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## THE BETTER WAY

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similar folly, the result of which is historical. Let the German emperor heed the moral of it.

IN REPLY to a statement made by a sawger replies that the true Jewish Sabbath is devoted to worship, recreation, among the Christians.

SUNDAY legislation is not only unconstitutional, but it is trampling on the rights of humanity arrogantly, for the United States Constitution forbids the encroachment upon anybody's freedom for religious purposes. The ensctment of a law prohibiting theatrical perforstroke of legislation as would be that of conscience.

ONE of our English exchanges says worthy of commemoration by Spiritualists." It means "the day of pouring out," or "pouring forth of the spirit." But why observe any specific day, much more one of the Churchly calender, which embraces both the memorial saints -"saints" who never were saints, but persecuting devils while in the mortal, and everything which conserves a sensuous religion and leads ignorant consciences wherever the priest wills? This is a Penticost age and Spiritualists are enjoying the outpouring of the spirit world. Let us celebrate it continuously.

stood in alignment by the side of their phere of its murkiness. riders, while the latter partook of a substantial feast furnished by the spirits! It "is not our funeral," friends, but rather under the conductorship of Judge Hammond, and to him we most respectfully refer our wondering, jocose, scorning, and serious critics! We would be happy to put the genial Judge on the defensive against a larger battalion, all armed with pens, but our space will not accommodate them. It is a comfort to know that our readers are not under creedal orthodox rules, governing both reason and conscience and that they must believe, nolens volens. There is great vigor in a Spiritualist's "I don't believe!" and it is pretty sure to find voice upon occasion.

is full of wrath, vengeance, destruction, and war, pestilence and famine, are his agencies; if he keeps, retains, and employs a grand spirit generalissimo. called the devil, always at work tempting and seducing human souls in order to send them to an endless, fiery hell immediately upon their departure from the body of earth, instead of dismissing him, the devil, in disgrace and bottling him up in the penal prison of which he is deity's appointed warden, thus leaving poor, struggling humanity to make as good a fight as it can, up dox; errors are not to be corrected, but into goodness, purity, love, and true spiritual life-if all this is true, how spheres of light where deity reigns in that the law of God's universe-there as here-embraces love, light, and progress. and not devil, death, and damnation for his created children!

IF THE anthropomorphic deity of an-

HARD lines are those of the N. 1 . Idcertiser, of May 29th, where it says edi torially:

superintendents are beginning to recog-nize the fact that the Christianizing of this note of warning for the advocates Chinese laundrymen is attended by some danger to those who are expected to do the Christianizing. At a recent meeting of the Chinese Sunday-schoolAssociation in Brooklyn, the subject was pretty thoroughly discussed, and the sentiment in

The late French emperor committed a Chinese pupils and their white teachers; and while opinions vary as to the profit of converting these people, those more directly connected with the work of conversion are inclined to believe that a "converted Chinaman is no better than Christian organ that the Jewish Sabbath his heathen brother." Now it has been is gloomy and ascetic, the Jewish Mes- suggested to substitute men for young girl teachers, and watch the results. But reason suggests that if Christianity is and charity, and is not responsible for not worth having without a live chromo that Puritanic austerity which exists thrown in, the heathen had better be left in their innocence.

IT is a serious question among statesmen, thinkers, and moralists whether men, thinkers, and moralists whether and looks upon sincerity as one of the the trend of French fiction for the last primary elements of religion, in which one, if not two decades, is not rapidly sapping the foundation of personal and social morality among the masses, and the precursor of further maddeningwaves mances on Sunday is as high-handed a of revolution and blood under which France has been baptized. The French prohibiting religious services in face of literature of fiction is simply villainous the amendment granting freedom of as a class, and is, according to the proworship according to the dictates of nunciation of our "swell" English cousins, "nawsty!" Its leading fiction-writers, who cater to the multitude and that "the day of Penticost is specially whose translations poison the intellectfor the writer.

> tual savants among the French people, are as n.odest in speech as the pulpitare dealing with graver and more impor- mountebank is empty and sensational. tant subjects, and in this are indicating a better future for that Republic. The spirit world, led by French spirits of his name in type and sending it over the scientists the lead in the discovery and saints of his Church who take their re-

> > "She starts—she seems to feel The thrill of life along her keel."

Canon Cheyne, of England, delivered public lecture on the "Origin of the Psalter," taking a liberal view of its character and place in a book claimed to be divine and authoritative over every living conscience, and the London Quarterly Review thus criticises it:

It is in many respects an example of what criticism should not be. In the present state of Old Testament study what is most required is reverence and reserve of judgment, not bold hypothesis or ingenious speculation. That the traditional view of the Psalms, as of some other parts of the Old Testament, will have to be modified, is more than probable: that it will be revolutionized to the extent proposed by Canon Cheyne is quite another proposition, depending to some extent upon rationalistic premises cient Judaism and modern Churchianity which believers can not accept, to some extent upon mere hypotheses without historical basis. The learning, research, ingenuity of prominent Old Testament critics, either German or Germanizing, are invaluable in their place; they require, however, to be checked and balanced by the reverence which belongs to the devout believer, and by that practical good sense which is supposed to be quality of Englishmen.

We have quoted this as a specimen of the meeting of facts, reasonings, and candid criticisms by our creedal brethren. A falsehood must be treated with "reverence" provided it is old and orthomay possibly, in good time, be "modified;" and reforms in thought, in creeds. strange that the angels of the higher in old erroneous teachings, must be "checked and balanced by the reverence luminous love, should, every one, deny which belongs to the devout believer!" this his "orthodox" nature, and teach Verily, Christianity ought to be ashamed of its latter-day apologists.

> SPIRITUALISM, like charity, should be gin at home.

PLAIN WORDS

Henry Wood in his graud book enand supporters of Church dogmas :

THE German emperor rigged out his little ten-year-old son in the uniform of an officer of the Imperial Guards, and placed him at the head of a company. The late French emperor committed a Chinese pupils and their white teachers; "The Church 'standards' were formuinscribed upon its banner? Let them stand, but give them new interpretation.' But this would be a specious diplomatic stretching and straining of language unworthy even of a secular organization. Positive statements abound, which, while unaccepted, continually receive official and formal assent. The unequivocal dogmas of divinely inflicted endless punishment, election and non-election, preterition, the literal judgment, and the material resurrection, are examples of the un-truthfulness of the actual to the theoreti-

cal. The Church can not afford to be more careless and self-contradictorynot to say dishonest-than the world. latter has a contempt for sophistry,

opinion it is quite correct."

A LIGHT WEIGHT.

Some men are nothing unless they are

sensational in speech or act. The world would not know they existed but for some expression which crowned them spirituality, it will be when Churchianity like a large fool's cap; the wearing of which they seem to enjoy. A large organ of self-esteem is generally counterbalanced by small reflective faculties, but ual and moral atmosphere of this coun- by ignorance and prejudice, a first-class been quietly but fully inaugurated. The try as of England, are simply intent up- sensational, creedal minister can manon coining the worst passions of the age to retain his grip upon his pulpit earth following would seem to be Hercu- ing," yet we are forced by long study, as much rejoiced as though the voice people into francs. Such a motive and and salary. Large thinking brains, which lean. such work finds no clean immortality always have something worth hearing to give forth and who retain their pulpits And yet the higher class, the intellectand immense congregations for years,

A New York clergyman, whose vanity we do not desire to increase by putting high attainments, is giving to French civilized world, comforted the creedal utilization of psychic forces, and bring- ligion unmixed of law, nature, fact, and AFTER the ark the deluge. We hardly ing the skeptical and unbelieving to philosophy, and disturbed the more the spirit is clothed with consciousness, has been too intent to force a solution of must be patent, and without a blush of know what to do with the avalanche of touch the very doorposts of the spirit- learned and thoughtful by announcing enquirers which have poured in upon us all temple of immortal, conscious life that "Spiritualism is a humbug," and since publishing the communication of for the race as a whole. Spiritualism— visiting a medium the "going through a tellect to either imagine or compute. tal being, to give due weight to what so unprejudiced mind. Judge Hammond, describing that start- true Spiritualism—is the regenerator of moral, social, and spiritual nitro-glycer- This is a cardinal feature of the teach- repeatedly, continuously, and without But we are more interested in results, ling seauce, where a cavalry troop, with man from slavery to the physical. The ine factory, one visit to which may blow ings of wise and developed spirits who variation or break, clothes it with in in truths, in settled laws, and fixed facts, their Bucephaulus' fully caprisoned, seauces of France will clear its atmos- your immortal soul into shapeless ruin." return to us. Is this pulpiteer of mixed rhetoric trying to ape the great Brooklyn Baptist divine, the sensational Talmage? Is it the medium" or the spirit intelligence erine and blow his shapely creedal soul er, giving to spirit the limitations of into "shapeless ruin?"

His professed master was a "medium." Does he fear him? He held a seance on Mount Tabor, and the mortal-immortals came from the glory-land of life and held such sweet converse with the medium and his disciples that the latter wanted to build temporary homes and continue "the seance" indefinitely. But then that was before nitro-glycerine was invented, else those disciples might have had their "immortal souls blown into shapeless ruin." Does this inflated, sensational spiritual teacher believe in a spiritual ministry, spiritual teachings, and spiritual experience at all? Pray, what is he in a Christian pulpit for, except to air his vanity?

THE OBSTACLE TO VICTORY.

Spiritualism will be a failure unless it makes men and women more charitable, more tolerant more humane more tender and loving, and more just. All these virtues and their correlatives are a unit in the individual, as they are or should be in proximating it by desire, will, and act, human society. The time is not far behind us when the poet truthfully sang:

"Mountains interposed Make enemies of nations who had else, Like kindred drops, been mingled into one." But not to Churchianity, which for neartagonism, has fostered strifes, bitterness, ing law of evolution or progress. hates, and the bloodiest of wars, are we to look for the higher evolution and the the same and unchanged.

burned Wyckliffe and Huss at the stake; and naturalness of spirit teachings, man soul, is what these phenomena

witnessed in the Presbyterian, Protest- | "afar off." ant Episcopal, and Methodist Churches, and their general accord in ostracising and abusing a peaceful, unatizing spirit and love, for he begged the spirit of ministry.

If Churchianity can prevent it, the five brothers to reform their lives and true spiritual life and growth in human fostered for ages by the creeds. society.-No, if the race reaches the heighth of a true freedom, unity, and has perished as a power to disturb and freedom of the spirit of man, as taught further reference to the article. when these are supplemented by what is by the Nazarene and by the living hosts known as "gullibility," heavily weighted to elestial visitants to earth, shall have task set for the angel world and their

> THE TRUTH TOUCHING SPIRIT EXISTENCE.

life, is a state where thoughts and We are aware that Prof. Wm. James, of lawof mind and the sympathetic nature of Dr. Hodgson, the accomplished secretary tence as he does in this. That is, the not only studied the phenomena exhaus-

their dogmas teach a place, a fixed habiwhom he fears will apply the nitro-glyc- made by the fiat of a higher spirit pow-They teach a heaven, a place, a city with walls, gates after a barbaric or semi- him a distinct personal entity. barbaric social and civil condition of earth, now obsolete, except as showing old fends and the means of protection from enemies. No walled cities have thinker and reasoner, and slow in giving and still loved disclose themselves to us. been builded for centuries, and none will ever again be builded. They are simply relics of an ignorant, brutal, warring age, happily passed from earth and its evoluted peoples. But the Christian heaven is after the old ignorant conception of spirit existence voiced in the old parchment writings.

The better, more reasonable, and more philosophical view of spirit existence hereafter, has destroyed the Christian conception of heaven, as it has that of the Mohammedan, so similar in its features. Heaven is a state, a condition is factory in helping us to explain the can make their presence known to us, can of being, and expresses the attunement facts. Automatic writing belongs to a they not do so best and most maturally of a spirit nature to harmony with all the laws of the universe of being. of which may show that personality is mony with their own natures? We think Living in this state in the mortal, or apthe soul carries its harmony, love, sympathy, in fact, its nature as thus attuned, ly 2,000 years has lived in a state of an- afresh, moving on under the still obtain-

If our creedal friends, who so degrander ennobling of man. Its spirit is Book, would but study and analyze within the past few centuries, has been own, then we open the orbit of our own what it teaches, they would admit more The edict of a Church Pope, which than they do, touching the harmony faith, to-wit, the immortality of the huof a Calvin who demanded the life, by The Nazarene illustrated certain states clearly teach.]

torture, of Servetus; of a spiritual hier- and conditions of the beyond life, by arthy which massacred Hugenots, exiled parables adapted to the limited intelli- wood that he "knows no other hypotitled: "God's Image in Man," among Puritans, and in time inspired Puritans gence, and bigoted condition of his age, thesis that is satisfactory in helping us Some of the Brooklyn Sunday-school other strong truths applicable to the to whip Baptists, hang women, and exile One of these we now recall. "A certain to explain facts," save that taught by the thought movements of this age, has Quakers, is still rampant, though held in rich man" died and found himself, as a facts of Spiritualism, woven into its philcheck by an evoluted civil condition of apirit, in a hell condition of exceeding onophy and voiced by all its phenomena, society. The same spirit, untouched by bitterness and pain, with no amelioration finds an echo in the heart of every honthe higher ministrations of the spirit from extraneous help. He realized his est investigator unhampered by creedal world, is still quarrelling, still foment-|condition, and could see, even into the training and convictions and unterrified ing strifes, still persecuting their fellows "city" of light and peace. A poor man by the lash of social ostracism. The for an honest and rightful exercise of whom he had despised in earth, had also woods are becoming full of them. their judgment touching the truth, as passed, and the rich-man spirit saw him

Now, mean and tortured, and despondent as he was, he disclosed sympathy Lazarus to return to earth and warn his phenomena. If the mission and work world of human kind will never be alov- thus escape the infliction of like tor- awakening of a curiosity which should ing unit while it and the race exists up- tures to his own. He was in hell, a lead to examination and the resultant on the earth. The "shibboleths" are lurid city of fire and brimstone, pre- proof of the immortality of the soulmultiplying, and each one demands that pared for penal purposes, and yet her all others shall swear allegiance to its carried his love, and his sympathy, and pronunciation or be forever ostracised, his humanitarianism into it Oh, or the mission loses more than half its The bitterness and hates of a divided thodoxy! how you stultify your disci-Churchisnity are not even perennial, ples and torture your own scriptures in they are continuous. They blossom and order to sustain an unnatural material bear fruit in winter as in summer. And condition of being for man hereafter, to these organizations more than to any with your golden-paved heaven for orother cause, are to be credited the broad. | thodox saints, and your brimstone hell er disclosures of race animosities, class | for the large majority of God's family of distinctions, social injustices, selfish in- immortal souls! The teachings of the humanities, and the increasing lack of a spirit world are destroying the delusions

AUTOMATIC WRITING.

In our literary notice of the June

We have re-read it with especial care, is not, properly termed "automatic writkindred disclosures, through kindred phenomena, to disagree with him as to be found within the limits of the uni-The angelworld, like the mundane the source or cause of this phenomenon.

emotions are manifested according to the Harvard University, in connection with is worthless to man. At every phenomthe soul. Hence the spirit of man acts of the American branch of the English ter of the means; of the forces used acas normally in that condition of exis- Psychical Society, and by himself, has cording to laws within the forces, and law of our being, as we are conscious of tively and written upon it learnedly, law of mental, moral, and spirit action, being, is unbroken from the time when yet it has seemed to us that Prof. James as acknowledged or discovered, these onward under the law of unfoldment or the phenomena from the material side fraud, deceit, or simulation, in order to evolution, beyond the power of the in- of nature and man as a physical and men- force conviction upon any honest and dependent personal intelligence, and in- and states of being in the universe of This our creedal friends deny because telligence belonging to the individual God, than we are in the means through ego who had once lived in a mortal which these results are attained. If we tation for the spirit, after a mundane housing but who in passing through the are deathless spirits, and it is so proven conception, and a division arbitrarily gates of material death, took with him beyond question by the disclosure to us all his spiritual as well as mental idio- of other living intelligences whom we syncracies, his memory of earth's ex- knew intimately, well, and lovingly, bematter and a material orbit of existence. periences-in fact, everything which fore they passed the gates of material

> It is true that Prof. James neither denies nor affirms. He is a keen investivoice to a positive or negative of judgment or belief, until, to him, the subject has been so far traversed as to pos. of being rather than on the physical or sibly preclude any other but one hypo- purely material. Love as a soul essence thesis. Mr. Underwood differs in this and act; thought as an intellectual exrespect somewhat from Prof. James and ercise; the will as an inspiration and others who have examined, or personally force to the soul nature; is not like a watched, or themselves been the instru. piece of flesh and bone suspended in ment or medium for this class of writing the market or shambles, to appeal to the that he boldly announces: "I do not ac- mer. These conscious states of being cept the spiritistic hypothesis, but I are spiritual, belonging, and natural to larger and more inclusive than we have so. believed." It is "larger" for it is a part of an in-

into the life beyond, and seeks and takes the personal identity of persons once liv- were attracted, or repulsed just as we the position socially, to which it has ing whom we know to be physically fitted itself, and there develops its nature dead, but who, in spirit nature and acts, in our own sonls; if we seek to live in are more alive to-day than they were their atmosphere of purity and light, while in the mortal. And that hypothe- and not in the murky blackness of a sis, which proves through a system of voutly believe in the teachings of the varied, well-authenticated facts what, thoughts, purposes, and loves like their relegated to the region of dogma and conscious life, and they enter to con-

### THE INWARDNESS OF SPIRIT-UALISM.

The clearest proof, like the highest and best results of an angel ministry, are not to be found on the physical plane of of the angels comprehended only the proof found in nature and in man not based upon faith, but upon fact-then force as a regenerator of the doubting opinions and lives of the race.

We are not decrying; we rather welcome with all our heart every phenomenal manifestation in the physical. We neither dictate nor criticise how a loving and beneficent deity, shall, through the evolutionary forces contained in his own laws, or through the evolution of a more delicate conscious, spiritual being, disclose the grandeur of the creative design which gives to the universe a race number of The Arena we referred to a of beings, which shall consciously live very carefully drawn paper from the pen and grow forever that forever meaning to dominate over conscience and life by of Mr. B. F. Underwood, of Chicago, a limitless eternity. If the gateway of its manifold dogmas, and when the true upon "Automatic Writing," and promised that conception and knowledge to a large proportion of the race must be connected with their physical natures and while generally agreeing with the and make its appeal directly through the writer's definitions of what is, and what | physical senses in order to awaken, convince, and convert to the truth, we are experience and in that of correlative or came through a monad, a protoplasm, or the most insignificant atom of life to

> But the revelation must reveal, or it enal stage the sterling, honest characintelligently directed according to the

constituted him, and now constitutes death, from a decade to a half century ago, then we are more interested in the fact which insures like immortality of conscious being for ourself, than we are gator, a careful observer, a profound as to the mode through which our living

In fact, we look for their presence and

ministrations on the purely spirit plane -both automatic and inspirational-in physical senses, and thus secure a custoknow of no other hypothesis that is sat- the spirit. Now, if our spirit friends class of phenomena, the investigation on their own plane of being and har-

But, they-as we do now-acknowledged a law of spirit or soul communion telligent system of the manifestation of while they were in the mortal. They are. If we love them, welcome them, spread the living spiritual feast for them supreme selfishness, or lust for material things; if our lives are spiritual, our vince, to commune, to advise, instruct, comfort, and bless. And this is the spirit of a true spiritual philosophy based Reported for The Better Way TROL HIS DESTINY

Discourse delivered at Adelphi Hall New York

before the First Society of opinitua into means this sublime truth, then let us that is, to transform the imperfect to the perfect

Surely we must believe, if we believe anything, that infinite love, infinite wisdom could not place us in a sphere or condition that is not just suited to our develment in every way, physical, mental moral, and spiritual. If we feel that this for our action, then we are feeling as if infinite love were an idle dream, a fancy,

Well, for us, the solution of the prob lem of human life is to accept this destiny, and feel the immense privilege, the isting. Now, perhaps, nothing can help us more to gain this sense of trust in existence, than to feel that we are part of the infinite, and that without our life, our little, petty, individual life, perhaps, just as it is, imperfect though it be, there would be some deficiency, some break in the order and perfection of the universe. Let us, then, seek to take thankfully the gift of life just as it is. I would speak no word to others that I do not most emphatically address to myself. I thank-offering thereof, for ah' many tender hopes and wishes, many sweet and holy aspirations lie shattered in my inner life. And yet shall I say that they are vain and worthless? Have I no the crimes and folly of my nature, and what I am-

If we can accept hopefully and thankfully the destiny of life, and take the offering of existence as the greatest boon that can be bestowed upon us by Infinite Good, we have begun to prepare ourselves for the next step toward the fulfillment of our destiny, namely: The perfection of being; a charge to us so grand and glorious to hold. What can we individually do toward achieving the destiny of that being? There is within every human soul a power that will teach, a something that will tell with unerring certainty the good in us, that which thrills and enables, that which breaks down and conquers wrong. Man has an interior law that commands him with unconquerable force, with more authoritative power than all the written statutes. A soft voice within declares, be pure, be true, be noble, be upright, be just. The voice of the intellect calls, learn truth; the voice of the conscience cries, live justly; the moral nature calls, saying, purify thyself; the spiritual nature urges to seek the divine.

Now, we have no doubt that many try to believe that they can not judge the right from the wrong. If it be so-if there be a human soul incapable of judging right from wrong, then there can be no interior standard, and we may as well let go our hold upon everything and put infinite love and goodness out of the universe at once. But these manifold voices can not be silenced, they are forever calling to us. Above all the din of selfishness, and pride, and ambition, against the greed for gain and the thirst for gold, rises at time the still, small voice in which God is. And each one of us is compelled to hear it for himself and within himself at some time or another. Truth from outward sources can come, its words of admonition fall upon the ear, but they will have to touch the inner sense until it becomes alive and active. We might enumerate the demands that humanity is making upon each one of us; the intellect with its demands, the moral nature, the affectional, the spiritual, and all the faculties that call for truth, and love, and right, but that is not our present purpose. It is rather to present to you the immensely important fact that life is ours preeminently for the grand purpose of perfecting the individual character; that life on earth and its surroundings is well suited to prepare the inner nature, and that our moral and spiritual destiny lies of body. in our own hands, and that our desires achievement, if we will study them, not thousand years. for the purpose of gratification, but for the purpose of progress.

Let us try to see for ourselves this morning, if it be possible, with clear trust that we are trying to reform in kings and queeus. some direction. We surely feel the need think there are any of us but have a heaven full of men. sense of imperfection. But perhaps the est deficiency, because any dormant, in- of a little child.

active faculty has so little sign of life that it stands a very poor chance of recognition. How many of us are there that really know themselves and their wants so that life can be carried on with Then let us see if we no not hold the best methods? Our great study our destiny in our own hands, or rather should be to make life a grand school, a let us see if we have not the means of season for acquiring knowledge in all answering our desires. Have we the directions, for gathering what is most means of progress? Does not our hu- needed for the development of all the manity mean just this: All that can possibilities of our nature, however commake a true, noble, god-like individual I plex and of whatever nature. It is only am capable of acquiring. All that can by doing this that the destiny of circumlive within the divine form called human stances can be controlled. Let us undercan live in my form. If our humanity stand a few of the circumstances of life that control man, and see it stand erect in our god-like guise and if we have not a power within us to cresimply ask ourselves, what shall we do: ate individual strength which will make us conquerors. If there is, then we can say that a man's spiritual destiny is under his own control, and circumstances can not interfere with or change it.

First, is it true that for inherited faults, physical, intellectual, spiritual, there is no remedy? Notice nature and you will perceive with what unerring certainty world is not a good place, a good sphere she remedies her defects in the physical system. The effort is ever toward restoration, the muscular, the nervous, the arterial systems, the indirect process of absorption and affiliation, all these and many more would place a man above all physical faults were he true to the laws divine beauty and glory of living, of ex- of his being. For there is in every one of us a power of recuperation, an iuward struggle for triumph over physical faults that would enable every man with inherited deficiencies to conquer them, would enable him to perform nobly and well his part in the world's life.

We do not require all men to be Titans. We want men for brain work who do not require the brawny, muscular strength of the digger of ditches; must, even as others, look boldly into tions of the highest intellectual commy interior nature and gather up the poser. It is a want of harmonious acbroken fragments, that I may make a tion in the physical system that hampers us, but we can rise above these weaknesses by studying the laws of life. Be true to nature, and be a man. Then all individual diversities will be utilized, the whole arena of science, of art, has power to build therefrom an altar of life occupations ready to expand the indiitself, that I may burn thereon the dross vidual faculties, beckoning them on to and vanity, the selfishness and wrong, broad and boundless fields of usefulness, with your countless books, your let the incense thereof reach to my in- libraries, and colleges, and free schools most being until I can say, yea, let me there is work to be done for the world be thankful that I live that I am just that shall exercise all the powers of

I wish I might just here say a word to women; and say it with reverence enough and with earnestness enough to claim to be heard. How many women are there among the masses who make any steady, persistent efforts to cultivate the intellect? Here in this city of mag nificent intellectual resources and means you find the masses of women? Do you like a lot of goods in a warehouse? But find the reading-rooms thronged with them? Do you find the art-galleries filled with students? Do you find the manufacturies filled with inventors, the colleges and schools of art thronged with applicants? If I could inspire an ardent wish in the breast of one woman to assume the position she has the ability to fill, either as a philosopher, or artist, or nventor: if I could inspire one woman to a greater study of life, I should feel I had done a work for the ages. Is it not sad that this radiant flower of woman's intellect should have had, throughout ages gone, so little chance to unfold its finer beauty. Look at our national institutions to-day. What is the great lack there? We answer, the presence and influence of the other half of the world-woman. No nation on the face of the earth will ever cease to be agitated and torn and tortured until it learns the proper attitude men and women loaf and eat it also. But we can induce should hold in the State, and ceases to the same vibrations in others as in oursacrifice the interests and powers and refining forces of woman to the domination of mere masculine force. That is just the trouble with the nations of the earth to-day. Do you suppose that if your woman's voice had been as distinctly heard in the national affairs as man's, that the national laws would be as they are? Do you suppose that had this been permitted the national housekeeping would be in such an anomalous state as it is to-day the world over? No; and I tell you there can be no great work carried on in any direction to perfection until the masculine and feminine intellects combine and create that perfect fruit which is to be the golden harvest of the future.

### [To be Concluded] INGERSOLLISMS.

The man who claims that which he

There has not been a patentable imwill guide us safely toward the grand provement made on the devil for six of the merits of his suggestions, is a

> gle, and superstition never again shall problems. Not long since after I had rule the world.

eyes, as a company of reformers. For I It makes of common clay right royal in which she met the criticism was most

Written for The Better Wa-ARE THOUGHTS THINGS

sulting from thinking. things:

1st. That man is a simple receptivity. this receptivity called man.

The important question to be settled : character.

nal to himself. But he is also the source as well as passive, and though his active gion of effects. ity may, in a certain sense, depend upon the infinite motious of universal forces, yet he acts from self in a more absolute and perfect manner than any other being in the universe. He is cre ative in a higher sense than any other being. But let us consider the genesis of thought. Lowell well says: "All thought begins in feeling." In other words, sensation precedes thought; is the are because God is. The spiritual and indispensable pre-requisite of thought. Rays of light, reflected from some body. and we want men for the various arts and impinge upon the eye. Instantly there sciences who do not need the qualifica- is produced a sensation, a feeling, and then a perception. Sensation is the stimulus to which the mind responds by an instantaneous act of thinking, which we term perception. This iucludes the evolution of various ideas, concepts, or thoughts. All the seuses are stimulants to thought. Thought without sensation is an impossibility. But after a mass of ideas are acquired we can proceed to use them in a higher mode of thinking. They become, as it were, secondary sensations. Instead of thoughts, then being things received, they are evolutions from the thinking self-hood.

What comes to man as the stimulant to thought? Is it a thing, an entity? Nothing of the kind. It is a force vibration, and it produces a vibration or a series of vibrations in the physical and mental organization of man, resulting in thought. Appropriate conditions will recall or revive the same thought in after times. But does, anyone imagine of improvement without end, where do that a mass of thoughts are stored away why not, if thoughts are things? Let us illustrate. Here is a phonograph. Some one has pronounced an oration. Years afterward conditions being established, and the little machine repeats the oration just as first pronounced. The same thoughts are evoked as at first. Have the "thoughts that burned" been imprisoned all that time in what some of our friends contemptuously term "dead matter?" No! The thoughts are evoked from the thinking beings who listen. But the vibrations produced by the "dead matter" of the phonograph are just as potent in evoking the thought of the listener as though caused by the organs of a living person. If a parrot pronounced the words, the result would be the same.

If thoughts were things, to impart them-to give them away-would make us paupers, for you can not give your selves, and yet they gain and we do not lose. As we draw a magnet over a piece of steel and induce the same molecular condition as in the magnet, it has become a magnet also, and yet the original one has lost uone of its power.

Thought is sensation interpreted. In its active sense it is the process of interpreting our sensations. Sensation preceded thinking. Brain is needed for thinking, but not for sensation or feeling, hence in the evolution of living forms it required untold ages before the uncreated tendency of feeling produced an organ-a brain to interpret the sensation; in other words, to think. The lower is always first; the higher last.

### 'AFFIRMATIONS OF PHILOSO-To the Editor of The Better Way.

In THE BETTER WAY of May 21st H. will not freely extend to others is a bar- H. Harris offers some suggestions, which he says may enable "your philo-We will never have real liberty of sophical contributors-Bemis, Palmer, thought until we have complete liberty and numerous others and your readers to understand each other better."

Brother Harris' motive, irrespective worthy one, and as for myself I am We have passed midnight in this strug- thankful for any help in settling vexed criticised something Mrs. Allie Lindsay Human love is a perpetual magician. Lynch had written, I thought the spirit admirable. It was the best thing said I would rather live in a world of sor- on either side. In substance she exof individual reformation-I can not row with the woman I love than in a pressed her gratitude; said she was an enquirer searching for the truth and in

Brother Harris writes as one having What is thought 'As a verb it is the authority, i. e. as one who had settled falso in omnibio-is specially pertinent to give her greeting. This is one of the imperfect and participle of think. As a for himself the fundamental "affirms to this question. If the Rook is false, mysteries of spirit-return, Lord Lyt. noun it is the idea, concept, notion retions" of the spiritual philosophy. Many untruthful in fact, in any of its recorded There are two propositions implied in axiomatic." "The universe," he affirms, even by inspiration from a truthful time, was never able to hear from his the assumption that thoughts are "is dual, material, and spiritual. The Deity, and the primal demand of Church-2d. Thoughts are moving entities, vito psychic nature of the atom; hence, which in some way find entrance into also, the vito psychic character of all or himself may lay the flattering unction ganic forms.

Strictly speaking, from the philosophic first in this contention, is the human in- ical standpoint, the universe is not dual. telligence a mere receptivity or is it an It is a unit. All things, including the evolver, an originator? Of course, if material, proceed from the interior man is only a passive receptivity and realm of the spiritual. Atoms them subject to influx from some life superior selves are but manifestations of an infito his own, then the argument will be nite, all-embracing, and all-sustaining different than if man possessed auto- spirit force. If vito-psychic, they are cratic powers in himself, though it only so, as expressive of our universal found in the May number of Review of would not prove thoughts to be things. and eternal living energy. The outward, It would make him a thing, but thoughts and to us objective, universe is but the might possess another and different persistent and immutable expression of the unseen spiritual universe. The writer It is not denied that man is receptive believes that the material exists as a in the sense of being impressible. He perpetual and immutable effect of the is subject to the action of forces exter | spiritual. The interior realm of the spirit is the region of causation; the of and projector of force. He is active outward realm of the material is the re-

> "All are but parts of our stupendous whole, Whose body nature is and tood the soul

"There is no reason," says Mr. Harris to suppose that either the material or the spiritual realm antedates the other." Only as an eternal cause antedates an eternal effect. All things are necessarily and eternally because of one absolute and unconditioned cause. All things the material exist as cause and effect. They are not "dual." They are onc. In none of my articles have I ever said matter was created. I do not think universe was not and subsequently began to be. But I believe the material is from the spiritual, and not the spiritual from the material. The material exists ever and only by the perpetual fiat of one almighty and intelligent power without which it would disappear.

All the forces operative in this universe are but modes of one persistent, almighty energy. They are all one and resolveable into each other.

Light, heat, electricity, chemical affinity, aud magnetism are not, as Mr. Harris says, "modes of motions." They are modes of this one persistent energy. They testify to the unity and not the duality of the universe.

"Motion," it is said, "is inherent in matter." Aside from chemical and cohesive affinity, atom closing with atom and gravitation, matter is destitute of force, motion, or life. These forces have only their special and peculiar spheres of action. When two or more atoms close through chemical affinity, the forces are satisfied and the combination, unless severed by some power other than these inhering forces, remains passive and inert. It moves only in obedience to a force outside of itself. Atoms combine in this way to form molecules; never to form living organisms. Matter can be said to have motion or life only methods by which Miss Marryatt's me- ed to a helmet of copper, covering the as it is impressed, moved, or controlled diumship was disclosed. She is a de- skull from the upper jaw to the base of by the persistent and immutable energy | vout Romanist, and her profession-that | the occipital. A rough cloth skirt exof the infinite life. It is always some of a reporter for the London journals mode of this energy that controls atoms and worlds, becoming the solder, so to speak, of our material universe. Neither chemical nor cohesive affinity, nor gravitation account for living organisms. in faith and calls herself a "Catholic Spir-Chemistry furnishes no key to the origin of a living form, either vegetable or animal. Life, we believe, is something more than "a condition." All life comes primarily from one living source, but secondarily, only from an ancestral seed or egg. Life from life. And there is not a particle of evidence that "atoms of their own motion combine to form the primordial cells of organic forms." I hope I have made myself understood. I realize the difficulty of expressing my thoughts on such abstruse questions.

### F. H. BEMIS. "HIGHER CRITICISM."

There is a deeper significance and of greater practical results hidden in the womb of this "higher criticism" of the old Jewish Bible than orthodoxy or even Liberalism in the Churches, as voiced by Drs. Briggs and Smith compreheud. The angel world is striking an almost omnific blow at the very point of weak-Jewish scriptures—Jewish no longer, because adopted as essential to the pereaders.

authority of these old historic and prophetic parchiments is the leading one,

Those of mildly conservative temper and views in the Churches are trying to field as gracefully as they can. They concede what is so patent as to demand concession, but flatter themselves or seek to calm the fears of their creedal following by asserting that even if iner- hood of God. The brotherhood of man There is never a day so sacred that it "the primary department." We could rancy exists, it does not affect the funda- carried to practical success will make majority of us do not realize our great is not made lovlier by the laugh and joy all classify ourselves as in the primary mentals of the creed of Churchianity, the only heaven man needs, or can find class if we were but modest enough to but rather intensifies the spiritual in- in this life, or the next.

confess it. Especially upon such sub- terpretations and application of such things as are correctly recorded.

But the Latin adage-failed in wahill of his affirmations, he says, "are almost teachings, it can not have emanated though welcoming spirits from time to spirit realm is co-extensive with and in | ianity that it and its teachings must be ter-penetrates the material, hence the received by man falls. Church writers word from his nearest and dearest relamay assert roundly and even Dr. Briggs tives. to his soul that the Church system of to scorn the oft asserted "mind-reading" faith is not disturbed by his "higher criticism," but the angel world knows better and so do honest intellects who are free from the chains of churchly bigotry. The issue is radical and the end certain.

But we give to our readers both sides of the subject and clip from an article Reviews, written by Mr. R. F. Horton in a Loudon paper, the liberal, churchly modern view of this subject

"It has not injured the Bible itself in the least; it has not lessened its authority; it has not lessened its spiritual value; it has not explained away its inspibe presented to us as documents infallibly guaranteed against the possibility of error-a contention which is confuted by the careful perusal and collation of the books themselves, but as a sufficiently accurate record of a nation's life the life of a nation which was very manifestly a people chosen by God to accomplish a unique religious work in the world by forming the cradle of the Savior of men. And the Prophets-yes, the Prophets above all-will for the first time be understood by English readers, and the unmistakable inspiration of he says, is the skeleton of a man with their utterance will be felt as their place copper helmet with antlers, and the there was ever (to God) a time when this in the development of Israel and their other is a Suaslika cross, oriental in function as the organ of revelation are character, and is one of the first finds at length recognized.

> old or the Jewish way of regarding the is now in the days of the Holy Ghost, grasp the promise of our Lord that we shall do greater things, because He is gone to His Father, it is always suggesting that the greatest things were done withdrawn from His world and hidden Himself behind a veil since those earliest and brightest times. From this delusion the work of the higher criticism is, we may believe,destined to deliver us.'

## THERE IS NO DEATH.

Among the many excellent notices of those wonderful narratives under the title "There is no Death," published by Florence Marryatt, that of Mr. Charles Dawbarn, commends itself most to us. 248. Copper antlers, 22 by 23 inches, ex-The truth is that the mediumship of Florence Marryatt, as truthfully recorded breast and back were covered with copin her book, is a marvel among the many per plates, bear teeth and other singular spiritual marvels of the closing years of brnaments, strings of beads lay about this nineteenth century. There is a

fresh wonder in every described sitting. —led her to attend a spiritualistic seance, for which she first had to obtain the consent of her priest, or "father confessor." She still remains a Romanist itualist." The old spell of the creed and confessional is still upon many spirits who seek to reach earth intelligently. through her mediumship, for they ask her to pray for them that they may be delivered from the purgatory wherein they remain.

In order to understand the remarkable phases of her mediumship, one must read the book. It is no fiction but a great fact, or series of facts, startling, and convincing, thrust into this age of fiction, gullibility, unreason, and superstitious reverence for the creedally unnatural. Among other very interesting statements in the review by Mr. Dawbarn, we copy the following, which we clip from his article in Carrier Dove:

There is an individual experience of the spirit daughter, Florence, that is very striking. Boru with a physical blemish, it was the outward sign of a spirit imperfection which was the direct ness in Churchianity, to wit, its blind effect of her mother's troubles before faith in the errancy and authority of the her child was born. And although she had been ten years in spirit life when she first returned, she had not up to petuity of Churchiauity by orthodox that time been able to see a spirit flower, or to overcome the sadness that clouded That they must yield something to her young life. We can accept this as the spirit of just criticism in this en- natural, for it is all in accordance with lightened, not to say evoluted age, they cause and effect; but it is in direct conall admit. Churchianity is losing its tradiction to those praying Spiritualists, hold, its grip, upon the conscience of like the author, who believe they have a to-day, because the conscience is learn- | Father in Heaven, permitting suffering in ing every day the glory of freedom and this life, but with immediate compensaemancipation from unreasonable dog- tion to the child of the Church after mas, of which the divine authorship and death. It is evident, or should be to all, that the only prayer of any value is a deed; and that the unborn child will be blessed or cursed by pre-natal conditions, whether it live but an hour here, or fight earth life for a century. Our part is to deal with conditions that will make our child happy, and then we need not trouble our heads about the father-

Miss Marryatt has had one marked experience, shared by many believers Her spirit father has never come back ton, who died the other day in Paris father, the celebrated "Bulwer Lytton The writer has never been able to get a

Such cases, universal as they are, laugh as an explanation of spirit-return. The contradiction would be amusing if is were not so gloomy. Spirits tell us they can not manifest if we want them too much. These skeptics assert that our intense desire produces what we call our spirit friend. But we take comfort in the knowledge that this silence will not be eternal, and that the mystery will be solved for us when it becomes a part of our own experience in the coming life, Yet, as the author well points out, if these materialization mediums were just frauds, some of them would have been certain to have produced the well-known Captain Marryatt as soon as they knew ration. The historical books will not they were giving sittings to his daugh. ter.

This book, "There is no Death," should be read and circulated by Spiritualists the world over, as it offers an excellent answer to the attacks upon both mediums and believers.

### THE MOUND-BUILDERS.

Warren K. Moorehead writes in the Illustrated America, a most remarkable and interesting story about the 'New Relics of the Mound-builders in Ross County, Ohio." One of these relics, ever unearthed to show the origin of the "It is the gravest count against the Indians. He says in this connection."

"The discovery of four crosses, which Old Testament, that it makes men think are peculiarly oriental in character, that God was more manifest in the Ex- marks a new epoch in American archaodus and the giving of the Law than He ology. M. G. D. de Mortiellet, the eminent French anthropologist, refers in and that instead of encouraging us to his works very generally to the same style of cross found by the survey, and gives numerous illustrations in his works of its occurrence in pottery, sepulchers, and monuments of Brittany, ages ago and that God has in some way Italy, and particularly of India. The Suaslika was used as one of the emblems of Buddha worship before the Christian era, and may have spread later in Phosnecia. This symbol is occasionally found in Egypt and China, but, so far as the writer is aware, not in Yucatan or Mexico. A cross does occur on the Palestine tablet, but it is not the Suaslika.

"No skeleton in the mound indicated a person of more importance than No. tended from the forehead upward. The the ancles and wrists, while at the feet were traces of decayed sandals. The There is something peculiar in the copper horns had been originally fastentended from the waist to the knees. Where the copper plates came in con tact with the fabric it ws well preserved. Beautiful pearl beads and bear and panther tusks were interlaced or strung upon the front of the garment. The other skeletons were covered with shell beads and a few copper plates and celts accompanied them."

# POSITIVE PEOPLE.

There is a certain merit, and even charm, about positive people, though they are sometimes merely obstinate. Positive people have at least the merit of having opinions of their own; they may not be the best opinions, founded upon knowledge and guided by reason, but they are opinions, and as such are preferred to the uncertain, vacillating and weak expressions of the mind of the good-natured folks who escape the charge of obstinacy by agreeing with everybody. The joke about the eleven obstinate jurymen is not all a joke. Sometimes the twelfth juryman who disagrees is right, and the eleven are without real opinions, and are obstinate on that account. It is a fact that obstinacy does not accompany strength and clearness of opinion; it is more often characteristic of those who accept the opinions of others, and being incapable of reason can not be convinced of their error. Positive people belong to another class. They are positive because they reason and settle in their own minds what is right. Even positive people can have their opinions changed, but the merely obstinate are immovable. There are, however, various classes or dispositions of positive people. Those who are most generally recognized are aggressive. They express their opinions on slight provocation and in very positive terms, very often making themselves disagreeable to others by the way in which they shoulder along against all kinds of opposition, much after the manner of aggressive men pushing themselves to a front place through the crowd. Contrasted with these are the positive peo-ple, gentle of manner, who avoid controversy, listen in silence to opinions with which they do not agree, can scarcely be provoked to a defense of their own position, and yet, nevertheless, maintain themselves against the world. - Ballis

To the Editor of The Better Way

To this inquiry J. W. Dennis devotes

lay, boldly declare that the proof already them. elegand of spirit return is of more imwalk the earth, unseen, both when we wake and when we sleep."

If these are judiciously utilized in the interest of our philosophy, we need have little fear that professional fraud-hunters or aspirants to distinction in our progress.

And here the question arises: How can our established facts be most advantageously utilized? When the old can communicate." politicians desired to carry a favorite measure they had a standing motto; "Keep it before the people."

If we profit by the closing advice of "retain every measure of proof," and not only retain, but "keep it before the people," progress is certain and assurdirty fraud who "steals the livery of the court of heaven to serve the devil in," in discrediting the most valuable mebelong to their clique.

Absolute and unequivocal demonstrascientific truth, and when this is furthe victims of stupid and inexcusable bigotry or devoid of reasoning power.

My experiences in the field of spiritnalistic inquiry have been long and varied, and I will furnish your readers with a portion of them, beginning with continuance of man's intellectual and moral self-hood after the death of his bodily organism, your materialistic readers, any one of them, will furnish a your paper what they do prove.

Among the waiters of the which I boarded in San Jose, California, in the early fifties, was a big awkward boy known as Joe, his full name or place he hailed from I had never heard, I others with the Fox children. I proposed to the clerk of the hotel and three of Light for the opportunity.-ED. B. W.] waiters to form a circle, as I learned how "Will the force that lifts the table, give its name by my touching the letters of the last word, one side of the table was lifted three times, my paper being intirely unseen by any one but myself. I and found by inquiry, that that was the name of Joe's father.

I then wrote, "Give me the date of your death?" A date was given and I asked Joe if he knew when his father died. He gave me the exact date I had unlike Imperator's or the medium's, said, on the paper. Then I wrote, "Where "I am here." "You are not Imperator?" did you die?" Auswer, "city of London," street and number given, which I have perator is engaged in the spheres, and as others, had escaped safely to a desert forgotten, but these were confirmed by he could not come, he has sent me." island near which the wreck had taken Joe, and also the inquiry whether his "You are troubling the medium." "No; place. wife was living and where? Not one I am a friend. Come here, Dickey, and word was spoken by me that would give tell them I am all right." Hereupon a possible clew, and all can see the im- Dickey gave sundry familiar sounds as possibility of mind-reading in this instance.

In the language of Robert Dale Owen, "If this does not make out a case, I would with us before?" "Yes, many times. Do like to know what does." And I hold you hear that?" This was accompanied of the missing ship. Then, like Phathat it is the necessary "preliminary to by a heavy footstep and shaking of the raoh's butler, the owner remembered his the scientific truth" of the invisible floor. "Yes, that is the same sound we sins one day and hunted up the letter presence of Joe's father. Here as "the once heard in the drawing room when describing the vision. It supplied at the musical clock was playing. "Well, Church" would say, "endeth the first lesson," and I will give you another.

A few weeks after my wife had passed away, our little grandson, who had never spirit has its own peculiar sound. I am ing to come from her, from her nearest jumped, and in a moment the voice com-

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?" of kin, and other relatives and friends pletely changed, and Imperator said, in spirit life.

tion without a conclusive answer. There I were acquainted before our marriage, benefited by his association with the this described by a correspondent. is no doubt, however, in the mind of his but whose name the boy nor anybodyhere medium. I wished to try a little experireaders as to his sincere devotion to the had ever heard. Immediately the name of ment which has been successful, in time friends, some of whom had never seen cause, and his ability to defend it, and Tracy Reese was written. "Why, I re- I hope our friend will be able to talk any manifestations of the kind and who I hope you will think with me, that his plied, "I expected he was still in the easily with you." Itr. S. then asked wished to investigate the phenomena, extire article is worthy of republication fiesh." The hand harriedly wrote whether the spiritual world was elecated met and the circle was formed. The with editorial comments. (Have not the "Volney." a brother of the first named, above the earth. "Above and beneath, aliding doors between the parlors were If I dared to raise an issue with such a before. This shows the possibility of those who already have the Kingdom of scross the opening, reaching no higher writer I would aver that his question im- early recognition in spirit life and also "and within them." "And what of those than the head of parties sitting on thes erroneously a possibility that the the liability of verbal errors or misapply; who sink into the spheres below. radio friends of Spiritualism may so un ling the name of a brother. I know that the "Those unhappy spirits who have not side of the lighted room, were seated dervalue phenomenal evidence as to name of either of the Reeve's had never used their earth life as they ought, and the medium with a lady and gentleman semously retard its ultimate triumph. Leen heard by the little medium or any who have not risen to the next sphere, who joined hands and kept fast hold of this, I hold that there can be but other person present but myself, and I sink, and are worse off than when they of the hands of the medium. Anhaving thought of came to earth. "Are they eventally other curtain reaching only to the china

portance to humanity than the aggregate out another case in proof of spirit return, upon. "Can you define your state of thoroughly examined by all present to of all antecedent scientific discoveries. I received a letter in New York City being "It is a state full of life, love, see that no confederates were concealed. and men of sense need not be told that that had been detained some weeks in bt, and light, incomprehensible to man on the door leading therein was locked, and Broussais was right in his sententious Louis, demanding my return home, as earth. With us time and space do not the seance began by singing in order to declaration, that "facts are the most my daughter would soon die from car- exist." "What idea have you of God in promote harmonious relations. Scarcely brutally stubborn and unyielding of any cinoma uteri. Unable to leave until your state "We have never seen God. thing in nature," and our facts are so the next day, and anxious to see the but we feel Him, know Him, and love rung, a large musir-box was wound up, numerous and unvielding, and with all wonderful medium that had been but Him, as you can not do here. Our and a guitar played an accompaniment so confirmatory of Milton's statement, recently closeted with crowned heads in praises ascend more readily to Him than that . "Millions of spiritual creatures Europe, I repaired to Foster's office. yours." "We know He is love, and the and was held up by hands plainly visi-He was about to proceed with me when source of life, light, and electricity. Has ble. It was repeatedly thrown over the cur two ladies came in, and agreed to allow the earth always existed?" "It has, and tain, when returned, it was energetically me to witness their seance if I would will exist for ever." "Is there to be a yield my turn to them.

After describing their spirit friends which he professed to see, I asked him ranks by such agencies will dangerously if any of mine were present. Gazing not always taught the same; but if you clog the wheels of genuine spiritual around the room, he answered, "No: Then in an earnest manner, he said: "Yes, yes, there comes your wife, and dead, from all nations, are to be gathered she is so excited, I doubt whether she and judged, this is all wrong. Your Then followed written messages on

My first thought was how does he know I ever had a wife? Then I inquired remote period has done much mischief, "Can she tell me something about mischief, mischief! The kingdom of home?" "Oh, all well in California." our Brother Dennis', but too brief essay. Then I thought, "How does he know I live in California!" I had given no clue, but I said, "It can not be my wife, for I know they are not all well." He reance will be made doubly sure. If in ad- joined emphatically, she says, "Mary is upward and onward, until you reach the dition we are vigilant in detecting every getting well and soon will be well as ever realms of glory." Imperator spoke at in ber life."

In spite of his getting the name of and bringing him or her to condign my daughter, but knowing the incurapunishment at any cost, still we should bility of cancer, I again expressed my be careful that we do not confound the disbelief of my wife's presence, but innocent with the guilty, as is the wont said if she will give me the date of her you so live now that hereafter you may of some factors who find more pleasure death I shall be convinced. He struck pass easily through the intermediary his large white hand on mine, resting on diams, than in adding to our strength by the table, exclaiming: "She says she giving them prominence, if they do not will write it in letters of blood on my hand." Immediately red marks began to appear and in about half a minute, nothing during the control. tion is an indispensable preliminary to perfectly plain, appeared "November 6, 1868," I was dumbfounded; believed To the editor of The Better Way. nished all will be convinced who are not my eyes had played me false, until one of the ladies read it aloud. The figures ance at the cottage of Dr. H. F. Tripp. laded out directly.

I came home, found a San Francisco M. D. had prenounced the diagnosis erroneous and changed the treatment; convalescence was rapid and unrelapsing, pressed themselves satisfied with his the earliest. If they do not prove the and in less than a year she presented me narrations. When he came to me, he with another grandson.

One fact in speculative philosophy outweighs a thousand theories, and we have facts innumerable that answer afboon to science by informing us through firmatively the old inquiry, "If a man die shall he live again?"

G. B. CRANE. St. Helena, Cal., May 29, '92.

AN ENGLISH CIRCLE.

[A very interesting series of reports of sittings with Mrs. Speer are being pubchanced to see Greeley's report in the lished in Light. It would give our Tribune of the seance of himself, Judge readers great pleasure if our space per-Edmonds, Fennimore Cooper, and mitted an extensive copying. We give the record of one, and thank the editor

Tuesday, 21st. We sat again in light. it was done from the Tribune. The Dickey soon manifested; creaking on table tilted in reply to questions and the medium's chair and table. This was showed that Joe was the medium. Stand- raised many times from the ground, ing at a shelf ten feet from the boys at both when our hands were on and off the table, my back towards them, I wrote, the table. It was once raised very high, and thrown down, all hands being quite away from it. After half an hour's gymthe alphabet in succession?" As I wrote nastics, the table became quiet. The medium also was very still. He then began to jerk, and appeared disturbed and uncomfortable, and altogether unlike received the name of "William Lyons," himself. At last he started suddenly and asked,"What was doing?" We told him he had not been controlled, and asked should we put out the light? He said, "No, wait." In a few minutes he was controlled, and a strange, rough voice, "No; but I am one of the band. Imtioned the control. "Have you been and the owner got uneasy.

Good evening, friends." We remarked I requested my departed wife to give that a strange spirit had been controlling. A physical seamle was held at the judgment day as taught by the Church?" allude to the teaching of a day set apart, at a very remote period, when all the judgment takes place all through your life, and placing the judgment to some heaven is within you; you have it now. There is no need to wait for the day of judgment to give it to you. It is with you during your earth life, and afterwards, as you pass through the spheres length very beautifully upon this subject. He then told us to put out the light, and gave the following blessing "Almighty God bless and keep you and guide you into truth and peace. May spheres without pain, to the realms of

A GOOD TEST.

very comfortable, and knowing little that

had transpired during the seance, and

I wish to give a brief account of a se-Onset, Mass., which took place on the evening the of 5th inst. There were about a dozen people present. I listened attentively to what he related, and all excalled my first wife by name, described her accurately, the manner of her death and disease. But to cap the climax, he said: "I see Mexico, and a person who has passed out there who was indebted vantage."

I am now moved to look up, as it may prove advantageous, although twenty of investigation, and deem this experigive it the publicity it merits. Very re-W. H. PRINCE. spectfully,

SAW HIS SON IN DANGER. The following striking incident gives some basis for the supposition of the existence of an invisible camera obscura, which the Theosophists describe as astral light:

The father of a son who had sailed in the Strathmore, an emigrant ship outward bound from the Clyde, saw one night the ship foundering amid the waves, and saw that his son, with some

He was so much impressed by this vision that he wrote to the owner of the Strathmore, telling him what he had much as to say, "You see, I am here, and seen. His information was scouted; but it must be all right." We then ques- after awhile the Strathmore was overdue

Day followed day, and still no tidings least a theory to account for the vessel's that was me, and that is the sound I disappearance.

make to make known my presence. Each | All outward bound ships were requested to look out for any survivors on heard of Spiritualism, became uncon- very fond of music." "Does it do you the island indicated in the vision. These scious and with eyes closed and face good to come to the circle?" "Yes; but orders being obeyed, the survivors of the white as marble, wrote-using language I can not myself do you much good. I Strathmore were found exactly where A SEANCE.

the most of a column in The Better me the name of some one she had seen the medium. Yes, my heutenant, he . residence of J A Johnston, at St. Louis, Way of May 21st, but leaves the quest in the spirit world with whom she and a very good spirit, and has been greatly Mo. It was held in the light, and is

> On the evening of lane id, a party of who "died" as they call it, thirty years. The good pass to the spheres above thrown back, and a curtain stretched chairs. Against this curtain, but inraised out of their misery " "The sta e of the sitters covered their hands. Af-I respectfully submit that I have made of some of them is too painful to dwell ter the room at their back had been five minutes elapsed before belle were A tamborine, left on the table, also joined used on the head of the medium and the other gentleman sitting with him. Also "What Church do you mean? for different Churches at different times have loud slaps upon the medium's check in plain view. Smaller hands caressed the face of the lady sitting with them and whispered voices told her of a son who had passed to spirit life some years since. slips of paper to every one present, handed over the curtain by visible hands, some short, others of six to eight lines signed by names known to the recipient, and having words of love and cheer to many hearts, from those beyond the "veil." After this a request was made for slates, which were provided and parties went up to the curtain holding the slate, which were grasped from the other side and spirit hands distinctly visible. wrote short messages, signed with the name of the writer. One lady received a message from her son signed by his name, and a hand and arm visible above the elbow was extended for her to grasp, but as she recognized from the clothing as the same she had put upon her boy, by some peculiar buttons in the sleeve, joy." Soon the medium awoke, feeling she retreated overcome by nervous terror and it vanished. It would occupy too much space to relate all the phenomena exhibited, but the seance was admitted by all present to be a success. The objects in the partially darkened room were plainly visible to all who approached the curtain, as most present did and looked over it, as they stood at least two

Mr. Johnston has several phases of medinmship, is an independent slate-writer. a trance-medium, and takes spirit-photographs with remarkable results. As a test-medium he is excelled by few now in the phenomenal field.

GHASTLY TRACEDY.

Christmas is undoubtedly the time for to you; and had you remained where ghosts, and very appropriately a strange you were, it would have resulted to ad- story reaches me from one of the Inns of Court, writes the London correspon-Now, after the close of our civil war, dent of the Manchester Courier. A set Sr. Jose Salayar, vice-roy of Yucatan of chambers had been vacant for some under Maximillian's reign, fled to this time; indeed, they had only been tencountry after the execution of Maxi- anted for three weeks during the last six millian, and came to Washington. I re- years. The rent was remarkably mosided there then, and had transactions derate, and the rooms were comfortable. with Salayar there. In taking his de- Accordingly a young barrister took them parture for Mexico when armistice was for a month or so. He never inquired granted, he gave me his I. O. U. for why it was that they had been so long twelve hundred and fifty dollars, which empty, nor had he any idea that they were supposed to be haunted. He had not, however, been in possession many odd years have passed away since then. days before he announced his determina-You are aware I am here for the purpose tion to quit the rooms, though he had spent a good deal of money in doing ence phenomenal, and hope you will them up and furnishing them. His friends naturally asked for an explanation, and he confessed that he had seen a ghost, or rather a collection of ghosts, for every night, he said, the door opened of its own accord and in walked three men and a woman, dressed in last century costumes. They sat down at a table, and commenced to talk and to drink. Eventually the talk got louder and a violent quarral broke out, in the course of which the woman was stabbed After this catastrophe the ghosts disappeared. Such is the most recent ghost story, and naturally enough it is arousing a good deal of interest among people fond of investigating psychical phenomena.—Boston Herald.

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### AFFIRMATIONS OF THE SPIRIT UAL PHILOSOPHY.

The career of ancient Israel is replete with psychic phenomena. Through all the history left of that peculiar people the light of spiritual interposition beams. From the patriarchal father of those

nomads of Palestine, down to the defenceless woman hiding her shame in the mountain solitudes, and even to the beast whose flanks bore the marks of a merciless master, spirits made themselves manifest. Their voices speak on the arid plain, in the Ark of the Covemant, on the fields of battle, by the altar of sacrifice, and in the visions of the night. Take from Judaism its psychic side and the residue would not reflect a shadow on the historian's camera.

How much of fiction is blended with narrated facts, or of falsehood is presented for truth I do not pretend to define. Intelligent investigators must settle this question for themselves. We cannot easily determine the reliability of the witnesses. Long-dead centuries cast their shade between Israel in her days of ctivity and our age. There is no safe method of weighing the detached fragments of her history, only to judge them by the facts of to-day.

It will readily be conceded that what ever there is of value in Jewish history begins with Abraham. He was the fa ther of his people, and to him the special promise had been given that his seed should "Multiply and replenish the earth." He seems to have been remarkably familiar with spiritual beings. He entertained them, they foretold his fatherhood and described the character of his unborn children. (See Gen. 18th Chap.) He unfortunately had some complications in his domestic affairs, in which they did not hesitate to assert their power for reconciliation, (Gen. 16th, 7 to 12). They also comforted poor Hagar in a time of great misfortune as they no doubt are always seeking to do in such cases.

Spiritual beings also made themselves familiar to Jacob in the night which into Harem, and revealed to him in vision whereon they ascended and descended. (Gen. 28th, 10 to 13) They introduced for him a very exciting athletic exercise, in which he dislocated a hip, so powerful that "the secular press treated the sub-(Gen. 34th, 22 to 28)

To Joseph the peculiar gift of interoften crushes out the life and hope of a people. Baalam was no doubt as blind receiving the cruel blows of his merciless left to everyone as he pleases." master became a speaking medium, and

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Samuel was highly mediumistic and tations of the saints as exercised his clairyoyaat powers with th Chap : It is seldom men rise to the serene heights this medium of ancient Israel touched when he delivered at Gilmore they discharge to any extrame advertise ments of narriers whom they have prepart to the discourses of history. He seems in this address to have anticipated far beyond the When the post after address of Two metals were in previous autient and not smit to be intanged, are patrons abound give as the loss institute and as the ment of the metals and action of the wreck and ruin of dynasties, kings and empires, our republic and the comments their greens it as suitable and instruments in general amount of dynasties, kings and empires, our republic and the comments of opinional instruments in this other admires a prophet who generously yields all personal ambition to according address to have anticipated far beyond free thought.

Sani began his kingly and mediumistic areer under the most dattering auspices. But king-craft and inspiration are by no means congenial companions, and the sun of his life sank at lastjin a torn and bloody sea. The good spirits who at first influenced the son of Kis's departed and he became obsessed by those demons or earthbound spirits who trail in the muddy waters of human frailty. The sweet notes of David's harp could only momentarily break the spell. (1st Sam 16th Chap.) In his distress he talked with the disembodied Samuel through a medium at Endor, who foretold to him his tragic death so soon to occur in Gilboa. (1st Sam. 28th Chap.) The fate of Saul is not without its lessons consume like a flaming fire. Power is often the parent of weakness, and perse-

nachain it. Elijah the Tishbite, practiced the heal the cave at Horeb whose commands he easily managed. It will be provided obeyed and thereby changed the current of his life. (1st Kings 19th Chap.)

Ahab was seduced by evil spirits gilead and also his life. (1st Kings 22nd Chap.)

Elisha ranked among the great healing mediums of the world. He restored the son of the Shunaminite woman supposed to be dead. He cleansed lepers of the water by his mediumistic power. He also possessed the gift of prophecy so entire cage with electricity, developing common in the psychic experience of mankind, and also so hard to explain with our present knowledge of the uni- he expects to phonograph the sounds of verse. (2nd Kings 4th to 8th Chap.)

Thus it is evident that through all the embodied beings were with them in their simple pastoral life, they watched over them in the stormy equinox from a patriarchal government to a monarchy always cold and rigid. In the palmy days of David and Solomon, when wealth and splendor dazzled, their voices were heard a warning to ambition and rebuke to pride borrowed from fields of blood and carnage. They hovered over Jerusalem in the hour of her fall and watched with tearful eyes her mourning captives carried to Babylon. We shall soon follow them to the Walled City of the Euphrates, where stirring scenes are placed in the ever-changing drama of Empire. Here in lust's insatiate carnival her mediums will again speak under the shadow of wrecked and falling thrones.

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THAT BONE. The Baltimore Catholic Mirror is jubilant over the reception given by the tervened on his journey from Bersheba good people of New York to the tentative exhibition of St. Ann's arm-bone. a ladder reaching from earth to heaven The relic, it says, was visited by several thousands and "many cures are reported." The Mirror further notes with gladness, not unmixed with surprise, were they in the sport of the field. ject of the relic in a temperate and respectful spirit," and adds, with commendable caution: "Regarding the cures pretation of dreams was given, whereby, everyone understands that the Church they were tided over a great famine which demands nothing; the faithful may believe or not, as they please; it is no essential part of the Catholic creed to acas many materialists of our age, and cept that fragment of bone as really a when on a military expedition, an angel portion of the body of St. Ann. And ably these fall and fail. Read last week's or spirit confronted him. The ass he whether the miracles reported in the rode, being more sensitive than Baalam newspapers were due to the bone or to a saw the spiritual apparition, and after lively faith or to simple imagination is Two for bigamy. A venerable Catholic

spoke with telling effect to his master, with the cabalistic "S. G. D. G." of the (Num. 22d Chap.), who afterwards went French patent office, the meaning of Second. Also see the wrangles and

ervation might be made converting ecc, tat where I whent he a sum press to make things the cathologous elects ideas. These all prove as from the behad him he had a m sales but he were the more singular that after this candid the haman understanding and the imthe spirit to a severe test. When rally pures contemporary and I have seen at a ferover new he senected three hundred up- to close its remarks with so so ; a But to give proof to rebut your argu-

great sa cess. He not only discovered ful spirit, brother Now bow for them recently ministers and Church for said the young Benjamite, his father's much more charitable our diabolism is disciples. See the wondess powers alwhen astray but he also developed than your sanctity. We Spiritualists most miracles, many of these are doing him into a speaking medium and an- are quite ready to receive the manifesta- and giving. Clairvoyance, psychometry, Besuit by Pennishes Missey users Besting medium and an are quive ready to receive the manifestar and giving. Clarroyance, psychometry, outside him king. In an age so pregitions of your saints may, we have often bealing, working, and prophesying. Do nontrol him king. In an age so pregitions of your saints may, we have often bealing, working, and prophesying. Do not saints may good advice and correct you fairly doubt these facts? I will information which might be distanted promise to give \$100 or \$500 for charity, you giving same amount for a fair outside the manifestar and giving. Clarroyance, psychometry, outside him king. In an age so pregitions of your saints may, we have often bealing, working, and prophesying. Do not saints may be distanted by the promise to give \$100 or \$500 for charity, you giving same amount for a fair outside the manifestar and giving. Clarroyance, psychometry, outside him king. In an age so pregitions of your saints may, we have often beautiful to give the distant of the limit with self-shuess and ambition as is information which might be distanted by you giving same amount for a fair outside him king. In an age so pregition of your saints may, we have often by you fairly doubt these facts? I will be supplied to the promise of the promise to give \$100 or \$500 for charity, you giving same amount for a fair outside him king. In an age so pregit tions of your saints may, we have often by you fairly doubt the limit will be supplied to the promise to give \$100 or \$500 for charity. cented him king. In an age so preg- tions of your saints may, we have often healing, working, and prophesying. Do nant with selfishness and ambition as is received very good advice and correct you fairly doubt these facts. I will who clamur for power regardless of the names appear on your saintly calendary test trial lecture or impromptu, selected will at the people (:st Sam. 9th and and should the spirit St. Ann chose to moral or metaphysical discourse, examimanifest at our circle, she will be well mation by clairvoyant, and a fair test of come, even though she comes only to some good medium's powers and gifts disclaim all ownership of the bone of and would you cry "humbug" deceiver? contention brought from creed bound Witness some of the forms and cereshores to this land of free speech and BROTHER PAUL

### A NOVEL UNDERTAKING.

"What I expect to do in Africa" is the title of an essay by Prof. R. L. Garner in it he tells of a novel expedition which he proposes to undertake to the wilds cursing, you will at least respect other of West Africa for the purpose of studying the speech and habits of those great anthropoid apes which inhabit the jungle some 300 miles north of the mouth of the Congo River. In order to do this successfully he finds it necessary to make a temporary abode among the in- Newton, you will realize that we are but habitants of that region. Not unpro- children on the shore of time, gathertected, however, for the professor will ing a few grains of truth or drops from have an immense cage fashioned after a the ocean of infinity. Respectfully yours pattern of his own creation. This cage, he writes, is made of steel wire woven into a diamond-shaped lattice, with a two-inch mesh, and framed in strong steel frames. Each panel of the cage is three feet six inches square, and there are in all twenty-four panels, each one panel can be used as a door.

The rest of the outfit will embrace ing art on the widow's son at Zarepthah phonograph, a photo camera, telephones, (7th Chap.) He also saw and heard an not be limited to a mere place of safety; the ground beneath the cage. By the use of a small switch-board he will be able to fire his flash-light at night, or to snap his kodak in the daytime, or to operate his telephones if necessary. In case of danger or unexpected attack, by of an induction coil, he can charge the an alternating current of about 300 volts. By a unique and marvelous experiment apes at a distance.

The inventive professor also intends changing history of ancient Israel the to make use of decoys, baits, effiges, tence. Mrs. Lillie gave a fine discourse light of spiritual influence beams. Dis- and mirrors to induce the chimpanzees from subjects taken from the audience. and gorillas to utter their sounds, which sounds will be recorded on the phonograph cylinder.

Much of the article goes into minute details and reads more like a Jules Verne's narrative than a serious intention, but the professor is evidently in earnest and we wish him success.

Written for The Better Way.

AN OPEN LETTER.

We have no hesitancy in giving this trenchant letter to the public, particularly as it was also sent to the New York World for publication. Such rebukes are timely and deserved.—Ed. BETTER

31 PARK ROW, NEW YORK, June 6, 1892.

REV. MADISON C. PETERS, New York

DEAR SIR: I glance at items of your sermon of yesterday concerning "the base falsity of Spiritualism and your

threats to arrest all mediums, etc." I am truly astonished at your pride egotism, and ignorance and can easily prove your boastings of little account and your want of knowledge concerning the truths and religion you thus

assail in a wholesale manner. First. I grant that some mediums are frauds; all teachings not perfect, but there have been wicked classes ever since the commencement of time. "The fishes," and would you fully know the truth, examine your reverends, the elect persons in high degree. How lamentrecord. One minister arrested for housebreaking, with pistol and dirk for prelate accusing the old bishop of slatt-Just so! The relic might be stamped der, and the great archbishop admonished in court!

into a trance with his "eyes open" and which is that the government disclaims tangles, discussions and arguments of jealous?

we the same with the same with the second service of the three great church organizations the article patented. The same res- concerning how then the Bille faith The Wat Full name of Full and the Middle of the Middle of the State of to have been more samptical than some fractainer and the pleased mention of perfect ideas yet of many concerning or our males mission-occaers, and put the tarmess of the secular press our braves God angels and the here-

> parameters and a signal vice phrase as this "Yet if the age can at ment. See now the millions of good per over the enemy. Judges with and cept the Zallin wonders of Spiritual- worthy Spiritualists good tray men and ism why can not it receive the manifest women, all "come outers." Look at the hoturers, books, workers the lives of Where is your "temperate and respect- these good, great ones-a large number monies, extravagant customs, and vasi expenses of the Churches. Lately Mother St. Ann's skeleton-joint wor shipped and consecrated by thousands

In conclusion, my dear reverend, pro viding you will read, investigate fairly North American Kettlew for June. In and honestly (like millions of others myself included), free from scoffing and religious and think that all the creeds and Churches, ministers and bishops since the world began, and all the Churches and schools only foreshadow, or give but faint glimpses of heaven, God and immortality, and like Milton or SYLVANUS LYON.

> Written for The Better Way. JUNE FESTIVAL, NORTH COLLINS. N. Y.

The fifth annual June Festival of the Friends of Human Progress, convened at to us. Ambition and jealousy in the end interchangeable with all the rest, so Forest Temple, June 4th. The weather that they can be united with ease into a being somewhat rainy, but few were is to be a hotel site. cube of seven feet square, and any side present at II a. m. A circle was held cution generally devours the hands which will serve for top or bottom and any with profit and pleasure to all who participated. With the arrival of the chairman the session was formally called to order and a very interesting conference with wonderful success. (1st Kings electric battery, etc. But the cage will held. The afternoon found our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lillie with us. A angel, and ate spiritual food materialized it will also serve as a depot for supplies. goodly number were present and many under the juniper tree in the wilderness It will furthermore be provided with a a smile and cordial hand-shake greeted beyond Beersheba. Like Mohammed he canvas top and gum cloth sides, mounted these earnest workers in the cause of heard spiritual voices at the mouth of on rollers like window curtains and truth. A few faces, whose light has beamed upon us through all the years with a soft rubber mat or carpet, which since the formation of this spiritual will serve as an insulator when the cage centre, were missed from their accusis charged with electricity, and will also tomed places. Year by year the ranks whereby he lost the battle at Ramoth- prevent the moisture from rising from of the old workers grow less on the mortal side. Those who faced the world and so bravely met its scorn for what they knew to be true are taking their places across the silver line and leaving the work for us to finish. A glorious awakening is theirs who were perseand made the iron swim on the surface the use of his switch board and by means cuted for righteousness' sake. They wore the crown of thorns, they bore the cruel scourging and well may they be designated the saviors of the race—the brothers and sisters of the man of Nazareth. Mr. Lillie opened the afternoon session with one of the sweet songs that seem to be a part of his very exis-The poem on the subject of "Roses" was especially beautiful. The glories of the spring-time month of flowers were used to symbolize the glories of that other spring-time that comes to us all after the

> passed away. The Sunday morning session was partially devoted to exercises by the children which were greatly enjoyed by all. George W. Taylor, our respected president, gave one of his characteristic, earnest talks which had the effect of some criticism from those who differ with him on the great subject of temperance, which was largely his topic.

winter of earth and frost of death have

In the afternoon Mrs. Lillie was the speaker, and took for her subject, "Spiritualism—a message to mankind." This was one of the most masterly and power ful discourses to which it was ever our privilege of listening from the lips of this "queen of the spiritual rostrum." The thought was eminently practical and full of prophetic promise for the future. If she tore down the idols of a superstitious past, she set up in their places the brighter and more glorious ideals of the present time. With the so-called infidel she said: "The world is my country," and declared that whenever and wherever there was an effort to erect "barbed wire fences" about any part of good and bad grow together;" "the God's kingdom, there was a blow struck Stoner was crazy, but the power and tares and the wheat;" "the net and the at freedom and danger menaced free institutions. The choice flowers that decorated the rostrum, the beautiful music, the electric words of the inspired sanity and is still in jail. Nothing more speaker, all contributed to make this a was thought of the matter until the terspiritual festival indeed, and one long to rible disaster befell the oil regions Monbe remembered.

EMMA TRAIN, Sec'y.

THE ROMANIST'S objection to Free Masonry is because of its "solemn farce of mummery ritual." Indeed! AreRomanists

NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. Keeley, of gold-cure fame, was a naturer in his vouth Senstor Hill is never present at prayers a the Senate Chamber.

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past, is now very greatly increasing in

A German doctor has started a theory that most drunkards can be cured by never troubled simply eating apples at every meal. The scid gas does it Sidney Dillon, the great railroad con-

tractor and operator, and the many-times ple are now entering our ranks, and the millionaire died in New York City on Thursday of last week. The Josephine caverns in Oregon,

near the California line, have been explored for ten miles without the limit of their passage being reached. The last execution for forgery in Eng-

land took place at the Old Bailey on December 31 1529. The name of the couvict was Thomas Maynard.

The Protestant clergy in Ireland are violently opposing Irish home rule on the ground of danger to their faith after home rule went into operation.

Mr. James K. Polk, once President of the United States, whose will, written by himself, has just been declared void by the courts of Tennessee.

The Ecuador commissioners have had constructed a fac-simile of the famous an abiding popularity that is chiefly put palace of the Inca Perca, the ruins of lic, and but slightly personal.—Hanner which stand near the city of Quito, and of Light. will exhibit it at the World's Fair.

A pension of \$20 a month has recently been granted to George W. Jones, of Dubuque, Iowa, who is eighty-eight years old. He was a drummer boy in the war of 1812 and also served in the tion for sin. Worse than that, we use it Mexican war.

By the middle of this month the famous Haymarket Theatre is to be sold in London. Grisi, Mario, Rubini, and Iamburini appeared together there. And there Jenny Lind and Christine Nilsson Sunday religion counts as virtue; and also won triumphs. This historic spot searching the Scriptures for a model of

The longest canal in the world is the one which extends from the frontier of China to St. Petersburg; it measures in all 4,472 miles. There is another canal running from Astrachan to St. Petersburg which is 1,434 miles long. Both of these were begun by Peter the Great.

The National Republican Convention at its meeting in Minneapolis, nominated the present incumbent Benjamin, Harrison as its candidate for president, and Mr. Whitelaw Reid, of New York for vice-president. The former was nomby acclamation.

A large electric locomotive is now being built at Baden, Switzerland. It will be fitted with dynamos of a total of 1,500 horse-power, which power will be transmitted to eight electric motors arranged on the same number of axles. It is said this locomotive will attain a higher speed than steam locomotives. Trial of its capabilities will be made this summer.

complish its own purpose—to save on the earth. souls. Accordingly he has insisted that the Catholic clergy of France shall accept the Republic. He is determined that the Bonapartists and the Legitimists shall not use religion as a cloak under which to conspire against the powers that be.—Catholic Review.

The latest kink in the society way is the "hypnotic social," which has been going about for the past three weeks. A company of friends is invited and an amateur hypnotist is brought in, who awakening thought, although meeting proceeds to divert the select audience by experiments with various persous of the company. There are three or four of these amateurs who are picking up a few dollars through these little exhibitions. One of them, a clerk in the Model, is said to be developing in such a marvelous way that his friends are endeavoring to persuade him that he could make a fortune as a full-fledged professional.—Indianapolis Journal.

The recent disastrous fire and flood that swept over the oil region of Pennsylvania recalls vividly the prediction made by William Stoner, a colored preacher of Anderson, Ind., who one month ago went into a trance on the street corner in this city and foretold with great vigor the destruction of the cities in the oil regions of l'ennsylvania by fire and water. Everybody thought earnestness with which he talked about the affair impressed everyone who heard. The poor fellow was locked up for inday night, then the prophetic words of hold up to heaven that fairest of all her the old darkey were recalled. There are some people in town who are now wondering whether Stoner is crazy or gifted with prophetic instinct. One thing certain, his prophesy has been fulfilled with the more that they gather, the more will remarkable accuracy.

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How many people there are who has themselves about the ego. They knowledge of the ego. They pan through life thoughtlessly, and while up can not say any ill of them, we can ther say much good of them. Such p denly they are confronted with a picture of self. They see that man must reentirely on his own powers and exerting for salvation. It is a reflection of the inner man brought to their exterior. tice.-Dr. Hahnemann in Mullaghing

In point of fact, the modern popular publication could not well go forward to its career of development without timely revisal of the hitherto loose rela tions of subscribers and publishers, and a broader and better understanding them for the advantage of both. It becoming a matter of similar interestand moment to that of rent. The principle of co-operation is as visible in it is in any of the other great popularia. terests to which it is sought to be plied. That unmistakably means an flux and increase of power for the mod ern journal; an elevation and expansion of its aims; its larger liberality and deeper positiveness; a wider educations force: the steady discarding of needles trivialities; higher and lower aims; and

"Richard Vantyle," said the judge to he criminal, "you have broken the laws. for stealing is a serious crime, but a you have never broken the Sabbath, I shall remit the punishment." That read, like a jest, but it is deeply earnest, for Sabbath worship has become an expia as a soothing syrup for conscience, and make it a substitute for duty. We ridi cule the theory of papal indulgences, but practice a similar doctrine by granting pardon to ourselves as a reward for keeping holy the Sabbath day. The easy conduct, we take the Pharisee. Congress in the middle of a spendthrift carnival, calls a halt for prayers, and as an expiation for a thousand political sins, piously resolves that the World's Fair must not be open on Sunday .- Open Court.

Written for The Better Way. A QUESTION.

Unusual phenomena always arrest attention. All classes in every stage of mental development are attracted by such phenomena and examine then each in his own way.

Modern Spiritualism presents unusual phenomena, many of which are apinated on the first ballot and the latter parently in direct contradiction to established facts of science. Some view them with the awe that Capt. Smith's Indians did the eclipse of the moon, and exclaim: "A God!" Others with the jealous fear which the Pharisees saw the works of Jesus, and exclaimed: "A devil!" Some witness the phenomena with only increasing hunger for its return. Others, as Agassiz would a strange beetle, seek to arrange and classify them under some very learned name among nature's countless operations. Some be-The Pope has determined that the hold in them "a new dispensation," Church shall have no entangling allian- which implies a dispenser, while all too ces. It is not to be identified with any few earnestly use them as a means to form of government, with any race, or the attainment of a higher spirituality with any customs. It is to be free to and the evolution of a diviner humanity

Meanwhile, the spirits themselves patiently labor on, assured that each observer will derive that aliment suited to the growth of his individual nature, even as each plant in Flora's wide domain derives from the materials and forces of nature that which supplies its particular needs. We hear no scolding, threatening, fault-finding, nor condemning from the spirits touching the various uses to which the phenomena they produced are put, but, like nature herself, they patiently, steadily hold their onward, upward, beneficent way. Would it not be well for all of us, especially those who have taken the sacred name of Spiritualist, to emulate them, and instead of constantly criticising and hurling the missiles of warfare at the various individuals and organizations of our common humanity, seek constantly, earnestly, and with all our might to gain from this loving and wise ministry with which the spirit world has favored ou: time, the highest growth of which we are each individually capable; and this to the end that we may be the better qualified as co-workers with our wise helpers from on high?

As the exhibition of one sound, bright, and beautiful specimen of a new fruit will introduce its seed more rapidly and more widely than a thousand learned disquisitions as to its merits and demerits and to the proper method of its propagation, so will each sound head and good life which has grown from the seed sown by the angels bring an earlier and more abundant harvest over all the earth. The prophetic time approaches our good mother earth shall joyously possible fruits, namely: a Divine Brotherhood of Humanity, where each is helping all and all are helping each in reaping that glad harvest from which spring from their sowing.

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As the subscriptions did not come in very rapidly at the commencement of the season the p-an of charging an admission at the door was suggested, and the directors held a meet sag for the purpose of carefully discussing the matter and see if some way could not be devised wherehy the amortings could be con-tinued free From remarks made by different members of the board, it was evidently their saan mius deure to continue free meetings, at 10.15. save at such times when phenomena would be presented, then an entrance fee should be charged. The relicating plan was suggested and adepted That the charman of the meeting present the matter to the audience from the placform and call for volunteer subscriptions; also informing the people that it was the desers of the board of government to continue the system of free meetings if they would give their support.

This call was made Bacember with the con and they decided that the meetings should be

In March a committee of three was appointed with full power to arrange for the celebration of the forty-fourth againersary of Modern Spiritand same. This committee, being determined to celebrate the anniversary in a way that should dahanar to the Bastan Aptritual Temple, worked naturingly to secure the best available talent. and present a first-class program.

Each of the three sessions held in Odd Fellows Hall had large and appreciative andiences, and the munimous verdict of all was that this anniversary had been an unqualified success, which was, of course, gratitying to

those having the matter in charge. The meetings of the board of directors the past year have been well attended, harmonious. and oil matters of interest to the society have been carefully discussed and promptly dealt

During the eight months we have held meetings in Berkeley Hall on thirty-five Sundays with a good average attendance, and no decreate from the previous season-many new faces have been noticed in the audiences from time to time, and many new names added to our roll of memberskip.

During the opening month Mrs. R. S. Lillie eccapied the platform. Her work as a speaker and medium and the place she holds in the hearts of Boston Spirumalists is too well known, and calls for no further comment. In December, through the kindness of Mrs. Lillie. Willard J. Hall made his first bow before a Boston audience from the platform of this society though comparatively young in the lectare field we found him a willing and unselfish were privileged to hear his able discourses.

Highly interesting addresses have also been given during the season by other well-known speakers, such as Mrs. Ada Foye, Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, Mrs. M. T. Longley, Nellie T. Brigham, Jennie Hagan-Jackson, Dr. F. L. H. Will lis, Hon. Sidney Dean, and J. Frank Baxter, all too well known to require any words of introdaction at this time.

For test mediums we have had Mrs. Ada Foye, Edgar W. Emerson, Joseph D. Stiles Frank Baxter, and Carrie E. S. Twing.

Mrs. Foye and Joseph D. Stiles each tendered the society a benefit seance, and their kindness and generosity were warmly appreciated by the board of directors.

Through the hospitality of Mr. Boyce and Mrs. Pope the society was privileged to tender a pleasant reception to Dr. Willis, Willard J. Hall, and Jennie Hagan-Jackson.

The music for the Sunday meetings has been mostly contributed by J. T. Lillie, with piano accompaniments by W. H. Boyce. The cornet playing with which we have been favored at interrals by Mr. Boyce during the season has been thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated, and proved a valuable acquisition to our musical service. On May 22d and 29th, owing to illness Mr. Lillie was unable to be present, and Miss Amanda Bailey rendered the society good and

efficient service. An innovation of the past year has been the organization of a ladies' society as an auxiliaty to the Boston Spiritual Temple, known as the Helping Hand. The object of this society is to aid financially the directors of the Boston Spiritual Temple in sustaining its religious meetings. The ladles have been untiring in their labors, and the work done by our young society has been a signal success. Everything has been so skillfully carried out that those who have attended and enjoyed these meetings did not realize the amount of work, care and anxiety that had to be born by a few energetic ladies, but the results of their labors were gratifying, and surprising to those who listened to the annual report of the secretary, which clearly and minutely detailed the work of this society from the day of its organization to the closing meeting, showing that while the society started in October in bankruptcy, and with a membership of only eight, it closed its season with seventy-five members and \$177.52 in its treasury, \$127.52 of which would be paid to the treasurer of the Boston Spiritual Temple, scyear we expect greater and better results from this Helping Hand, as they will open in the

board of bright and competent officers. Much credit and praise is due our worthy vice-president, A. L. Knight, for the able and serves in the community.

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> Boston Correspondent at North Collins, N. Y.

formance of their duties. Meeting adjourned

L. C. CLAPP, Sec y.

According to expectations, we left our home at this point on Thursday, June ed, leaving the Fitchburg railroad station at Jp. m. We soon found ourselves enveloped by dark clouds which soon emptied their contents in a heavy rainfall, which had not ceased when we arrived in Baffalo, N. V., at va. m. We arrived in North Collins in time for the regular June meeting, Mence of the people in our board of directors under anything but promising circumstances. was manifested by the liberal subscriptions. The meeting opened Saturday morning with a gree. The sum total pledged at that time was conference, and of course a small attendance. over it m, which greatly encouraged the officers, In the afternoon my april friends addressed a small congregation of earnest souls. When voicing their disappointment at the weather, as some of them did. Brother George Taylor, who always appears the philosopher, said. Friends. there are so many disastrous events transpiring all around us, that I feel we ought to be thankful that we are as well off as we are. None of us knew at that time how much his words meant. But on that Saturday night, when listening to the storm, we little dreamed that only a little way off the elements of water and are were conspiring for the destruction of human life, as they did in Oil City and Titusville. Pa., where with swollen streams bursting their bonds, sweeping away property, houses and lives. And as though this was not enough lightning struck one of those monster tanks of benziue, igniting the flow and enveloping all within its reach in a sheet of lurid fire. Reliable reports of June; th say the loss of life in Oil City could not be less than one hundred. The scenes of horror were said by spectators to beggar description. In some cases whole families were swept away, and which would seem almost better than divided families and broken

hearts. How strange the riddle of life must seem to those who believe in a being possessing power to avert such evils and yet not do it.

As to notes from North Collins meeting, I presume you will receive reports from your excellent correspondent Emma Train. On Sunday we had part of a day of sunshine and a better audience than we even expected, some driving over several miles of bad roads to reach the grove. In the morning we were addressed by George Taylor, who always gives excellent thoughts that appeal to the higher nature and worker for the cause. His lectures were all its development. Preceding this were literary thoroughly practical and instructive, and exercises by the Lyceum children, conducted elicited words of approbation from all who by Mrs. Train, which were of an interesting character. In the afternoon a conference at 2, followed by a discourse by my spirit friends, who also gave poetical improvisations. After this the meeting closed, to convene the first Sunday in September. After a night's rest, we started on our way for Lily Dale, where we shall make a home until the first of October. Of Cassadaga Camp and its June session, news will be given at another time.

R. SHEPARD LILLIE. Lake Sunapee Spiritualists Camp-

meeting. The meeting held annually upon the borders of Lake Sunapee in the town of Newbury, N. H., will hold its opening service Sunday, July

31st, and close Sunday, August 28th. The meeting this season bids fair to be one of unusual interest. The speakers and test mediums engaged are among the best of our platform workers. Much other good talent has been secured for the entertainments and other occasions, some of the best test and materializing mediums are expected on the grounds dur-

ing the meeting; also mediums for other phases of spiritual phenomena. Sunapee can not be excelled as an attractive camping place; the beauty of its scenery, and healthfulness of its climate can not be surpassed, while the lake, more beautiful than a poet's dream, furnishes recreation for idle hours in rides over the clear waters on the steamers or some of the many other crafts that daily make the round of the lake, or rocking in the little boats upon the fishing-ground, draw to the surface the finny treasures that find a

The meeting this season is under the management of Mr. Eben Cobb, of Boston, which is sufficient guarantee that it will be ably and tion. successfully conducted. The Forest House has been improved, an I will be kept by Mr. Blodgett, of Worcester, who will endeavor to give satisfaction to all who visit the camp. Terms for board quite reasonable.

home within its bosom.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit Lake Sunapee Spiritualist Campmeeting the coming season, and enjoy a feast of good things, both spiritual and material.

JANE D. CHURCHILL, Sec'y. Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Faunie Hall, the genial secretary of the Spiritual Association of this city, writes, that though just having received a heavy bomb bardment from the side of the local Church cording to the by-laws of the society. Next they are still in the field with Brother A. C. Ladd at the head, giving strength and encouragement in the hour of need. The president of the association, Mr. Cain, is also firm and unreleating in his demands for right and recognition, and with a little aid from the members expects to gain for Spiritualism the place it deSpringfield, Mo.

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afficers when I say that we all suscerely regret, day pass the nity-tourth unlestone of your learly phases of the phenomena, and the public that the time has come when according to our fourney on this mandane plane or life and we A year needs line in anticipation by laws your connection with the activity as desired to commemorate the event by some successfully run the gauntlets of popular by a year needs ling in anticipation in president must be severed. We realise how little expressions of the high regard and universal distributions to the high regard and the high reg when passed how quickly bather Time much care and attention you have given to sincere fraterial affection in which we hold press and Church combined, until its adherents to have garnered his sheares. The the daties incumbent upin your office. The you. You have been among us but a short a nad to be applied with a steady hand the trying legal complications of the society have time yet, within this brief period you have but the grain has ripesed to remard been mer by you in a firm and decisive man gained not only our respect and affection, but large the speaker showed that Spiritualism is the time labor and thought devoted to mer. At our time during the past winter your also our considence. And this considence you aren't and the harvest of the Boston ager. Strends and associates looked anatomsly for the manner and kindness of speech, but through and the medium of that more interior and altent attion and the too ready acceptance of We and matters of parely personal and les when it came the cloud which hovered over us language which carries conviction of the facts became tinged with hope, and our hearts to which your more external selfnood testines. wish you many bright and happy years, and truth that you have uttered in the few discourses that it has been our pleasure and privilege to listen to thus far, that mans of the years that now the in past of your unstrial life. officers were elected. First vice-president, after truth, and truth only, and that much patient toil was given in exhaming from beneath the debris of dead issues and strife in the history of individual and national events. the facts that now constitute the basic princi ples or platform upon which you stand as a teacher of truth and reform.

"You have gathered such fruits, therefore from the tree of mortal experiences as could nourish your spirit, and by your devotion to humanitarian good, have laid up treasures within your own immortal selfhood which are yours by reason of toil and dauntless effort, and which you will take with you to the beau tiful beyond. Hence we realize fully that your past life was profitably spent, and that your spirit is already richly laden with the sheaves of gathered grain from the great field of thought and action that you have so taithfully toiled in these offy-four years, and we trust that you will find in the final summing up of your mor tal events, that whatever of shadows you may have had, and doubtless they were many and varied, will prove to have been as essential as the light in the ripening processes of your immortal faculties.

"Thus may you feel to rejoice in the wisdom that has been guiding you thus far, and may you continue your effort in behalf of human progress and well-being, not only for the limited chapter of mortal life, but through out all ages in the realm of life beyond the limitations of the physical senses. We trust, however, that you may continue with us on this plane of existence yet many years, and that you may have many returns of this anniversary day of your birth into this sphere of

"And now, in behalf of the friends assembled here, allow me to present to you this taken of their respect and affection for you."

Here the drapery was removed that had concealed a fine crayon likeness or the doctor. It was evident from the doctor's manner and the touching language of his reply that the surprise was complete. He said it reminded him of the olden times when he was pastor in the church-how the members of his congregation had honored him with expressions of this kind.

The doctor's reply was followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. M. T. Allen, after which several short speeches were made by different ones, including Mr. C. E. Boyden, Dr. E. Hovey, Prof. Black, and Mr. F. J. Underwood.

The friends were then given a short intermission, during which refreshments were served and general congratulations were extended the docter. On being called to order a spiritual seance followed, conducted by Mrs. M. T. Allen. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable occasions of the Springfield, Mo., Spiritual Association. L. M. WILLIAMS.

Cassadaga Camp.

The annual picnic of this remowned camp is now in session.

Floods, fires, and disasters of various character have touched the neighboring vicicities, but the people have come up, as it were, from the valley of affiliction and slough of despond into the light of the new dispensation which gives hope, knowledge, happiness,love to every soul that accepts it.

The numbers in attendance have been nearly the same as last year.

The auditorium is enlarged and improved and not being quite completed, the meeting of the 10th inst. was held in Library Hall

Chairman H. D. Barrett opened the session with earnest and kindly words of greeting. He spoke of the varied experiences and their lessons which had come to each individual during the past year. He felt that we had taken a step upward in the highway of progress and that we were entering upon the work of the season with renewed energy and vigilance, and believed that we should have a successful and profitable year in the interests of truth and the growth of the higher attributes of soul.

Mrs. H. T. Stearns offered a touching and earnest invocation.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie gave the discourse of the af ternoon, voicing words of greeting from both sides of life, and assuring us that these gather ings at the different campmeetings were doing an amount of good which was impossible for us to estimate until we pass to the other side of life and could measure it in God's balance, or, ton, Kv., Tuesday, June 21, 1892, at 2 o'clock in other words, estimate it in the light of that Higher Wisdom which compasses all things, provision for the large indebtedness of the cor-She spoke of this camp as being one of the strongest and most powerful for good of any in the land, and that it was because we had taken hold spiritually and had worked diligently and unceasingly in the interest of truth and spiritual unfoldment in every direc

Much was said in a philosophical way of the events of the times and the processes of nature in her seemingly unmerciful manifestations; but which were shown to be educational, purifying, and cleansing, when viewed in the light

of the spirit. Saturday's conference convened in the audi torium, and short, earnest speeches were made by a number of persons. More anon.

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Columbus, O. E. L. Beard, secretary "Church of Spiritualists," writes that Mr. C. C. Pomeroy gave an unusually bright lecture on Sunday evening. the 5th inst., touching on a hundred sunny pages in history that testify to the life beyond

Mrs. S. Seery, of Dayton, has also been in the city giving phenomenal facts that substantiate history and philosophy anent the souls immortality. She is also expected to be there during this week.

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Mr. Baster gave his usual seauce, when sev eral of the departed manifested, giving suf acient evidence to be identified, and Mesara, ligater and Sullivan closes the exercises by singing "Only a Step." This was the last meet PENTUCKET.

Lockport, N. Y.

I desire to report the growth of our grand philosophy in this place. The general public are becoming more interested than ever, and for weeks the hall on Sunday nights has been overcrowded with some standing on the stair way, unable to gain admittance. The anows of winter or the rains of spring have not seemed to decrease the attendance, so greatly interest ing and instructive are the lectures of our speaker, Mrs. Anna L. Robinson. The pleas ant feeling existing between the spiritual so ciety here and Mrs. Robinson was in part de monstrated the first Sunday in June, when, just before the evening lecture Mrs. E. A. Doty, in behalf of the United Progressive Club, pre sented Mrs. Robinson with one dozen silver spoons in a handsome silver holder, accompanying the presentation with a few wellchosen remarks. Mrs. Robinson responded to the token of friendship, but her surprise was so complete, that for a few moments she was unable to fine utterance to her thanks. "Alice," her spirit control, came to the rescue, and as Alice is never in want of words to express her feelings, her response was touchingly ap-T. RYAN, Sec'y.

St. Paul. Minn. Mrs. E. Braun, the lecturer, has been serving the Spiritualists of St. Paul during the last winter and spring. She is a new mediumworker in the cause, and commenced her labore last fall by assisting to organize the Progres sive Society, she being elected the vice-president. She continued her acceptable labors with us until January last, having been developed very rapidly in the meantime as an inspirational speaker and trance test-medium. The guides gave their first public lecture through her in January, requesting her to secure a hall and many requesting under the name of the Independent Psychical Society, and they would insure success. She followed their discounting age, sex, etc., in your own handwriting. Address all letters to rections and her success has been phenomenal. Shebas lectured and given tests to increasing audiences every Sunday since, and with two test and developing circles each week. Her work is very satisfactory, and she has a large following. She intends visiting the Onset Bay campmeeting, and will lecture at different points along the way. Any society desiring to make arrangements with her can do so by addressing her at St. Paul, Minn., No. 22214 W

Topeka, Kan.

On the first Sunday in May, two ladies of this city, Mrs. Lillian L. Wood and Mrs. Emma E. Harmon, advertised that they would hold services Sunday evenings in Lincoln Post Hall. They alternated, one lecturing one evening, followed by psychometric readings by the other: the next evening the other would lecture followed by psychometric readings by her colleague. There is no society connected with it : they simply hired the hall on their own responsibility, paying for it, admittance being free, and a collection taken up to pay expenses. They have had the largest audiences for the last six weeks that have ever gathered in this city for that length of time, running from one hundred to two hundred, according to the weather. Their meetings have been very interesting, both being good speakers. They are both residents of Topeka and have been for a good many years. This is a new movement and one which perhaps may be followed by others in their place. They will continue until hot weather commences, when they will attend campmeetings. Whether they will resume in the fall and winter, I do not know.

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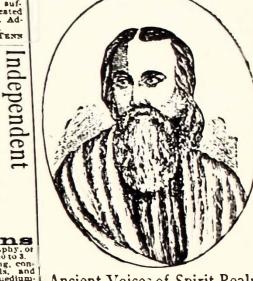
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### EXPERIMENT WITH CLOSED EYES.

On one occasion last December [writes a correspondent] —, Mr.—, and myself made some experiments in table-tilting, &c., and elicited an account - completely false of an accident which had occurred to an undergraduate at "the Meadows." Next day, when Mr.—and I were trying "Chrao," we asked the whereabouts of the "coutrol," and closed our eyes firmly while the answer was being spelt out by the movement of the in-strument. As it stopped at letter after letter Mr. twirled the chart round, so that even guesswork as to the place of particular letters would have been worth nothing: we were somewhat surprised to find that we had been answered "the Meadows." The answer was quite wrong, but the interesting point is, "How was it possible for our subliminal consciousness, or whatever part of us was at work, to direct 'Chrao' when our eyes were fast shut?" The answer can hardly have been a coincidence, and Mr.-- and I have never yet obtained replies which invited the hypothesis of spirit-control.

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### PLANCHETTE.

The following case is a story which tells how a son was restored to his family by the help of a Planchette.

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Some eight or nine years ago, at our home in Gripp's Land, Viotoria, two of my sisters used to amuse themselves with a Planchette; my mother, however, regarded the whole thing as humbug, if not worse. One day the Planchette wrote a woman's name which none of us recognised; and this name it kept on repeating. My sisters declared that they did not know any one of that name, and the Planchette wrote, "Ask Jack Fleet." Jack Fleet was the carpenter who worked about the station, and on his being asked, he said he had an aunt of that name who died when he was very young, and whom he had never seen. Then the Planchette wrote, "Do you want to know anything about your relations?" Now, Jack had run away from home between twenty and thirty years before, and he said that there was not much use in asking about his mother,

as all her family died young. On this the Planchette wrote. "Your mother is still alive, and one of your sisters is married," and it gave the names of her children. The Planchette then gave an address in the Orkney Islands, which, it said, was where the mother was then living: Shortly after this, my mother went to Scotland, and, although she laughed at spiritualism, and would have nothing to do with the Planchette, still she had the curiosity to write to the address given by Planchette, directing her letter to Mrs. Fleet. To her great astonishment, an answer came from Mrs. Fleet to say that she was greatly delighted to hear that her son was still in the land of the living, as she had given him up long ago for dead. The information about the sister and her children was also found to be quite correct. The old lady corresponded for several years with her son, and left him her property when she died, and he soon after that, also dying, left it to a nephew, who, I believe, still retains it.

(Signed) A. M. HUNTER. June 26th, 1894.

Miss Ida C. Craddock contributes the following story of a warning through a Ouija board.

One evening in Philadelphia, at my mother's, a lady friend, Mrs. F., called. This lady's husband and son are both physicians, the son being in the army, while the husband was at that time in the south, making purchases of real estate. After awhile our visitor and my mother fell to talking of personal matters in which I felt little interest; but, not wishing to be so discourteous as to leave the room, I took up a Ouija board with which to amuse myself. Presently, to my surprise, ouijs spelled out: "Dr. F. is very ill." I read this message aloud to our visitor, and she laughed, and said there was nothing in it or she would have had some news. (I would here say that we always spoke of her husband as "Dr. F.," but of her son, whom we had known from boyhood, as "E." his given name.) At once Onija spelled out quickly, "He is ill in camp." Then we saw that the son, E., and not the husband was indicated. I rose, and, taking the board, sat down by Mrs. F., laying it on her lap, hoping that something more definite might be spelled out. We waited a moment or two, but, as Ouija did nothing, the ladies resumed their talk, I listening idly, but with my hand still on Ouija. I was crouching, in a somewhat doubled-up position, leaning over our friend's lap, when Ouija suddenly spelled out: "Do sit up straight." I read this message aloud as I straightened up, and we all laughed thereat, and agreed that Ouija could at least give good advice. Then Ouija, having for the moment concentrated our undivided attention upon itself, rapidly spelled out (as nearly as I can remember): "E. is ill in camp. He has pneumonia. Your boy is very ill."

Nevertheless, we none of us considered this as at all likely,

and put the whole affair aside with a laugh.

The following week, however, Mrs. F. called with a letter from E., written at that time, saying that he had gone deerhunting, and had inhaled so much cold air that he had caught cold on his lungs, and had been threatened with pneumonia the previous night. The letter was dated on either the evening of our friend's visit or on the evening after-I do not remember which.

This, it will be noticed, would seem to be something more than mere thought-transference, as the message seems to have been re-cast in the transmission, as though by another personality intervening. Whether that intervening personality was (1) his subjective consciousness, or (2) my subjective consciousness, or (3) a personality distinct from either

of us, is, of course, an open question.