American people into a race of thugs. gicians. Virgilius, Bishop of Saltzburg. ing the investigation, and simply study the and this war upon the secular school having asserted that there existed anti- facts as they are presented or developed.

Cornelius Agrippa, a native of Colsoldier, philosopher, physician, chemist, of influence, accused him of Atheism, in an extraordinary fire, which, kindled

LITERARY.

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OBITUARY.

The following verses suggested themselves on viewing the manufed remains of lamesis Kimball, of West Barke, Vt., a veteran Spiritualist, who was instantly killed by the cars February 17, 1892.

Brother, O why such cruel wounds To free thy spirit from its clay? Didst thou not hear the warning sounds To hasten for thy life away? Or didst thou feel thy time had come. Tired of thy life thou wished to go To find in spirit life a home More beautiful than here below

'Tis hard to part with thee at best. Our hearts are stricken sore with grief, To know thy soul had entered rest, To aching hearts should bring relief. Why, numerous friends will think of thee As days, weeks, mouths, and years fly pas As having fought right manfully Life's battle to the very last.

Thou fell a victor at duty's post, A victor o'er life's duties done. Thou wast within thyself a host, A glorious vict'ry thou hast won. Brother, good-bye, a few more years Will rend the veil now grown so thin. After a few more bitter tears That veil we'll lift and enter in.

TO FORM SPIRIT-CIRCLES. As opinions vary somewhat on this subjectlargely due to individual experience in the matter-we herewith suggest a plan that might be temporarily adopted, and leave it to the experimenters to make changes as they intuitive-

ly feel inclined or impressed to do. A circle of four, six, or eight persons, half of whom should be either females or persons of a negative temperament is a sale or promising number to begin with, and the nearer related the better.

For table-manifestations, which is the alphabet to Spiritualism, sit positive and negative alternately, secure against disturbance, in subdued light, and in comfortable and unconstrained positions, round an uncovered table hands flat upon its upper surface.

Do not concentrate attention too fixedly on the expected manifestation. Engage in cheerful but not frivolous conversation. If conversation flags, music is a great belp, if it be agreeable to all, and not of a kind to irritate the sen sitive ear. Patience is essential, and it may be necessary to meet ten or twelve times at short ntervals before anything occurs. If after such trial you still fail, form a fresh circle. Guess it the reason of your failure, eliminate the in harmonious elements, and introduce others. An hour should be the limit of an unsuccessful eance.

If the table moves, let your pressure be so gentle on its surface that you are sure you are ot aiding its motions.

When you think that the time has come, let come one take command of the circle and act as spokesman. Explain to the unseen Intelligence that an agreed code of signals is desirible, and ask that a tilt may be given as the alphabet is slowly repeated at the several letters which form the word that the Intelligence wishes to spell. It is convenient to use a single tilt for No, three for Yes, and two to express loubt or uncertainty.

When a satisfactory communication has been established, ask if you are rightly placed, and ask who the Intelligence purports to be, and which of the company is the medium.

The signals may take the form of raps. If so, ase the same code of signals, and ask, as the raps become clear, that they be made on the table, or in a part of the room where they are demonstrably not produced by any natural means, but avoid any vexatious imposition of restriction on free communication. Let the to communicate deserves your attention, it probably has something to say to you, and will resent being hampered by useless interference It rests greatly with the sitters to make the manifestations elevating or frivolous.

If there is power in the circle for higher manifestations, such as trance, state-writing, or materialization, it will be announced by the spirits in attendance. It is best to let this announcement come spontaneously; and neither ask two questions in one. They confuse and bring forth conflicting replies and erroneous ones. And always remember that the investi-Those who desire to deduce a religiou or philosophy from it, may do so outside of the circle. Therefore leave out all individual opinion dur-

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The evening discourse was entitled Insistence and Persistence of "piritualism." history of every reform is the history of every peraccution, began the speaker, and then showed that insistence was a natural attribate of truth and persistence that of the people possessing it. no apiritualism despite containely and opposition, diffused itself broadcast over the world. And it is a marvel that this should have been possible without organization and it still stands out clear and this be maintained after forty-four years if not the insistence of Spiritualism. It is a law of facts his knowledge of self through spirit aid-the development of his higher senses from contact with spiritualism, and his higher comprehension of nature on account of his development, all make him persist in holding fast to the truth, and never giving up the ship of

Some ask why Spiritualism does not come they long for spiritual development. The man to speak. who does not lift his eyes to the skies never be. Mrs. L. L. Wood is speaking this month for is with those who do not seek the truths of good satisfaction. spiritualism. The blind can not be made to understand the beauties of nature. So the wilfully blind must remain in the dark. But the confict between religion and science has no uncertain sound for loud is the call for the truth of immortality and the dawn of eternal day is near at hand. Through the insistence of the spirit world and the persistence of Spiritunlists it will be a glorious awakening-the real resurrection and the birth of the new beaven and earth.

The Spiritualists of Cincinnati will gelebrate the forty-fourth anniversary of Modern Spirituslism by appropriate exercises at three of their meeting places-the Union Society at G. A. R. Hall, 115 W.Sixth Street; the Progressive Society at Englert's Hall, 6; Marshall Avenue; and the Psychic Research, at Douglass Castle Hall. The main demonstration, however, will be made by the Union Society in connection with the Progressive Society at the meeting place of the first-named, 115 West Sixth Street. beginning Sunday morning, March 27th, at anniversary address, entitled "The Light of Sunday afternoon test senuce. Sunday evening Mrs. Colby-Luther has the ros trum. Monday afternoon a conference meet ing takes place, in which all mediums who have something acceptable to offer, will participate. Monday evening Professor J.Clegg Wright will deliver one of his inimitable lectures, his subject being: "The Soul Now and Hereafter; or the Changing Phases of the Persistent self; and on Tuesday evening Mrs. Luther closes the intellectual exercises. But on Wednesday evening the physical man will have an opportuni ty of regaling himself. A fine supper, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Union Society, will be given at G. A. R. Halt, from 6 to sp. m.: after which a social will be in order for the benefit of those who delight in the mazy dance. This anniversary promises to be one of the most profitable and interesting ever celebrated in this city, and those who attend will surely have something to remember for a long time to come. The grain has been ripening for this a good while, and the harvest promises to be a rich one, Willard J. Hull. Mrs. Luther, and J. Clegg Wright are a trio not often brought into requisition on one occasion, and drawn.

The Spiritual Progressive Society will celebrate the forty-fourth anniversary of Modern Spiritualism at their ball. 67 Marshall Avenue, on Sunday, March 17th, at 7.30 o'clock, with en-

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Taxas, Mich.

The opinicalist Association of southwest Michigan will meet in convention and celebrate the forty-fourth anniversary of Modern Spiritualism at Texas opera House Texas, Mich , on heterday and Sunday April dand

Hon. L. V. Moulton, of Grand Rapids, has been engaged and other talent is expected. Vocal and instrumental music by Mrs. Har-

ry Worthing of Texas. Miss tors Fuller, of Vicksburg, an accomplinked elecutionist, will give a recitation to precede each lecture.

Mr. James W. Riley the farmer-medium o. Marcellus has been invited and is expected. The meeting will open Saturday at ; o'clock | diff rent places, an' den put me in jail. I'll swur p. m. closing Sunday p. m. Sunday, from 9 to to dem facks, boss, -Puck, a. m will be spent in conference and bush ness. It to it an address. Saturday evening and hunday p. m. will be exclusively filled by

Among the questions discussed will be "What does the so-called spiritual manifestations

The public are cordially invited. Entertainment can be secured by addressing L. S. Bur dick by mail. A picnic dinner on Sunday will be in order. A furnished dining-room will be for use where ten and coffee can be made. Shel ter and hay for horses free .- Wm. R. Sirrine president Paw Paw, Mich., Mr. A. Hadley, vicepresident, Decatur Mich.; Mrs. E. I., Warner treasurer, Paw Paw. Mich.; Mr. Herbert Balfour, secretary, Hartford, Mich.

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Ada Foye has been here for three Sundays filling Music Hall, in which she held her meet challenges the scrutiny of the world. Could lugs. As a test medium she has but few superiors. On last Sunday night there were upheld by a higher power than man s' Thus about twenty tests given, all of which were recognized. To old Spiritualists, like myself, the spirit world and law can not be sufficiently | who care but little about tests, the meetings opposed to check it. Man's knowledge of are not very edifying, yet she is doing good -pirit-communion-his absolute possession of and bringing knowledge of the continuity of life to hundreds who otherwise could not be reached.

The first Society of Spiritualists keeps up it meetings regularly with home talent, and has large and interesting meetings. By the way there is a good deal of home talent in Topeka Spiritualism. Therefore once a Spiritualist, always enough mediums present at a meeting. if there is no regular speaker there, to make the meeting interesting. Sometimes-in fact to them. In return we would ask, why do not | quite often-mediums here go to other places

F. P. BAKER.

Lockport, N. Y.

The United Progressive Club is having quite revival. The lectures of Mrs. Anna L. Robin son are becoming more popular every week Sunday there were not seats enough for the audience, and many stood during the entire service. Mrs. Robinson has been the permanent speaker since the organization of the club, and lectures from subjects furnished by the audience. After the lecture she sometimes gives tests, or descriptions as she calls them. She has given many remarkable ones, some being acknowledged at the time; though often people call on Mrs. Robinson during the week and acknowledge them privately. In addition to the qualities of a first-class speaker, Mrs. Robinson is a wonderful clairvoyant. She locates lost articles and gives readings that will astonish and convince the most skeptical.

The United Progressive Club was organized April, 1869. The officers for the present year are. Wm. Roe. president: Robert Moreland. vice-president; Thomas Ryan, secretary; Mrs. Marion M. Burton, treasurer. The club is now 10.30, when Mr. Willard J. Hull will deliver an making preparations to celebrate the coming anniversary in an appropriate mauner.

T. RYAN, Sec'y.

Williamsport, Pa. Conference and fact meetings by "home talent" has made our work here seem almost a "lost cause " until Prof. J. W. Cadwell came to our State and was appealed to "to come over and help us." which he is doing grandly. The severest snowstorm of the season has made his audiences less than they ought to be, considering his ability to amuse and instruct; but we hope for increased enthusiasm each week. To any society which, like our own, is struggling for existence in an ignorant and pulpit-ridden community, Prof. Cadwell can undoubtedly waken more interest by his wonderful power of psychic control than almost any other in our LUDIA R. CHASE, Sec'y. rauks.

Testimonial.

It afforded me much pleasure to read in the columns of THE BETTER WAY Mrs. Maggie Stewart's words of commendation of our sister Allie Lindsay Lynch, for I well know that every word was truth, no statement over

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What is meant by high church " "tih, a congregation so 'way up that a woman rich enough to rent a pew feels in the seventh

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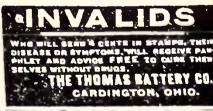
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