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EDITORIAL.

AMERICA spends about \$1,250,000 a year to evangelize Hawaii, and receives about \$4,000,000 worth of trade in return.

RECENT observations by eminent phydisease germs.

solved the problem of competing with Americans the ocean carrying trade if they disturb his conscience. they want it. It will certainly disturb Great Britain's commercial greatness on the sea for some time to come.

A CONTRIBUTOR in "Carrier Dove" side issues drawing their support from the spiritual ranks, and airing their hobbies in our papers.

"REFINED barbarism" is what the "London Truth" terms the selling of their daughters to the highest bidders by society people of refined, civilized England, "all the same as in the open Eastern market" where marriageable girls are exchanged for merchandize, and to him who offers the most.

AVOIDANCE of the use of a bishop's ring by Bishop Phillips Brooks, leads lic Church and is honored as such on the "Chicago Times" to observe: "This November 27th. Dean Stanley stated is what the Episcopalians get for elect- once that Buddha was canonized as St. ing a broad churchman. It is difficult to Josaphet, the statement causing much see how the work of saving souls can discussion in England at the time. progress unless the bishop wears all the There was undoubtedly policy behind jewelry that goes with the part."

SENATOR QUAY has introduced a measure in the Senate looking to the absorption by the United States of a large section of Mexican territory. It is feared, arouse in Mexico all her half-centurythe measure be unfavorably received by Americans.

GEOGRAPHICAL investigations at Honhave moved further south, and at Berlin the fact that the axis of the earth is altering its direction; and the United is lacking. States is moving towards the tropics.

SEMI-OCCASIONALLY there arises an objection against the deific inscription on mentioned in this paper, has become a our silver dollar. The latest is made by reality. It is called The People's Palace the "Sunday Advertiser" which says: "Ignorant foreigners, too, may confound sists of five buildings, which open conthe 'In God we Trust' with the 'E Pluribus Unum' on the reverse and set us over an entire block. Though conducted down for a polytheistic people." In a under Church auspices, it is a manymetaphorical sense they would not be sided institution, adapted to all classes. far from wrong.

THE death harvest for the past year included a number of prominent mortals among whom were successively: Gen. F. E. Spinner, Emma Abbott, Secretary of Treasurer William Windom, Admiral D. D. Porter, Gen. W. T. Sherman, Senstor Wilson, P. T. Barnum, Count Von Moltke, Ex-Minister Taft, J. K. Emmett, James Russel Lowell, Don Piatt, W.J. Florence, Gov. Hovey, Land Bill Allen, Dom Pedro, and Senator Plumb.

THE recent verdict of a country coroner's jury that the deceased committed suicide "under the instigation of the devil," says "The Globe," an English paper, records a belief which is still prevalent in certain parts of England. There are even some "enlightened" clergyman in this country who exhibit an active belief in His Satanic Majesty. Do they not accredit all spiritual phenomena to the work of the "devil"?

THE most ancient sacred fire now existing in India was consecrated twelve the payments, and a storm of indignant of ly res, quiring. Madame Grundy from which the spirit, or cause of its centuries ago in commemoration of the protest is the consequence. Among the posi city is resupreme social authority, life-impetus, has flown.

THE editor of "The Christian Herald," Rev. T. De Witt Talmage, D. D., writes so-called "know-it-all," being character-

possesses."

IT IS a singular fact, of peculiar interest at this time, when so much attention is being attracted to Buddhism and its ethics by the lectures of the distinguished interpreter of the Eastern faith, Sir Edwin Arnold, that Buddha is canonized as a saint in the Roman Cathothis, which, however, came to naught, and thus its suppressions.

FEW of the Protestant churches in Maine, says the "Truth-Seeker," can hold their flocks without offering liberal feeds however, that this proposition will on all possible occasious, and even then the faithful complain of the scarcity of old prejudices toward us, even though oysters and criticise the cooking. All of have to be admitted that there is an inthe new churches have kitchens, and as winter approaches, the local newspapers have announcements of oyster suppers, bean suppers, antique suppers, New olula prove that the Sandwich Islands England suppers, coffee suppers, and pink and lemon teas.-Probably the lack that the latter city has moved further of spirituality in those churches has north than it had been previously marked created this desideratum; for a good on the map. It is believed to be due to supper is always preserable to dry orthodoxy, or where the genuine heart-food

THE resort for young men, or socalled dry saloon, in Jersey City, before is intended to offset the saloon; conveniently into one another and extend Its amusement-hall contains tenpin-al leys, billiard and pool-tables, and quite a number of other games, and prices for their use have been placed at one-half the amount charged by the saloons. It also has an athletic department, a library and reading-room, bath-room, swimming tank, etc. The whole arrangement is worthy of imitation.

CHINA, like some countries better known to us, writes Dr. Gracey in the 'Missionary Review," has a bad case of pension-bleeding. At the time of the Taiping rebellion the government enrolled an extra army consisting of some million of men. At the close of the war these men were pensioned. This generation of soldiers has passed away, but the pensioning goes on, for when a soldier died, a substitute was immediately found, who continued to draw the pension-money. All sorts of corruptions naturally crept in, and the system has become a curse to the empire. The present government has made an effort to root out the evil by cutting off

factor in brewing trouble.

"HARPER'S WEEKLY" considers the in his paper under the head of "Post recent actions of the two leading politi- the intellectual giants within its folds, terial demonstrations that occasionally those who only accept of external sen-Mortem Abuse" an article disclaiming all cal parties as illustrations of a false faith in the statements recently made political situation, arising from the fact Church involves the continuous life of this psychic activity, and come under the the external senses can not take cognisicians confirm the theory that animals, in regard to Lincoln being a Spiritual- that neither represents the chief public Churchianity. especially household pets, are carriers of ist, and considers it "the only kind of issues, and that neither of them can be slander that is safe." His whole argu- trusted as an agency to secure the honest ment is anything but dignified and reads government which is an object trans-The new whale-back steamers have like an inconsiderate assertion from a cending all questions of policy. In this situation the body of independent voters foreign freight vessels and restoring to istic of one who ignores facts because is necessarily very large. So long as the two parties retain their traditional hold. and Republicans and Democrats follow Among other anecdotes about Sir the party-machine, a great multitude of Edwin Arnold, is one giving his reply to voters will be necessarily unattached to the question of an acquaintance inquir- party, and party-action will be detering into the progress of the work of mined without regard to a weight of thinks it is time for Spiritualists to Christian missionaries in India. The character, experience, and intelligence draw the lines and ascertain who are with answer was, that it was making about which would be of the highest service to which man can consider, will move to the lowest-warrant these assertions. equal to the effect, and therefore there them and who ignore the basic truths the same impression "as if any one any party. It is idle to say that a citiof Spiritualism. He also objects to out- should attempt to perfume the ocean by zen is impotent who does not join a pouring cologne water into it." There party. If it be the duty of every citizen are 280,000,000 people in India, Mr. Ar- to join a party, which shall it be, considnold tells us, and "each Buddhist among ering that they both speak politely of them has an idea that no one can bring civil service reform and the administrahim any better religion that he already tion of both discredits it, and that both each collects and spends corruptly as much money as it can? It is a period when parties do not represent the actual division of political opinion, and standard; and is therefore a time of greater political independence than ever

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND.

Rev. H. Kendall in the "Primitive Methodist Quarterly Review" makes into a servant rather than a terrible ment but legal murder? What justifi- is the whole; instead of being the effect some pertinent remarks relative to spiritual phenomena. He first asks: "Suppose the ultimate verdict, not only of the earth sphere where they by nature idual has? If law is intended to regu- Omega, the Father, of whom suns and the Society for Psychical Research, but belong. of intelligent men generally, shall be that the strange sights seen and sounds heard, have an objective reality, how would the facts compare with statements of Scripture on the same subject?" In answer, he says, first, it will at the army which the angels have gathvisible sphere, peopled with intelligent army will have been recruited from their life, and that there are spiritual beings own folds. They will have to surrender, who are ordinarily unseen to us, but who have power to manifest themselves to practice," the Bible, for that book teachliving men, and from time to time do es Spiritualism, and Spiritualism can not this. And if the judgment finally pronounced shall be affirmative, it will have been scientifically demonstrated that has converted thousands to Spiritualism, should be none-especially under the adage, "live and let live." Neither our there is a spirit in man capable of sepaindependent of it, and that this spirit, which is the real man, does actually survive the body's dissolution with augmented powers. Second, the power of foreseeing future events is one that psychical research shows to be frequently two is to be a harvesting year for the anmay serve to show the significance of it in reference to some of the most important aspects of religion. For it is the law which affirms the possibility of one mind influencing another, irrespective of distance, and apart from sensory or gans. Christian experience has its own evidence of the reality of these higher influences, independent of scientific discoveries. But the law of telepathy, so far as it goes, harmonizes with the transcendental teachings of religion, and removes the objection that there is nothing in ordinary experience to support the idea that mind can touch mind, and spirit answer to spirit, without any physical means of communication between them. It is shown that they can and do influence one another without this medium in common life, and a presump-

THE STATUS OF SPIRITUALISM. While skeptics are scoffing, secular

tion arises that they will do the same in

the spiritual life and in religious ex-

perience.

THE BETTER WAY. emigrated from Persia to India. The the members of the Kolao Hui, a pow- kenly continuing its mission of love and sured by the law of the land, let alone atom man could compass the sight of fire is fed five times every twenty-four erful society of soldiers (who, at their enlightenment. Never since the rap imprisoned. But the law itself must the Being that must fill the universe in hours with sandal wood and other fra- evening sessions, use a planchette for startled the world of thought and inves- not be a disgrace to civilization, as it is his bitality is too absurd to argue upon. grant materials combined with very dry their entertainment, and probably for tigation has Spiritualism had such a fol- in many respects to-day. When the peo- That which we may venture to predicate, fuel. This fire, in the village of Ood- their guidance in these matters). Other lowing as it has to-day. Never has it ple manifest a desire to become the law by was of argument for Desfic existence, F. MELCHERS - - - EDITOR wada, near Bulsar, is visited by the Par- great secret societies also contain the been so deeply entrenched in human themselves, the law gives evidence of such as none can contradict, is as folsees in large numbers during the months | germs of conspiracy, and the whole hearts. Never was its philosophy, so being corrupt, for law is a living princi- lows. allotted to the presiding genius of fire. system of secret societies is a potent cial, moral, and eternal, so earnestly ple and seeks its center of gravity where it. "All men, from the lowest savage studied. Never has it known such in- the least discord is manifested. A change to the highest civilian are born on earth tellectual wrangling, and never has the is in process now, a mental revolution with a natural and original belief in a creedal Church witnessed a like battle of is in active operation, and the little ma- Supreme Being, the exceptions being The present internal conflicts of the crop out, are but perverted effects of suous perception, and bence deny what

The psychic forces wielded by excar- -- the most justifiable form of law we writing of God in the primeval as well nate spirits, seem to be a match for all have, and in which the most true wis- as the civilized man we can not deny the forces arrayed against them and the dom is displayed from the fact that it that such a belief is an original primal philosophy and phenomena of Spiritual- deals more directly with the people, truth, as much a truth as love, hate, ism. They are carrying the sword of knows their needs and heartaches, and pleasure, pain, or any of the natural truth in the field of the world aggres- in consequence deals out the most jus- emotions. sively. Spiritualism is not now on the tice. The farther that law-makers are 2. "All nature within the planet-as defensive. It had to defend at the first, removed from the people, the more within the known universe-speaks of but that day and its work have passed. transcendental they become in enacting design, law, order, purpose, and intelli-Its opponents can now proceed, each statutes; i. e., the more unpractical, un- gence. We acknowledge all these charwith his own methods, or in combina- wise, and unjust the laws become. And acteristics when exhibited in man, yet ion, and still the enlightenment of the the murmurings of discontent against man is only an effect springing from world, on the most important question all legislative bodies—from the highest some primal cause. That cause must be steadily on, while

"Error, wounded, writhes in pain,

And dies amid its worshippers. The Churches, with their creeds, are

istry in earth, they will stand appalled be eliminated from it, without destroying it and its moral force in teaching. It and it will yet convert millions. Only ration from the body and of existence get the priestly, creedal hands off it, and justice and human freedom; let us ex- of causation, nor our zeal in its propagalet the intelligent minds of this and the emplify it, and not be compelled to quote tion or defense will constitute us an uncoming age interpret, each for himself, and the victory is won for the angels.

The world of life and spirituality moves. Eighteen hundred and ninetyexercised, both by persons still living gel reapers. Many a pilgrim of earth in the body and by departed spirits. And will shout the "harvest home" under third, the proof of telepathy is pretty their tuition and leadership, before the addressed a note to the paper stating satisfactory, and a moment's reflection year closes, while those who remain will constitute a vast and increasing army.

LEGAL CRIME.

Said Seneca, the Pagan philosopher What is disgrace to one who stands above the opinion of the multitude? What was even a death of disgrace to Socrates, who by entering a prison made it cease to be disgraceful?"

May the same not be asked of many who to-day are imprisoned for no other crime than what is made so by law? Reason intuitively applied judges from a higher standpoint and endeavors to bring the acts of man into accord with the laws of nature-with divine justice, as it were-with wisdom unadulterated by human selfishness or conceit. Laws that are enacted for classes or sects are not just laws, and injustice can not emanate from minds unbiased or unperverted by speculative desire or consideration.

Socialism, communism, anarchism, ni hilism are effects of unjust legislationantipodes of autocracy, imperialism, misand religious newspapers jeering and rule and corruption ingovermental affairs. traducing, the creedal pulpits denounc- Let the latter cease, and the aforenamed ing, scientists investigating, occupants effects will disintegrate as a body does

voyage made by the Parsees when they most violent objectors to the reform are the an ilenced is quietly and unbro- Let it be a disgrace to be even cen-

form; associations for spiritual and re- Ged.

now on the defensive. They are waging for something higher are indications er of the pyramids of Egypt, the ancient intestine wars. Spiritualism has shed that corruption is rampant. They are temples of India, Greece, Rome, or the its light of truth on brain and creed instinctive impulses of the purer souls antique world generally, we know they denounce political corruption, while alike, and instead of a combined attack for self-protection-intuitively guarding were men; and forty-three years ago we upon Spiritualism-the cause of their against the evil influences which such a found and proved that those men-and internal turmoil and bitterness, they are state of affairs generate. Read the daily all men that are, or ever were-were battling with each other over the creeds, record of punishments for so-called deathless spirits, consequently the men his is in harmony with the laws of crimes the world over. They exceed by that have re-created the earth are spirits. when both parties degrade the political progress and we have no tears to shed, far those of actual crimes; and are the Then by this do we know that the archi-Not a tear. The world will become more greater because they are intellectual tect of the universe, the engineer of the liberal, man more free, truth more read- crimes-legal crimes. What is punish- firmaments, the painter of the many colily and clearly perceived, life better ment for laboring on Sunday but legal ored blossoms, the sculptor of the plancomprehended, law acknowledged as crime? What is unjust taxation but le- ets, the light and heat of the suns, is universal and unchanging, death turned gal robbery? What is capital punish. spirit; only instead of being an atom be creedal monster, and sheol, with its "fire cation has a State for committing crimes he is the cause-God the spirit therefore and brimstone" relegated, as matter, to against nature any more than the indivision on mystery. He is the Alpha, the late the individual why does it not regu- systems are the work, men and living be-When our brethren of the Churches late itself first? Bring itself into har ings the children. cease their internal wranglings and get mony with psychic law as the individual ready to renew their aggressive warfare, is expected to do? If encroachment must be." upon the angel world and an angel min- upon the rights of one individual by another is selfish and in discord with nature, encroachment upon the rights of the finite and limited mind can not concriminal. We are not anarchists, but finitely, any more than it can grasp analyzers of law and thus see its in- boundless space, we judge that all at-"their only sufficient rule of faith and consistencies, and would importune law- tempts to define the undefinable and to makers to do likewise in order to destroy the cause that generates anarchy. England and America may be accredited should be "think and let think," as a

PRIMAL CAUSATION.

to the American people.

A correspondent of "Two Worlds," an ably conducted English contemporary of which Emma Hardinge Britten is editor. one fact and asking several questions. The fact is thus given: "I went to hear Mrs. --- at the Psychological Hall on a recent Sunday evening, and on account of her being taken ill, she charged God with not being good, and not knowing anything about her, otherwise He would not have allowed her to be in that state. Likewise she never prayed to God to help her, because she said she had never seen Him. She then told the audience they also had never seen Him, which caused many persons to rise up and leave the room. Now I agree with Mrs. as to no one ever having seen God, but she differs from other speakers, who teach that there is a God who is allpowerful and good. Which am I to be-

To which statement and enquiry the editor of "Two Worlds" replies as fol-

"We should strongly advise our questioner to use his own judgment in all er of perception, and not put faith in anyone's 'say so,' unless it commends itself to his reason.

"Although Swedenborg affirms in his central spiritual sun, the idea that the will be heard no more in the land.

natural supervision of police regulations zance of. When we find this universal

Furthermore, the formation of temper- must be a grand man-an all intelligent ance unions; of societies for moral re- being-a first great cause-and that is

ligious culture; and the general desire 3. "Though we do not see the build-

"I am, oh God! and therefore Thou

The different theories of primal causation have each their advocates, but as reason upon the incomprehensible, are simply a waste of mental force. The rule with the least of this evil, but there spiritual counterpart of the old material stars and stripes. We boast of human honesty in entertaining any mere theory Seneca or Cicero as a note of warning questioned authority touching the subject, and it would be egotistical in us so to suppose. The very limitations of the universal finite mind should lead to a universal charity. We may not accept of others mental processes, because they conflict with our own, but we can love and respect the persons differing with us, and thus establish our own right to free thinking and the entertainment and enjoyment of our own conclusions, by conceding in our own hearts the same rights to all others.

> This we understand to be the position taken by all intelligent Spiritualists. It is because the Nazarene philosophy makes love-which is the true basis of our modern definition of charity-the keystone of its arch, that it has taken such a hold upon enlightened society. As Spiritualism conserves and retains all the good in the universe of mind and soul, both love and charity are its distinguishing features. "Think and let think," "live and let live," destroys egoist assumption, and gives the living of earth their nutural, spirit-born rights against the dogmatic demands of the creedal dead. It is a soul freedom which maketh the individual possessing and practicing it "free indeed."

When pugnacious dogmatists, whether creedalists or Spiritualists, enthrone matters beyond human or spiritual pow- charity over their natures, and become filled with a love for the whole rare which elevates each individual to an equal right of thinking, and an equal enjoyment in the conclusions of his thinkworks that his guardian angels assured ing and reasoning, the crack of the him God was to be seen, as the grand tongue-whip of the assuming master SHAKESPEARE WAS A MEDIUM.

After Shakespeare became celebrated i le not strange that inferior plays were written in his name to give them currency, for were not sacred scrolls written in the name of some of the fathers of the Church for the same purpose? And then it is well known that mediums and their controls are not at all times in the same condition to produce equal or superior works. As to the different spellings of the name in Shakespeare's time. it is a very poor straw to hang a bad cise on. Different authors do not always spell the name alike now. And and some do now, and even some of the ling is good in law. That other works postre's time is not strange at all, for the men "over there" did not die if he did. as well as now, but more equally competent, or with whom they could so well writing some years before he passed Could there be any "commotion" over a matter that no one on earth knew anyspirits were running this thing in their own way, as they have done in thousands of instances where many have been called "geniuses," or "original" or "excentric," etc., not once thinking of the power or intelligence back of them, the subject himself being equally ignorant of the source, he and his friends calling it all his own, as in the case of a common worker-one spiritually blind.

I am not now noticing those that were called witches or wizzards, or the evil influences that too often prevailed, or the inspiration of the last 1,900 years. In ing it. ancient times it was confined more to a angels are finding a much greater field of usefulness on earth.

they do in religious circles and as our leader, has kindly asked us to do. I will make a long story as short as I can.

a company of humble persons and a lit- more natural than that he should seek medium. The whole circle did not impress me favorably, though they were good people so far as I knew. Among lecture on Spiritualism. Other master of Spiritualism I have never found anythe first messages was one to me from a the State (Ohio). All the company were not afraid of Mrs. Grundy now, nor all have afterwards been fully verified. total strangers to me and my kindred. the Church, nor of cross-eyed Spiritual-The message was truthful and just like ists. her, but as I was just out of college and back of me and all my foolish pride and thing of what the Greek spirit world has ignorance all over me, I thought cer- done to give us some of the best literthrough such a channel and in that com- now enjoying. Those master spirits are pany. I thought too, like many others, very progressive. The apostle said "the that the whole thing could be explained in some way as coming wholly from the now on the other side as it was on this. circle, and the claim of spirit presence The Church seeks power, and it stands would be exploded before long without still on both sides waiting for their Jesus. troubling myself about it. I was then Here comes the conflict we have witnearly as high-toned as my friend St. Albans is now, who thinks, as I did then, that "divine truths" did not come to man through "idiots." Years passed, and in another State I went into business as a lawyer. Though noticing from time to time some things that crept into the papers and seeing a few of the "race." I would not risk the "respectability" of all my college and Church and professional standing, nor Mrs. Grundy to investigate the matter any further. After into my mind from time to time differespecially different from all the dogmas be the work of the devil to lead me astray. Still, the thoughts would come, at first unwelcome, and I wondered and wondered what it could all mean and in the case of Bruno and Servetus. dared not say anything to my Church friends for fear of disturbing them and thoughts and feelings slipped away from me, and in their place came a wonderful illumination of my mind on all subjects. especially the religions. I was happy think it had any connection with Spiritorder of things. About this time Dr. to my town (then Galesburg, Ill.), and I

ion. It claimed to be a friend of mine, the coming glory of all, and the doctor held a large, clean slate | Pope Pius the IX, saw the Church said he had a message for me, and the very vatican itself. this case further along. This seance set | "son" and no golden light. me to investigating the matter and to

partments of life to bless mankind in all could some of the brightest men on Shakespeare's band. their needs. In the freedom of America earth, after progressing for thousands uncle was an erudite scholar, a progres- shall let my Bacon friends themselves will. In the fall of 1848, by invitation, I at sive thinker, and a great lover of the dig for golden truths in the mine I have spirits of Greece have been my friends thing but consistency and truth so far

> Greeks seek wisdom" and it is as true nessed so long between the Church and Greek wisdom and the drama. The savage monks to murder the gifted and gods and scrape her bones.

This state of things has made great made an easy road to salvation, and the flocked to her standards, and they unfortunately embraced most all the peoawhile I began to find thoughts flashing ple that the Roman wars had made into ent from all my teachings and readings, and the dark ages came on when the religion." (See Masheim.) light of learning was nearly extinguished. of my Church. I began to think, it must When some, inspired by a little light, itual light on the Shakespeare question? boldly stood up for truth, or an independent opinion, death was the penalty he would be sure to reject it if not in for such a crime against the Church, as

At last, to cope with this great Church tutions of learning, ostensibly to sharpen young blades for the Church, but the higher powers took a broader view in confidence to a friend or two this the way for the older wisdom of Greece changed state of mind. I did not once and Rome that the Church had ignored also and for the advancement of science. ualism, for I was entirely out of that thus making the Church beat itself by wisdom that would outgrow it. The to think and reason. Reforms were agwas impressed to call upon him. He itated and power began to pass from the was a perfect stranger to me and all my Church and State more to the people. kindred, and I did not even give him my Freedom began to hope, learning exname. We both sat down to a large tended, and the power of the press. The

table it rocked violently and furniture circle the globe and live for all time. moved to another place as though struck and brighten this life. Discoveries and some strong, well developed spirit was power. The nations took on new life will be crowned with victory. present. I was a good deal "shook up," and the progress as witness is the bloom like the furniture, but what it all meant of all this combination of forces in anor by whom done I could form no opin- gel hands and Modern Spiritualism is

close up under a leaf of the table, with was being beaten, and he issued his bull both hands in sight for the name. Soon against the progress of the nineteenth. The rugged temperate zone, where the slate was withdrawn, and on the century, which turned out to be only an man has to earn his bread by tilling the dle; but the laborers of the overstocked The spade, a sharpened stick; the plow, further end of it and on the upper side, innocent calf, and Pope Leo XIII, not soil and clothe himself by his labor, has trades there, became the incendiary and a crooked limb, and for a team the anwhere neither of our hands could reach to be outdone, issued his bull against been in all past ages the seat of learning assassin, the law-breakers and murder- cient and oriental farmer hitched a don. Live not some men themselves in the it, the name of an uncle was written out Spiritualism, the bottom of all progress, and advancement, while ignorance and ers. And these troubles have demon- key and one of his wives in the same past spelled their own names differently, in a full, large, hand just like his own, and this lion bull proved to be only a brutality seem to be the legitimate off- strated that the law of supply and de- traces, side by side. Only think of it; This uncle was on my mother's side and spurless rooster. In all this progress golds have shared the same fate. When had passed over many years before in the Greek sages have mainly led the way his food grows spontaneously, and man the law of gravity and cohesion. In all sire to drive a matched span could the idem somans is preserved, either spel- the State of Ohio. This was a surprise, against the Church. The Hypatias and need not labor to subsist. indeed, for he seldom came into my Brunos are now in the honored front of ment were produced after Shakes mind, as he had no sympathy with the seats, while the Church, with rage, looks as necessary to man's progress as is great excess of product over consumptions. Church and its teachings as I had. He on the monument of Bruno from the the air we breathe to the circulation.

There were other mediums in those days state being held as before, he next wrote | The Greek culture was the foundation only respectable, but idleness a crime. ture of sewing machines. Many thous ble in keeping apart of his team in out in his own hand "that I had won- of the Roman, and both spread through And though labor may imbrown the dered many times where all my new Europe and her colonies in many lands hand, and bow the form, yet it begets enharmonize. Even Shakespeare ceased thoughts had been coming from ; that as and into the islands of the seas, until nobling thoughts and elevates the mind these machines. But the time has come be with the donkey either! I opine to my guardian spirit he had been impress the dominating powers and culture of of man. Labor is a mightly magician. over on account of changed conditions. sing them upon my mind, etc." This the world are mainly an expansion of He walks forth into a region uninhable demand. What is the result? The was lightning out of a clear sky to me. old Greece, with a cloud of religious ited and waste. He looks earnestly for manufacturers and capitalists have had after very a brief trial, leave the field with I found my life and thoughts all open to darkness hanging over it. Like some a moment on the scene so quiet in its thing about, not even Shakespeare? The him, and now, that all my thoughts were miners for gold my friend has done a dissolution. Then waving his wonderfirst his own on many things. Another good deal of prospecting without much working wand, those dreary valleys smile thereby throwing out of employment message from a brother, who had passed success, but if he has the right tools let with wealth of golden harvests. The thousands of men who depended on on about two years before, was written him dig in the Greek mines (minds) and barren mountain slopes are clothed with their daily labor to support their famiout in a similar manner, the state and he will find more gold than in any lot the foliage of the vine and fruit tree lies. And what is true of this branch expressions all a perfect copy of letters of Bacon in which he ever took any often received from him when living on stock. But if he does, like the gentleearth. I could relate hundreds of ex- man who held a mirror before his face periences since. This I give not for to see the sun, he may see the reflection personal notice, but as an illustration in of an altogether different and darker agriculture that enrich both him that

time. We now know that one man and thought of Spiritualism, and that I had united great labor to develop a race of and gladness is heard on every hand. his disciples did not give us all the good been so far a Spiritualist without know- men, not pockets, and they so progressed in knowledge and wisdom as to be able few among the Jews and to the temples the world of mankind is being taught in literature and art the world has ever national questions. In modern times ministers are growing out of their creeds? peare, and they are an improved expres-

and inharmony of this world is at once changed to light and harmony beyond. tainly my sister would not come to me ature and science and art the world is Nothing could be more fallacious. The many millions that leave the earth every year wake up there in the same state of mind they were in when here and most stood on the shore of an unknown ocean, all of them are very ignorant and remain and in awe and terror saw its waves so, until they grow in knowledge and lashed in fury by the storm and temwisdom.

As the Church does not believe in wisdom and progress, this ignorant mass, with all the inharmony between the vapor, and with them, bidding defiance same spirit exists still that excited some | Churches, especially between the old | to the wind and wave, over the seams Church and the new and Spiritualists, beautiful Hypatia in the temple of their and between all Churches and their followers and the theater, the drama is a dark fountain. Can we expect light in his similitude to his Creator, he was inharmony in both worlds. The Church from this source on a subject they know to do it all; and it was all to be accounnothing about or are literally opposed plished, not by digging in the earth and ignorant and scoundrels of all grades to, if some do know anything? And burying the talents God had given him, these would most likely act on the principle taught by the fathers "that it was not only lawful, but commendable to deone nation. Intelligence was ignored, ceive and lie for the sake of piety and

> Is this the source of my friend's spir-If any Bacon man should get any light accordance with an opinion founded on a o (cypher or nothing).

A word to my spiritual friends and I power of evil and ignorance and bigotry, am done. What a wide field of thought sure in the distributions of its rewards the old lady Grundy. So for years this America was discovered as an inspiration our subject opens up to us! What a as is the law of gravity or the stern dewent on until all-most all-my old tion from heaven. The art of printing debt of gratitude we owe the glorious was another inspiration; so were insti- master minds that have so far led the world out of such darkness into such a promising light! We would have been n a most lamentable condition had it in it, devil or no devil. I only confessed than a blind Church and thus prepared not been for them. A worse state than the fires and tortures of the inquisition might have been experienced or a revelation in blood a thousand times more appalling than the bloody scenes of France! No wonder the Church is fight-Slade, the slate-writing medium, came mind of Europe began to wake up and ing hard to preserve its dominion and the conflict deepens. Her forces are uniting for the great battle that is to come. We have an abundance of wellproved facts to stand upon and they have none such. Let all Spiritualists table belonging in a parlor of a hotel drama was revived, and here the Greek come to the front and not hide their orchard, with its golden treasure where I was well acquainted and he was masters of that art found scope for the light in an old and dying "respectability." not. The windows were all open and great progressive work through Shakes- The Spiritualists are [making a better place in which are hidden pest

the room was flooded with light from a peare and at a fitting time, too, to mold and a more intelligent society than the famine. But ruddy health and life givmidday sun. At his first touch of the thought and a language that should en- world ever knew before. Let them march ing vigor spring forth therefrom as ceron and take the prizes of both worlds. beyond the reach of either of us was Fiction played a grand part to enlighten They have the advantage ground, the tered seed, arms of truth, and the hosts of angels to by lightning. The doctor remarked that inventions widened knowledge and help them. Their wise and noble efforts

LABOR AND CAPITAL.

Labor in itself is not degrading, nor is it even disreputable.

spring of those edens of earth where

tion of the blood. For this is labor not Next the furnace blazes, the anvil rings. the whirling wheel turn round, and the If there is an over product of any manutown appears. The quays are crowded with peaceful spoils of commerce and gives and who receives. Art, awaken-The Greeks sought wisdom and in the ing, clothes its strength with beauty. reading and hearing all I could on the outset was the injunction, Gnoth Scan- Literature, new-born, redoubles and persubject. I soon found that all my new ton-know thyself or know truly thy petuates its praise, civilization and Chrisother good inspirations of Shakespeare's ideas were in accordance with the best very self. With bright inspiration they tianity rejoice, for the voice of industry

Before man had learned to labor, before experience had taught him to scatter the Can we learn anything from this how to produce some of the grandest works seed and gather the harvest, how helpless was he; with no clothing but leaves of the heathen, or their heads would by spirit friends and moved along in seen. They have been models, but never of the trees; with no weapons of offense come off, and mainly on religious and the road of progress, and how some equalled except in the plays of Shakes- or defense he wandered forth, weak and almost belpless in his experience, and where freedom has more prevailed, it If one friend could give me so much sion of themselves in that art in which only strong in the possession of a soul has been extended to many in all the de- thought under such circumstances what the woman Sappho nobly shines in that was immortal, and an intellect formed in the image of his Creator. Other superior works will appear as The gems of modern civilization Modern Spiritualism was born, and the of years in spirit life, do through a large the world advances to make the medium were scattered around him. In the receptive brain like that of Shakespeare's, and the occasion. I would like to add earth, the air, and the water slumbered not filled with earth rubbish? Or like several thoughts on plays themselves to those mighty powers his genius was to Let me give a little "experience," as that of a Beecher or an Edison, saying show their Grecian origin, but my few call forth. Like the genii of the Arabian nothing about the great works through remarks have become too many already tales they awaited only that he should worthy editor, like a good pastor or class the humble A. J. Davis and hundreds of and I can not attempt to notice all the touch the lamp or the ring to spring other acknowledged mediums. This points and questions that may arise. I into being the obedient slaves of his

By his side grew the giant oak, from tended my first seance. I found present Greek character and literature. What pointed out to them. If I should tell which he was to fashion the plow and them more they might treat it with the build the ship. His naked feet trod tle inferior-looking girl, said to be the the society of the wise men of Greece arrogant discourtesy that Prof. Buchanau upon the metal that he was to form into "over there?" Through him Pythagoras received. I have this satisfaction that the sword and ploughshare, and beat was drawn to me and inspired my first in all my investigations of the subject into the spear and pruning hook. The wind that was to fill his sails now kissed rest impatiently on the anvil while the his cheek with the lightness of a sumsainted sister that had passed over only and aids, humble as my work may be. as I know, and all facts, unknown at the mer zephyr, and he was ignorant of its he has no work to do; and even the grim a few months before in another part of I know what some may say, but I am time both to the medium and myself, power. The vapor rose from the water, but in it he saw no giant power of steam; I am not surprised that so many find and when his awe struck vision saw the may be too hard to justify even a farmer so little satisfaction in their search for lightning playing along the evening in going into law with his neighbor 2d, In mental labor, in learning how to My friend St. Albans can now see the light from the departed. They seem to clouds, how little did he think the time about a strip of land not worth the at- use the power of nature in their conhad all the dignity of the "Holy Church" source from which I can learn some act on the idea that all the ignorance would come when he would make torney's fees, or a line fence, that a day's even it his obedient servant, the bearer of his message, and swifter than thought itself he could send it round the earth on its iron pathway. When man, in his wanderings, first

pest, how little did he think that the time would come when he would construct vast engines of metal and heated well as on the solid land, pursue his tireless course. Yet all this he was to accomplish; yes, by the power given him but by patient toil, continued labor and

The supposed curse enunciated by the Creator against men as recorded in the revered though mythical history of man's creation was but a blessing in disguise.

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread till thou return unto the ground

And this great law, enunciated in the so-called holy writ, and commemorated in song, is as certain in its promises, as crees of fate. It is a rainbow of promise to the weary laborer in the fields, who, as he wipes the sweat from his sunburnt brow, and scatters the prolific seed, has God's assurance that as certain as seed-time comes, the harvest shall never fail. And this is not all, for while the husbandman goes forth to obey the stern mandate of a kind decree, he knows that in the fulfillment of the sentence pronounced upon him there is health and life.

The disease that lays the strong man low lurks not in the upturned furrow of the farmer's field. The sombre pall of not paramount to all others in this coundeath does not overspread the scented vineyard, with its purple fruit,

tainly as the ripening car from the scat-

To my mind there is no more independent position in life than that of the farmer. The trouble that involved the laboring men in the late strikes reach him | port. not directly, but only incidentally. The incendiary torch in Pittsburg was not in A condition that necessitates labor is in the last few years there has been a

Let us take, for example, the manufacands of men have been engaged for a the harness than he would in keeping number of years in the manufacture of the plow in the furrow, and it would not when the product is greater than the day that the man would undertake to either to reduce the wages of their workingmen or close the works entirely, of manufacturing is true of all others. factured article, those who made it must wait for a market to sell to get money to live. They can not cat the article produced in the manufactory or machineshop; and themselves and family must go hungry until that product can be sold, and while waiting for this want and famine comes to their home, and the wolf stands at the threshold. Now this is the case with all the laboring class who are engaged in any employment that will create a product greater than the demand, except in the single occupation of the farmer.

When Providence, in his bounty, blesses the husbandman with an abundant harvest or a great increase of his flocks, even though the market may be overstocked, and there may be no demand for the fruits of the earth, yet no want is in the farmer's home, no famine at his doorstep. With well-filled granaries and well-stocked pastures, he can wait patiently for a market which is sure to come and come quickly. Unlike the machinist and artisan he can eat his own flocks, and bid defiance to hard times and over-stocked markets. Yes, the merof paper due in the bank next week, like Banquo's ghost, will not down, but follow him all the day long. The smith may old lawyer, like a spider in his web, may work, given in a Christian spirit, would make all right. While all this may hapber of bushels of wheat in his granary in the face with sturdy independence. And merchants may bankrupt, and the the broad acres of his farm with the foot of a sovereign; he has carned his bread by the sweat of his face; he has it in store, and enough for many months to come. And though the winter, with its chilling storms is approaching, yet

"The atorms without may raire a ristle, He disna mind the storm a whistle."

To my mind the most certain remedy for all the troubles that now exist be tween ill requited labor and capital, is to make more farmers and fewer tradesmen and artisans. Yonder, toward the setting sun, are millions of acres of public land, waiting the ploughshare of the husbandman; millions of acres of land that can be purchased for a trifle, where the industrious farmer can build himself a home and surround himself with all the comforts of life, including a large family, where he can raise stock and grain, rear a few members of Congress, or perhaps a future president, for the po sition of chief magistrate of the Amercan people is as attainable to the poor man's son as to him who inherits wealth from his ancestors.

"Go West, young man," where industry is sure of its reward, where there is no combination of capital against labor, to God's command, have earned their save that of the Colorado beetle, and no bread by the sweat of their face. mobs to be feared, save the grasshopper; where nature in her most bountiful mood has spread out the fertile prairies,

Those unshorn fields as boundless and beauti-The young ealth, ere man had sinned."

The truth is the time is coming when the farming interest will be second to none, if try. Our farmers are becoming better clover, or the glebe of ripening grain. The and better educated, and have learned or the the fact that he who, by an educated culof the tivation of the soil, can make two blades Divine Radiance which knows no eclipse. of grass grow where heretofore only one

struggled for a sickly existence, deserves more praise than the conquerer that heads a victorious army. For let him continue his progress, and soon the land that would feed but one would nourish its scores, thereby, as it were, increasing the earth area for man's sustenance and sup-

In former times the tilling of the soil was a menial occupation, and is so now the hand that was used to hold the in many of the countries of the old plow. The murderous weapon of death world, and those who follow it were and was not wielded by the stalwart arm ac- are but ignorant serfs or peasants. The customed to swing the scythe or the cra- rudest implements were and are usedmand is as certain in its result as are what a team? Surely the modern dethe various manufactories of the country have had no place in the breast of the yeomanry of former times. But today should a modern farmer attempt such a feat, I merely suggest that he would most likely experience more trou. speed the plow with such a team would an insect in his ear much larger and more active than a wasp, a hornet or a Colorado beetle.

In former times the farmer was sold with the land he tilled. He was, under the old Saxon law, the thrall or bondsman of the lord of the fief. Bound to the most abject servitude, and compelled to follow his master in the wars, his life was of less value than the hounds that were kept for his lordship's pleasure; the military renown of his chieftain, the dearest object of his thought, plunder and rapine his occupation, drunkenness and debauchery his pastime.

How different is it to-day. For the time has come when men are not valued alone for martial deeds and military prowess, because war is not now the chief occupation of a Christian and enlightened people. There are to-day other paths to glory than those over the bloody field of battle. The way to fame is no longer circumscribed to the paths of conquering armies; and ambition may seek other theatres of action than the bloodstained deck. The plow and pen are more potent than the sword, the printing press more powerful than the artillery of a thousand battle fields, and the steam. engine moves the world to day as with the power of Archimedes.

"There are heroes of peace as well as of war," and the humble laborer, who, over-product, wear the fleece of his own defying danger and disease, carries the enlightening influences of labor to the distant savage islads of the sea and into chant may lean wearily over his counter the wilderness of the West, is more a waiting for customers, while the thought hero than he who waves a blood stained sword over a subjugated people.

And all this change in the opinions and conditions of men is the direct result of labor: 1st. Physical labor, in fires in his forge has gone out, because tilling the soil; 2d. Mental labor, in learning how to do it more successfully. ist. Physical labor, in building cities, wait in vain for the silly fly, for the times railroads printing presses, and all the unnumbered devices that man has made; Labor continued and unceasing, constant and untiring, has been a blessing to the human race. As a repen, yet the husbandman counts his sult of labor, a man of moderate means flocks, chalks on his barn door the num- may command the services of millions of his fellow men. Any one of you, seated or corn in his crib, and looks the future in your home, can say: "In China they are gathering tea for me; deep down in the earth the miners are digging the lawyer starve for all he cares. He treads ores for my use and the coal for my fires; for me ships are crossing the ocean to bring me the choicest productions of the Old World; the fruits of the tropics, the gems of the orient, and the fabrics of the loom of Asia and Europe are mine if I but ask for it. For my use the mighty Geni, steam, has been bound to the rushing keel and chained to the iron car, and swifter than thought my messages of business and affection are borne on the lightning's wings to far-off distant lands. And more than all this, in my library are collected the choicest treasures of literature; yes, and more wonderful than the lamp of Alladin, or the wishing cap of Fortunatus, by my book I can be transported to all places and to all times. The poet sings for me, the orator delivers most brilliant essays, the warrior fights his most bloody battles, the men of science delve into the foundations of the earth, or investigate the motions of the celestial apheres, only that they may tell to me the result of their labors. All this has been accomplished, not alone by those who inherited wealth and title from their ancestors, and who, like the lilies of the valley, toil not; but by those hardy sons of labor, who, in obedience

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Self-knowledge is the key of power. It is the illuminated ones who have always led the race to higher levels of thought and action, who have inspired humanity to a grander achievement and unfoldment. And that illumination is not an especial gift to the few. It is possible for all, being only the realization and appropriation of that universal -A Look Upward.

Reported for The Better Way MEDIUMISTIC PHENOMENA

On December 15th, ult, it was my pleasure to have at my own residence, 417 S. Jefferson Avenue (St. Louis, Mo.). and under my own supervision, some most interesting spiritual manifestations as they occur through a medium, or, at least in the presence of a so-called medium. There are still a great many people in the world who question the claims made by mediums concerning these phenomena, or their source, while others attribute them to legerdemain. But when we have them in our own homes, under our own conditions, and where there are neither trap doors nor a possibility of such a medium smuggling in anything like the paraphernalia needed by tricks ters, and where the manifestations give undoubted evidence of an occult force behind them, or of intelligent guidance together with tests from the producers of these manifestations, we are at loss to form a theory other than that of the existence of spirits and that they are enabled to come to us under certain circumstances.

Such was the case on the occasion alluded to. The medium for these spiritual doings was Master Benjamin F. Foster, a mere lad and son of Prof. F. N. Foster, the spirit photograher, whose own mediumistic qualities are well known to many who have tested him and who have received the spirit faces of loved ones on a sensitive plate of the camera, when he is present At the circle arranged on this occasion,

some ten or twelve other persons besides myself were present and who were as much convinced of the genuineness of the phenomena as the writer was. A cabinet was arranged by simply hanging a double curtain against the wall; the boy medium tied hand and foot, and coat sleeves sewed on to his trousers, in order to prevent him from using any of his limbs and thereby give positive evidence that he had nothing personally to do with the phenomena that were to take place. When comfortably seated on a chair, a music-box, a tambourine, several bells, and paper and pencils were placed inside of the cabinet with him, but out of his reach, even supposing that he could by some dexterity free his hands. Then the curtains were lowered over him, but allowing his head to protude so as to be seen by the entire circle. As no darkness was needed for the exercise of his mediumship, the light was left burning brightly. But hardly had the curtains touched the floor, when a small white hand appeared above where there was an opening, followed by a manipulation of the musical instruments that was astonishing to every one in the circle. First the music box started, then the bells were thrown out onto the floor, when suddenly the medium himself was pushed out of his chair and fell sprawling in front of the circle, still as securely tied as when placed in the cabinet. After being replaced in his seat, the controlling spirit called for handkerchiefs from the auditors. A number were handed in, one at a time; but in each case, they were almost immediately thrown out again, and on being examined were found to have been inscribed with to which was attached two signatures, which were the fac-similes of his father and mother, who had passed from earth's sphere long ago, and whose names or

All this in itself gave sufficient evispirits were kind and wanted to offer still further proof of their powers. Thus they invited any one of the auditors to come forward and allow himself to be accordingly done, but as in the first instance, the manifestations began the been illustrated by two significant events. moment the curtain touched the floor. And when enough had been given to in the cabinet meanwhile.

were thrown out almost as soon as they were passed in, with words, messages, ter this field of research. or drawings on them. Other manifestations took place which can be recorded flowers were thrown out into the circle and gathered up by its members.

Thus ended a most interesting spiritual seance. The medium was examined by all present, and those who bound him, expressed their satisfaction at finding him just as they had placed him there in the beginning. Who says that Spiritualism is not worth investigating?

Written for The Better Wav. IN PSYCHIC REALMS. WALTER F. HEATH

The following are statements of unvarnished facts which perhaps others may be able to explain, for we can not.

Quite a number of years ago, near an old mill in southern New Hampshire mysterious screams were heard, for which no one could account in any manshrick, and none could tell from whence were conversing with each other when the horrible yell was heard-seemingly

the unearthly voice, kicked an old buffalo robe that lay in his way and immediately the same horrible shrick proceeded directly from the lifeless mass at his feet. The same noises were thereafter when they suddenly ceased and were heard no more. It is certain that no ventriloquist could have done it, as no one in the neighborhood knew anything of the art, nor could the best have raised his voice to such a pitch or remain undetected after so many repetitions.

Several years later my father and uncle and put rubber bands around them. in company carried on business in the same old mill. One morning at about culiar twang of a saw as if coming in contact with human flesh and bone, and immediately following clairvoyantly saw my uncle hold up a bleeding mangled hand. The occurrance or vision made a other occasions. deep impression on his mind. The the place from wheuce the sound proceeded, saw my unfortunate uncle hold- tion of magnets. ing up the same bleeding mangled hand as a vision, or waking dream, as it were. that occurred. Was this a prophetic vision as we often hear about from mediums and sensi-

Later on, my nucle became somewhat deranged, mentally, and in this condition drank a large close of corrosive substuff did the work!" It proved true.

Only a few months ago, a lady from southern New Hampshire, was doing and blue. housework in Fitchburg, Mass. One day she remarked that she was not feelit at the proper station, took a public carriage to a village within a few miles to walk the remainder of the way, and arnothing of the journey except that she against his will. awoke just before reaching home, and was almost dumbfounded to find herto awakening, however, she seemed to present upon each occasion. have been able to avoid all mud puddles, but after physical consciousness returned was unable to do so, and often trod in them. This was ascertained by investhe morning after her arrival. What led her there when her intention was only to all present that they were clean. to take a short walk? Was she entranced and by what power?

EMINENT MEN DISCUSS PSYCHIC PHENOMENA.

On Monday, December 21st, at 2 30, bespirit messages, spirit faces or heads of tween fifty and sixty ladies and gentleanimals. On the handkerchief of one men met in the church of the Unity, of the gentleman present was a message Boston, to hold the second general meeting of the American Psychical Society, which was organized last May.

Among the many excellent things said by President M. J. Savage in his usual signatures were unknown to any one felicitous style were, in substance, the following:

"The subject of psychical research has dence of an occult force at work, but the in the past been looked upon as unimportant and not respectable, but the tide has turned to an extent.

"This is evidenced not only by the attitude and labors of Prof. Sidgwick of diagonally across it. tied as the medium was, and take a seat | Cambridge University, himself one of in the cabinet with the latter. This was the leading writers upon ethics of our day, and his confreres, but has recently tween the slates.

"In his address as president of the mathematical and physical section of the convince all that it was no weak power British Association for the Advancement that was at work, they ceased, and cards of Science, Prof. Oliver J. Lodge, after -visiting or blank-were called for by stating his belief in telepathy-the posthe spirits, the gentleman retaining his sibility of transmitting thought at a distance without material or sensuous As in the handkerchief test, the cards means-and this belief based upon evidence, urged his fellow-laborers to en-

"In the second place Mr. Stead, editor of the 'Review of Reviews,' who a few on another occasion. But as a finale, months ago treated the whole subject in a captious manner, has now published a Christmas supplement, entitled 'Real Ghost Stories.' with editorial comments, which show that he appreciates the im-

> mense importance of such researches. "Hypnotism is now accepted by the medical world, and clairvoyance and telepathy have been established.

"These, while by no means proving may not be able to get along entirely without the body later.'

In addition to experiences with psychics-a better term than "medium," since it does not beg the question—which might be claimed to be explained by mind-reading, he had been told of events ner whatever. It was a most piercing which transpired 200 miles away, concerning which neither the psychic nor it came. At one time two friends of ours himself could have had any knowledge

events afterwards verified. While not a Spiritualist in the ordinary body.

to issue directly from one of them who sense of the word, if there was any way turned ghastly pale. At another time my of accounting for such things upon any father in a vain search for the source of theory except that a third intelligence must have been concerned in the transaction, he would like to hear of such an explanation.

A. E. Dolbear professor of physics in Tufts College, next related his experiheard for several months at intervals, onces with a psychic in whose presence slate-writing phenomena occurred.

He carried his own slates, the psychic washed and rubbed them, but they remained in plain sight, always above the table, in broad daylight.

He wrote four questions; later he placed one of them between these slates

He held them in a vertical position. she touched the backs of his hands with dawn, while in a yet drowsy state from her fingers, which were very cold, and sleep, my father distinctly heard the pe- when the slates were opened a message was found written which was responsive to the question asked.

The professor referred to other experiments upon this and one or two

He had been accustomed to studies same day, while at work in the mill, he where most phenomena could be exagain heard the same peculiar twang of plained by "pushes and pulls " he did the saw in reality and looking toward not see that these phenomena could be so explained, nor yet by any manipula-

He saw no evidence of trickery, that he had seen in the morning only though carefully observing everything

> He did not know how to account for what he saw, but bore witness to the facts is related.

Under the same conditions Mrs. B. O. Flower had two sittings with the same psychic, and upon both occasions, when limate with suicidal intentions, and died satisfied that the slates were clean, and a week later. At about the hour of his that they did not leave her sight during death, my mother was at home, ill in bed. the experiment, found drawings upon She says my uncle apparently came to one of the slates, in one case what apher and said: "I'm all right now-that peared to be the face of Abraham Lincoln, with his autograph underneath, and a G. A. R. badge, partly colored red

Rabbi Solomon Schindler had long seen familiar with the traditions of the ing well-that her head ached, and Caballists-Hebrew traditions. These thought she would take a walk in the he rejected many years ago as superstihopes of being relieved. She arranged tion, but the assurance of the president herself properly for a journey, omitting as to his experiences had made him feel only her rubbers. She went to the de- that he must reconsider the matter, and pot, took the train for home; and leaving now he was very earnest in his desire to investigate to find the facts.

He also stated, as the result of recent from home. From thence she proceeded study, his conviction that he and his coworkers had not been hypnotized, that a rived home late at night in an exhausted whole roomful of persons could not be condition. She says she remembers hypnotized, nor even a single person

The rabbi then read a written report of self alone and in almost total darkness under the auspices of the directors of other eminent scientists of Europe, plodding along a muddy road. Previous the society, at which eight persons were

He described several experiments where two persons sat at the table with the psychic, saw plainly that the slates tigation by following her footprints on and wiped by the psychic, and after securing them under their hands, declared

> Then later, when they themselves opened them, they found written messages or a picture upon one of the pair.

One of the most interesting experi-

those already reported after Mrs. Flower's | be says, in the mental universe it is pro it occurred to him that if the producing tation in the physical universe. Pre suggested, the theory of chemically prepared slates could not be invoked as an explanation.

Mrs. Flower suggested that they should Iraw a zig-zag line like a streak of light-

When the slates were opened, a meswith a zig-zag line in yellow drawn

In none of the experiments was a slate pencil or any kind of pigment put be-

Mr. Garland spoke enthusiastically of this and other experiences, and dwelt upon the immense importance of these investigations. Boston Globe.

A SPIRIT THAT LEFT A POR-TRAIT ON THE WINDOW.

A curious story is told in New Albany, On the night of December 2d, Mrs. Sophia Scharf, wife of Anton Scharf, died at her home on East Fifth and Spring Streets, and the funeral took place several days after.

Last Saturday, it is alleged, Mrs. Frank Zoeller, a daughter-in-law of the dead woman, residing on East Eighth and head of her mother-in-law at the win dow of her house. The apparition was afterward seen by Mrs. Peter Weinman, Fritz Weinman, two daughters of Of- the barn's foundation, and the woodwork ficer Denuis Gleason, and several others. the claims of Spiritualists, suggest the After the second visit a perfect picture After the second visit a perfect picture of the deceased was left on the window pane. Several persons, it is claimed, attempted to rub it off, but the picture remained until Saturday evening, when Joseph Scharf, a son of the dead woman, found the pin lodged." inquiry whether, if so much can be done of the deceased was left on the window without the use of the hodily senses, we pane. Several persons, it is claimed, atwho had just arrived from the far West, having been called to his mother's funeral, passed his handkerchief over it when it disappeared .- Louisville Courier-Journal.

> Is that so? THE BETTER WAY IS determined to take the lead and therefore has placed its subscription price within the reach of every-Cafe \$1.00 a year.

SLATE-WRITING

In compliance with request I send you some phenomena in the form of messages that came on slates. The medium George Goodman is with me in Liberal Mo., and I can youch for the genuiness of these messages. I have had a pretty wide experience in our cause, and must say the phenomena in Mr. Goodman's sittings are marvels beyond portrayal The finest portraits in various colors of ancie it sages and modern noted characters are given on slates sealed and riveted together. I enclose you a photo taken from a slate. The original of this photo of Socrates is apparently in water colors and is a marvellous reproduction. A spirit giving the name of Socrates also claims to control Goodman to talk. At least, the volume of voice; the eloquerce and wisdom of sentiment is unique Goodman is not yet fully developed; is ruddy and stout of person, and was formerly a blacksmith by trade. The following are a few of the short messages obtained on a slate in the presence of eight persons, thus allowing no chance for deception:

All the persecutors declare against each other mortal war, while the philosopher, opposed by ther, all, contents with pitying them.

Devotion is a disease of the imagination, contracted in infancy. ETHER ALLEN

We of the ancients had mastered the occult science and could consult with the godsspirics. The phenomena of Spiritualism is common to all ages, but conditions of national life and habits of the people and religious have had a depressing action thereon. The political and religious freedom of your coun try and nation make of it the natural taysting place of spirits with yourselves. It is the garden of the gods. SOCRATES.

SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHY. To the Editor of The Better Way.

I wish to make a statement in regard to spirit photography. I have had four sittings (with Mrs. F. N. Foster, No. 372 Clark Street, Cincinnati), and the results was fifteen faces on four photos and of the fifteen I recognized fourteen. these photos were taken under test conditions, I being somewhat of a photographer myself. I did all of the work that was possible for a sitter to do, such as getting the plate ready, placing it in the camera, and developing the same, and can conscientiously say that I know that there is no fraud about producing spirit faces on photos. Hoping that

PREMONITION.

OSCAR E. ACKLEY.

you will publish this, I remain yours

Since the marvellous revelations in hypnotism made by the Nancy physia private seance, and of two others held cians, by Prof. Charcot, of Paris, and and the systematic investigations of the English Society for Psychical Research, a great interest has sprung up throughout the world on subjects relating to psychical phenomena. A general were cleaned before they were dampened interest is awakened in thoughtful minds, and an earnest desire to know the truth, let it be what it may, is evinced on every hand. "The Arena' for January contains a series of papers on psychical themes. The opening contribution of this series in this issue is from the pen of Dr. Richard Hodgson, ments was reported by Mr. Hamlin Gar- LL. D., the Secretary of the American Branch of the English Society for Psy-In this case, the conditions being like chical Research. Concerning telepathy hand and his own were upon the slates, bably wider in its application than gravi cause could then reproduce what was monition he considers a "super-normal awareness of the future." As and illustration of his meaning he gives the following narrative from a lady:

"On the night of Wednesday, July 15. 1891, Miss C- dreamed of finding something glittering, a thimble, she thought, with three initials on it. On sage was found written in bluish tint, the morning of Thursday, July 16th, she mentioned the dream at the breakfast table, saying that she thought one of the three initials was "H," she could not distinctly remember the others. My initials being H. P. K., I jokingly said, "The initials were probably H. P. K., I think that thimble must belong to me." Miss Calso spoke of a large rough gate which she saw in her dream, and over which she saw a small strip of sky. The next morning (Friday, July 17th) I was working out of doors, raking near the barn and after an hour's work, I found that I had lost from my belt-ribbon a small old fashioned pearl pin in a heavy gold setting. I despaired of finding it again owing to the length of time I had been working, the number of places visited and the working out of-doors. Some o the young girls in the house began to search for the pin, however; and one of them, named Jennie, went with Miss C-— under the barn, i. e., into the space

Sycamore Streets, was suprised to observe a perfect representation of the the barn (which is built upon the side of a hill), thinking to, perhaps, find the pin there among some rubbish that I had pushed from the outside through a narrow opening between the stonework of the wall. The sight of the rough stonework of the foundation with the

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Written for The Better Way A LESSON IN SPIRITUAL SCIENCE.

HI'DOOR TUTTLE The first lesson in spiritual science embraces the statement that man is a apiritual being and exists after the death of the body. Is there anything new in law. that? No, it is as old as mankind. It is a belief entertained by the most savage races. It was received in pre historic times and is recorded in the geological pages, where the hones of the warrior are found entombed in rock with that of the faithful dog that kept him company. There also are preserved the bones of antidiluvian animals, remains of the funeral feast and the provisions left by friends to sustain the spirit on its journey. Even the cannibal has a rule conception of a future life. He has an intense fear of invisible beings, and who could have more implacable hatred than the spirit of an enemy slain in battle? Hence he deyours the body, that he may absorb the spirit, and not only forestall the injuries a spirit might inflict, but take a double revenge by absorbing and thus making

that spirit a part of himself. Not new, but the aspect in which it is presented, and the methods of study are out to study man's spiritual nature by Bible, Church history, endless commen- | 5ay. taries, and sermons dry as dust and valand high-smelling mouldiness. The test of truth, but unlike the legal profession, they have invested their precefrom a divine source; a time long passed;

it is to be hoped never to return. The priests have their own way to question or doubt; even to investigate is an unpardonable sin. They teach the that gave us religious birth, but we were surface, prominently among which are immortality of the spirit. Yes, an immortality conferred by belief. If you accept certain dogmas you will live after death; if you do not, you will be blotted the old dispensation of death unto all truly benevolent corporations to go mortal life is wholly inadequate. The and still higher life. It fits and fills his future existence by direct divine eventually satisfy all the innate longings interference. In the entire domain of of the human soul. I have given some matter, from the flower blooming by the time and thought to this matter of funwall to the star-pulsating seas of light in erals and have engaged Brother Storer the heavens, all is acknowledged to be to serve me, giving him a retaining fee, held in the iron hand of law. In this and have signified what I would like to province of man's higher being law is have him do by an agreement written God is the moving cause. He gives im- effect. mortality first, that man may be rewarded for believing certain unreasonable, altogether increditable and unprovable dogmas; second, that he may be inflnitely tortured if he does not.

end the Post-Office at Cincinnati, Ohio, as they were so lucky as to escape dames tion, or mounting in the waves of fire, that they were not wise enough to say they believed. The departed heroes of Greece and Route were heroes still and a golden harp and if there was little school had a monotonous aspect.

to past ages and assays to do so to the had no business, in the matter of a will, the part the Czar was prepared to play present. I prefer to build the new phil- to presume, suppose, or take anything when, at the most critical time in our

That man is immortal is not new, but are distinct and belong to the modern lation of the metaphysician and of schocorollary to the theorem of the immortality of the human spirit :-

by belief or reception of certain dogmas. but as a birthright, an inheritance.

2) The spiritual state is controlled by laws fixed and unchanging as those which govern the material life.

The work of the Psychical Society is clearing away the rubbish and preparing the foundation for the new science of spirit. Perhaps the most lawless things in the world were ghosts. They came and went at no man's bidding. There were haunted houses and dreams, premonitions, phantasms of the dead and of the living, and unclassified phenomena, all of which the pride of material science has cast aside as worthless rubbish, and to express a belief that there was anything of value therein provoked a derisive smile. The new views of ed by reason of high-priced subscription. Truth spirit re acted on this skepticism and a few men of eminence undertook to win now the chaff from this immense pile and determine if it contained any valuable grain. Such is the l'sychical Society; unlike any other that ever existed, in as much as it applies the rules of physical investigation to spiritual phenomena, and thus tacitly admits that spirit is under the supremacy of

> On this line the study of the new science of spirit must be persued. The first rap made obsolete all the speculations, philosophizing, and theories, and relegated them to the dust heap of the dead and useless.

> The new spiritual science does not ask whether it barmonizes with the old. It pursues its own course regardless of what has been believed, or the statements of the highest authority. The future life is removed absolutely from the pile of theology and made subject to science. It is a fact and is to be studied as such.

Reported for The Better Way.

ONE OF OUR NEEDS. Address of facob Edson before the Veteran

Spiritualists' Union of Boston, January, 1892. Mr. President and fellow-veterans: ready to bloom in eternal youth. The gods, use sharp knives to cut the bark change called death is inevitable; it is of hide-bound trunks and give souls-Father, the principal of eternal life, unthe old methods you would go to the folding in our friends. Upon this and ministers of the gospel and they to the kindred subjects I have a few words to us. If we will we may do them good.

First-In regard to death, burial, and ued as some people do cheese by its age the necessary funeral services involved. Shall it be our funeral or shall it be the good men, and angels in these earthly ministers have been the students and funeral of our relatives? If it is to be teachers in the realm of man's spir- our funeral we should direct, determine, and other practical things that await our itual nature. They have investigated and control the same, while we live in doing. exclusively by theological methods and the form. If we are not careful and proon dogmatic lines. They have, like the nounced in this matter we may be served legal profession, made precedent the by the literal clergy as so many of our very low price it can be bought for, still spiritual friends have been-be buried in the lifeless theology, the dogmatic tial; I trust that it is. There may be, dents with Godly authority. There was rubbish of the dead past and our be- for all we know, spiritual syndicates South, a time when law received its authority lief, faith, and hope—our knowledge which we hold sacred, completely ig- buy, and care for the same. nored.

the mother who bore us, the Church to action are continually coming to the born blind and have had our eyes and the benevolent features of our instituears opened. We now see men as trees, tion. We understand the law of the walking in the paths their fathers did in ignored and the arbitrary interference of out and signed by the doctor to that

badly scattered, so to speak, over the world. Many of us veterans are so conditioned that we can not get a spiritually minded Spiritualist to serve at our fun-What is the condition of the saved? eral. We want our belief, faith, hope,

intelligent and satisfactory manner and need a proper burial service for that pur-

the statesmen wise in the study of spir- sure to come as high tide, full moon, flour and provisions for the starving ithal states, but the departed Christian and the payment of taxes; is the matter peasantry. The project is not only had no alternative between hell-tire and of wills, settling estates, etc. I have had worthy, but the citizens of this nation music in his soul the eternal singing- brief. About twenty years ago I made a friendship. In spite of the wide difwill. An eminent lawyer, a judge in one ference in policy, aims, race, and institu-I dislike to criticise a popular belief or of our courts, wrote it for me. I lived tions between the two countries, Russia even seemingly speak harshly or disre- under this will some sixteen years, sup- has been our only steadfast friend among spectfully of a religious system which posing everything was all right. The the nations of Europe. Two new withas furnished the bread of spiritual life judge presumed I knew something, he nesses have recently borne testimony to osophy in all its beauty and justness of for granted. The Massachusetts law re- civil war, France and England were exproportions and leave the old for others quires three witnesses; I had but two. to draw comparison. Yet here it ap- In the eye of the law the instrument, Confederacy. Thurlow Weed Barnes, who peared essential to show clearly in the drawn with so much care, was no will at has lived in Russia and enjoyed while and the basic peculiarity of the new than to have one made for us, what are in authority in that country, recently called mistakes, inadvertences, will occur wrote in the best of families. Even so emithe views as to the nature of that state, nent a lawyer as Samuel J. Tilden renthe conditions and laws which govern it dered his own will invalid by inadvertence in complying with the exact promethods of thought. Man's spiritual visions of the State law, and his matured nature is taken from the field of specu- purpose was defeated by his own oversight or neglect. But supposing that lasticism and removed to that of science, instead of two I had had three witnesses; First, then of all, we state as the first the will could have, and perhaps would serving in the Mediterranean, a warm have, been broken, because I had given my wife, with slight exceptions, all my low Weed's room one evening after din-1) That immortality is bestowed not property. The judge who wrote the will ner, Admiral Farragut said to his Rusdemurred in writing it; he had never sian friend: 'Why are you spending the written a will in that manner before. It winter here in idleness? 'I am here is a clear case; that will was not to be, replied the Russian admiral, under My wife and her people are professional sealed orders, to be broken only in a Christians, under man-made laws, with a personal God. The will, however wit-added that Russian men-of-war were nessed, could have been broken. We lying off San Francisco with similar or dotage, perhaps insane. I had done by

> At present we have a will properly cause there is so little property involved that contesting is impracticable. No pose." lawyer can be found to make it pay the necessary expense involved in breaking it. The proper thing for us veteran Spiritualists to do is to settle our estates while we live and avoid probate court, contentions, false swearing, and strife. We should clean up all our property matters in a straightforward, honorable, and satisfactory manner while we live bere on earth.

In conclusion I will call your attention to the Veteran Spiritualists' Union, its general as well as its special relief fund, where you can pay in your money, to be paid out to whom, when, and as you desire, and feel sure that your will will be executed. This association, with the United States mail at their service, can operate the most distant towns in our country as easily and with as little trouble as the nearest precincts at home There is hardly a member in our ranks who has not a friend in need whom they could help if so disposed, and very many members, wealthy veterans and had they enough of the real grit of goodness known as virtue, make this wilderthe poor, the sick, and the afflicted with We have a home, not made with hands eternal in the heavens, but to get there matters, such as the Veteran's Home

The desired plant for our proposed Veteran's Home, notwithstanding the remains unsold. It may be providenforming each side of life, to co-operate,

There are some encouraging facts in We would not unnecessarily condemn this matter worthy of note. Incentives this is not only applied to the estate, also to the funds invested to support the

same, 30,000 in all. When we consider the fact that taxes are high and income small, we appreciate the great advantage our benevolent corporation has over individual entermeeting with more and still more favor We are not only growing old, but in humanitarian work. Shall we avail ourselves, shall we accept and apply this advantage?

People abide by the doctrines they have been bred up in, merely to save them Shouting praise forever and forever, that and love respectfully referred to in an selves the trouble of seeking further.

WHAT WE OWE RUSSIA.

There are many reasons why patriotic citizens of the United States should sub-Intimately connected with this sub- scribe to the project to send the old fri- when tested, spirit thermometers ran Miss Abby A. Judson expects to leave ject of death and burnal (which are as gate Constellation to Russia, filled with down to 73' below the zero point of Minneapolis in Spring and spenda numpected to intervene in behalf of the beginning the divergement, difference, all. It is better to execute our own will there the acquaintance of persons high

"Harly in the war of the rebellion a Russian fleet lay for several months in New York harbor, and other Russian men-of-war were stationed at San Francisco. Admiral Farragut lived at the Astor House, where he was visited frequently by the Russian admiral, between whom, when they were young officers friendship had existed. Sitting in Thucontingency that has not occurred.' He recognize an over-ruling, a controlling ders. During this conversation the Rus-Providence in this matter. Almost any sian admiral admitted that his orders Christian court or jury would have said were to break the seals if, during the was simple, weak-minded, or in my rebellion, we became involved in a war with a foreign nation. In Washington, my wife, without her knowledge, as I a few days later, Secretary Seward asked should have liked her to have done by the Russian Minister why his government kept their ships of war so long in our harbors, and the reply, in disclaimsigned; we rest contented under it beling any knowledge of the nature of the visit, was that it had 'no unfriendly pur-

The other witness is the aged Andrew D. Curtin, the war Governor of Pennsylvania and afterward United States Minister to Russia. The sequal of Mr. Barnes' story is told by Commander F. E. Chadwick, U. S. N., who was told it by Governor Curtin himself:

"When Minister Curtin called to take leave of the Czar on his recall, the Czar asked him to present his best wishes to Both the senate and the presidency the people of the United States, pointedly omitting reference to the President, with regard to whose reception of the Gand of the United States. If the president Duke Alexis when in Washington there and senators were merely costly figurehad been a good deal of feeling. Later, calling at the Foreign Office, he mentioned to Prince Gortschakoff his surprise at the omission on the part of the of progress. They are dangerous luxu-Czar to mention the President Gortschakoff said the Czar had felt rather sorely the manner of the Grand Duke's direct or popular vote, make our governreception, particularly as he felt that there were reasons why there should be liable to break instead of bending at the give it sustaining value of deeper sigcordial feelings on the part of America will of the people. toward Russia. The Prince then showed friends, who could, with little thought the governor the copy of the orders to the admiral commanding the Russian fleet sent to New York, which instructed ness of a world, bud, blossom, and fruit the admiral, in the event of the recogin souls ripe for the summerland. I nition of the Confederacy by France or would like, if it was the proper thing to England, to place his fleet at the disdo, to use truths, in this regard, as position of the American Government. We are growing old; some of us are skilled gardeners in the garden of the In other words, the recognition was to be the signal for the declaration by Russia of war against these powers; and portant path of medical and moral proactively novel and distinct. If you set the going home time of life to meet our human souls-now stingy, selfish, and there can be little doubt that the knowldishonest a chance to grow. We have edge by the French and English cabinets of these orders was the great leash which held them in check."

At that critical moment no government in Europe, except that at St. Petersburg, we must co-operate with Nationalists, believed that this nation could suppress the rebellion. The press and the people of Great Britain were on the other side. Lord Hartington, the present leader, who was then visiting this country, attended a ball given in this city with a Confederate flag pinned on the lapel of his coat. Even Gladstone declared that Jefferson

SPIRITSUFFERING

There are many among Spiritualists who imagine there is no hell. A lake of liquid fire probably there is not; but State and the practice of the city allow returned spirits teach that the pangs of remorse, the unhappy mental state of out, or you are to become immortal for death. Ours is the new, the eternal, the "scott free" so far as water rates and evil doers, continues long after entering the purpose of punishment, for which universal religion of life unto higher taxes are concerned. We understand the spirit world. The heart-felt wail of an unhappy spirit is given in the little whole scheme is a continuous miracle every conceivable condition; leaves no fitted and furnished in running order book published by Mrs. Logan, as re-Man is created by a miracle and receives one out of our Father's house and must (which would involve about \$10,000), but ceived through the mediumship of her sister, Lucy Lavinia Browne. The spirit was permitted to visit the circle for temporary relief and to give warning of the unhappiness that naturally follows persistent evil-doing in this life. Such spirits in time, grow out of their unhappy conprise in these matters. Co-operation is dition, but the advance is a growth, not coming to the front; it is continually a forgivenesss. There is no forgiveness in nature. Effects follow causes. We are what we make ourselves. Even though we inherit evil tendencies there is no way out of low conditions into higher except by growth, and there is no growth without effort.-Carrier Dove.

If you are wise keep your own counsel.

NEWS ITEMS.

The greatest cold on record was at Jakontask. Siberia, January 25, 1824 W. G. D., A. L. L., M. P. P., W. J. H. Fahrenheit.

A steamship carrying a submarine to locate further south. cable has left the Thames for the West Mrs. R. S. Lillie is being entertained some experience, which I will give in owe the government of Russia their Indies. A new cable is to be laid be- by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stowell, at 465 tween Florida and the aforenamed by an Baymiller Street, and will be pleased to English company, and the work will begin at the l'lorida end.

A great advance has also been made in astronomical photography. Nebula in- lar meetings at G. A.R. Hall on Wednesvisible to the human eye has been sepa- day afternoons. Friends are invited to rated, and many thousand spectrum attend. Begin the new year with a photographs of single stars have been boom. There's light ahead. made. Orbits of comets have been described by photographic means. Every Marryatt, for sale at this office. Price scientific expedition now has its official 50 cents, postpaid. It is both interestphotographer. War-ships do not sail now without having a camera on board. place into the hands of investigators.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the 'Christian Union," and the successor of Henry Ward Beecher, was a speaker at the Unitarian banquet, at the Hotel Ven- of New York, is well now, has resumed dome, last week, and was reported to that position again, and promises to prohave said there that he "didn't believe duce from the platform, in daylight, in the infallibility of the Bible nor in tangible evidence of spirit-return. the divinity of Christ." He now denies having said so, but does not deny holding such liberal views. We don't suppose there is a man in the world of Mr. Abbott's intelligence who really believes ficiently self-centered to offset adverse in the inspiration of the scriptures, or that Jesus Christ was any more the son are positive, while others are negative of God than the rest of us are.-Marlboro' Times.

J. D. Chism, of Albany, N. Y., writes in the "Banner" that at a public seance held case in large rooms or public halls. there by Dr. Stansbury, the slate-writing | Conditions are essential to the majority medium, a remarkable test of spirit of physical mediums, and we can not power was given to him which he relates | change it. as follows: "I procured a new pad at a stationer, and in the presence of some skeptics at my office secured it with strong twine passed around and through vices were conducted by Mrs. R. S. Lilit in several places, and tied and sealed lie at his family residence on Mt. Auat every possible point. This pad was burn, this city, on Sunday last. Mr. handed into the cabinet, and in less than five minutes was returned to me, and examined by those persons who sawit his recent sickness. He often attended, sealed. It was pronounced to be intact. Upon being cut open, sixteen pages were found filled with messages, pictures, etc."--Was this legerdemain? Yes, undoubtedly. But not that of mortals.

The following strangely sounding editorial—to unravel the meaning of which, seems to need prophetic or intuitive reasoning-is taken from the columns of the Cincinnati "Golden Rule": "We need no senators whatever. should be abolished. The speaker of the house should be ex officio president heads we could get along with them well enough, but they are more than that They are serious hindrances in the way ries also, for their terms of four and six measure and glows with the upward years, neither of them obtained by a mental system so inflexible that it is broad estimates of men and measures

The most remarkable scientific discov learn whether the former is to prove a real and reliable advance in a vastly imgress, or a disappointment, as the Koch treatment for consumptives seems to have been. Astronomers and mathematicians are already preparing for such As hours their tircless orbits roll thorough study as can not fail this year to throw clear light upon the latter phenomenon. It is not too much to expect that questions of deep interest to ordinary mortals, for instance, such as relate to the variations of climate, will be answered in part by facts to be demonstrated by observations on variations of latitude,-N. Y. Press.

The anti-Semites are fond of declar-Davis had "founded a new nation." Na- ing that the campaign on which they are poleon's sympathies were with the engaged is a struggle between Germanenthum and Judenthum. Hitherto Ger-Russia alone was loyal to us, and the man Judeophobic prejudices have been lebt of gratitude due her government and largely based on the belief that the Jews people has never been paid.-N. Y. Press were responsible for the Crucifixion of Jesus. From an article which has recently appeared in the "Vossische Zeitung" it seems that the Jews are not only innocent of this charge, but that the actual delinquents are the Germans. A book was published at Solingen in 1775 in which this theory was developed, and the "Vossische" gives an interesting summary of its contents. The author argues that Pilate's guards were probably Germans, while Pilate himself was certainly a Germen, being a native of Fercheim, near Bamberg. The story sheds curious light on the antiquity of Germen anti-Semitism.—London Jewish World.

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The Ladies' Aid has resumed its regu-

"There is No Death," by Horence ing to Spiritualists and a good record to

Mrs. M. E. Williams, so successful as a presiding officer at the afternoon meetings of the First Society of Spiritualists

G. E.-Some mediums can not give public seances while others can, because they are differently constituted, or more perfected in their gift; some are sufinfluences, while others are not; some or sensitive to large audiences-suffering when too much drawn upon or their magnetism is diffused as it must be the

Mr. C. G. Helleberg, an old and respected worker in the cause, has passed to the higher spheres. The funeral ser-Hellebe.g was over eighty years of age, but quite active in body and spirit until in company with his devoted wife, the evening services of the Union Society, and has only recently published a book on Spiritualism-a proof of his mental activity. He is also the author of other books on this subject, and frequently contributed to our Spiritualist journals, translating from foreign exchanges for the American. He is a Scandinavian by birth, but has been in this country a long time. Peace to his spirit in the higher life.

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> The spirit moves from age to age. Still brighter streams the conquering sign The bigot's power, the hireling's rage, Check not the day-spring's march divine And night and day to earth are given A change diurnal waits the son From night of life to dawn of heaven

It calls-the voice eternal calls Each age through man made shadows dim Creeps further toward the horizon walls And lifts an answering cry to Him. One day shall justice crown the van And race with race shall brethren be, And franchised human sight shall span Our rolling globe from sea to sea.

There are about five pages of notes of interest—some of them of unique significance and historic value. The merits of this book, though presented in a rather retiring spirit, entitle it to a wide reading and generous popularity. Mr. Day is more than a versifier. A sphere of poetic genius breathes in these pages.

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Correspondence.

Cincinnati, O.

Last Sunday morning second a good t ning Boctety half to a forme Mrn E is Lille apendar for January and behruary. After the overture by the orch street ting by the congregation Mrs. Lillie was in troduced by President Conneily in a schille speech the former responding in her accustomed shie and picasing manner bull-way an invocation and menubert a seconds the light as it was distanted by the spirit, by answer ing question in a were handed in by the au dience Mrs Lillie having taken up the proeram of answering questions in the morning and taking a subject from this for the avening a discourse and which as a practical minds of teaching bpiritualism to very commendable name objections, however are made to this because trivial questions are occusionally offered. But as the medium is not shirged to respond to such, the objection may be laid saids for the gout it dues otherwise Thus 4 number of questions were answered in an interesting and instructive manner, and many happy hits were made in the course of the lecture, or essays, as they might be rightly termed. At the close of these a subject for improvisation was given, which was beautifully woven into thy me

The evening discourse was "Recognition on the other suie of Life

Shall we know each other there, is frequently since the time that spirits have been returning to earth has the query been responded to. But

orthodox teaching a have given erroneous ideas concerning this. The heaven and helt theories -that of perfect blise and abject misery - have caused many to despair, for it permitted but a favored few to enter heaven and relegated the so-called ungenerate-the large majority-to endless punishment and tormest. Such doctrine naturally disturbed the minds of many concerning their loved ones over there, and created anything but happiness in the souts of surviving mortals. Now, Spiritualism speaks of a natural world, with natural laws, where man a capacities are intensified-where his aspirations and desires bloom into sweet realities, including a reuniting of all broken ties of friendship and relationship. But there has been a tendency to prejudice minds against the acceptance of this new revelation on account of the afore-named false theories, and it is therefore difficult to inculcate the new-the real. But interior illumination is aiding many to an understanding of it; they will, too, comprehend the possibilities of spirit recognition. Here we know each other by external signsand yet it is not a true recognition. In spirit man looks beyond the material veil and the true being is revealed to his senses. Death breaks the barrier that has heretofore prevented this, and the spirit walks forth in the light of a new day, for the first time standing soul to soul-thought to thought In that state, too, thought becomes a potent factor, and may give advice; comfort or express its true intent, where language once failed. The time will eventually arrive when mortals, too, will be able to communicate with each other on an improved plan, either through one universal language or by thought-reading, and the Babel of tongues will have an end. It will be well for the human race, for there will be less chattering done, and in place of it more action. Distance has been lessened by man's genius-the effect of spiritual unfoldment. A continuation will lead to the other as well. Then our motives will be better understood one toward the other. and many errors, now a part of us, will be removed. It will, too, aid in the further penetration of nature-extending our analysis beyond so-called matter into a higher element. and prove to science a better world than this. It is known that even the atom is indestructible; then why should our intelligence be deatroyed-the ego. It is already known to many that man never dies as a spiritual entity; and that the young mature in a higher life where they await our coming. Nature's law acts there as it does here, and our departed child is not lost. Nature simply has it in her care for us, and will retain it until we are ready to meet it. But how shall we recognize it, is the question? In the first place, it may be in the care of other relatives who will introduce it; in the second place, the child may have been with us in spirit ever since its departure from earth, and which will in part make it apthere is a higher power in the soul which makes kindred spirits known to each other without any of the first-named conditions being necessary. Law is the fundamental principle to this recognition; magnetism and color are secondary studies, and which are understood by spirits. Thus mistakes are impossible. And through the same law children, who have been denied by their parents here, will be forced on their recognition in spirit. We can not shirk our responsibility. Nature rights all wrongs, and therefore neither a deity or a demon is necessary to be our judge. There is no atonement for sins. We simply reap what we have sown, and we must account to the deity within us. We shall not only recognize those gone before but we shall recognize our selves as well. There is no more deception when the body is laid aside. We are exposed

Brooklyn, N. Y.

to the world and to self. Nothing remaines

unrecognized. We shall find that none are

dead, and our lost treasures will be returned to

us. They are waiting to welcome us, and we

shall recognize them. Heaven is not so far

from those who have love in their hearts, and,

if through no other law, love will aid in our re-

cognition.-The close of the lecture was given

in rythmic style.

The continued stormy Christmas week, no doubt, was the cause of the somewhat slim attendance at our conference on Saturday, December 26th, but the meeting opened promptly with President Bogert in the chair.

The first speaker of the evening, Mrs. Evans President of the E. D. Conference, entertained the audience with a very ably written essay on "Progress" going back as far as the ages of stone and bronze; also to the time of Fulton, and dwelling upon the progression made, step, by step, since that time to the present era, comparing the little crafts of Fulton's time with the immense sea-faring vessels of today. Then she showed the progress made since the time of using oil, gas taking its place, and which was considered a most wonderful inprovement. But now the electric light overshadowed them all. If Fulton was considered great, Edison certainly must be greater. There is progression in religious matters, too, for step by step, the old dogmas and creeds are tumbling down, and making way for a newer, a grander and truer religion-the religion of love and humanity.

Mr. La Fumee made a few very pleasing remarks, dwelling on the prophecies of mediums, in which he, as a general rule, did not take much stock, but having been brought into connection with a prophecy made by a medium some time ago, which happened as predicted,

mention that it was not by our remarked " garretors comperted with the meetings or that in occupy the rooms, need the shough they were restricted charity and at the saids time it mediums had not noney where the home was there to make them and bid them welcome and it certainly in a cust furtable home like place to be in Mr and Mrs. Purking then gave several paychometric read tings, receiving various things from the ashe estiminatory

a member of any established house to this city she will return to us for the whole of February without becoming a member of some orthodos Church. This society has just closed its first vear. It has now a well furnished hall, caps ble of seating two hundred persons. The fushall we know each other than the bie of scatting two more than to necessarily asked by inquirers, began Mrs. Lillie, and niture embracing everything that is necessarily for hed room, partor, and draing room With the proceeds of the fair, in addition to what has been contributed, the association is

> and other association several escuings each week, rendering handsome returns. During December the association held meet ngs with the well known and popular lecturer Walter Howell, as lecturer Bunday evenings tests and developing circles, when the hall is not otherwise engaged. Hence the Spiritual ists of Brooklyn are a busy people, with some thing to show for their energy fet others de likewise, and Spiritualism will become not only

almost out of debt. The hall is rented to lodges

popular, but a power in the land. Wake up, brothers and sisters, put your shoulders to the wheel and let us have a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, our spirit friends who have done all the work thus far will not fail us now, and the result will be in proportion to the exenestness, the energy we throw into our work. Fraternally,

DANIEL COOMS.

New York, N. Y.

A regular conference meeting was held at Carnegie Hall Sunday afternoon, with Mrs. M. E. Williams presiding. The speakers were Walter Howell, Mr. Newton, Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Milton Rathbun, and Mrs. Williams. The speeches were short and mostly personal experience relative to phenomena. Mrs. Margaret Fox Kane was called to the platform and the raps resounded, so as to be heard over the entire hall, the same being made in response to points made by the speaker. The question having been raised as to whether Mrs. Kane was a Spiritualist, she came forward and responded that she was, to which affirmation there was a regular tattoo of raps.

In response to a request by the writer for a reply to a mental question. I send you enclosed the reply written through the hand of Mrs. Kane, the spirit writing from right to left. My question was, "Will the spirit friends give me something to send to THE BETTER WAY?" The reply was: "My son, this promiscuous gathering is not the place for giving you true satisfaction. You can hardly expect long messages given. A simple response, yes or no, will be all that you can expect at this meeting.' Signed by Prof. H. Kiddle. The meeting was to a large extent impromptu.

Miss Maggie Gaul from Baltimore, was advertised to be present, but was prevented by illness and Mrs. Fox Kane was called at the last moment, which fact, when taken into consideration, with the further fact that a promiscuous audience of some 200 people were present as Prof. Kiddle says, "hardly justified lengthy communications." Fraternally,

DANIEL COOMS.

Kansas City, Mo.

pear familiar to us; and in the third place terest to the many readers of THE BETTER WAY. Interest in Spiritualism in this community is by no means on the wane; on the contrary the attendance at our weekly meetings are largely on the increase, so much so that the demands made upon the society for seating capacity to accommodate its rapidly growing membership and investigators, that they have been compelled to abandon the hall formerly occupied by them and take another, in the same building, having a capacity of trebble that formerly occupied. This fulfills the prophecy made by Captain Winget some six months ago when elected to the presidential chair of the society. This move was not from choice, as we were comfortably quartered, but inability to accommodate the throngs which attended compelled us to make the change. Much credit is due to the officers of this society for the zealous manner in which they have managed the affairs of the society and making the meetings attractive as well as instructive, by having the rostrum occapied by noted medlums from all parts of the country. Miss Anna Orvis has just completed her en-

gagement here, having lectured before us during the month of December. Her work was entirely satisfactory, and she carries with her our best wishes for her future success in the good work she has undertaken.

The rostrum will be occupied for the month of January by Bishop Beals, the well-known public speaker, his labors in this field beginlecture each Sunday afternoon at 230 in Pythian Hall.

Among the mediums now in the city is Mrs. Effic Moss, materializing medium, who is doing good work here. She holds her seances on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturday evenings of each week, the same being well attended. The manifestations through this lady are truly wonderful, and are doing much towards convincing the skeptic investigator of "spirit return." Two full-formed figures have walked out of her cabinet at one time, hand in hand, and conversed with friends present. One of the most amazing things that has taken place at the seance is the materializing of an Indian girl, a control of Captain Winget's, who manifests her strength by taking hold of the hands of persons present, lifting them from their chairs, and winds up the visit with an Another demonstration, in which has had much to do with convincing skeptics who have visited these seances, is the materializing of a daughter of Mrs. Fulton, a medium of San net, and permitted a lighted lamp to be held close to her, that the full expression; and color of her face and eyes could be as plainly seen

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S D BUSKER

St. Paul. Minn.

During the past four weeks by and Mrs 5 opiritualist modely, and has given entire saits to do as much. Happy New Year to all faction. Mrs. Aspinwall to a trance medium and a good lecturer. The subject for two nundays was Reincarnation and Re embodi ment. The subject taken on the preceding Sunday was More Light, and it was a very interesting and rousing lecture, and awakened her listeners to the reality of the darkness which surrounded them.

Dr. Aspinwall was the speaker last bunday. His subject was, "Are Spiritualists intelligent people, and how does Spiritualism benent humanity?" He fully proved that Spiritualists are intelligent people, and that some of the most prominent men the world has ever posseased were Spiritualists. The speaker was listened to with great interest, and the fecture thoroughy appreciated. Every lecture was followed by platform tests. Not only were accurate descriptions given, but also full names and middle initials, all the tests recognized.

Mrs. Aspinwall has also given several of her wonderful materialising senuces here, which have been largely attended, and given universal satisfaction. Some of the materialized forms can bear the full light of a large kerosome lamp shining directly upon them, and while standing in that bright-light change their dress from full-dress suit of black and white shirt front to a soldier's uniform. Those apirits who recognized brother Masons in the circle also gave the masonic grip and sign.

I am glad to say that there is more interest in Spiritualism in St. Paul at the present time than has ever been before. We have two successful societies here now, and both are holding meetings each Sunday evening, which are largely attended. We hold a test circle every Sunday afternoon, at several of which Mrs. Steers, of California, who is at present located in Minneapolis, has given the tests. Her tests are splendid, and are always recognized. Last Sunday afternoon "Prairle Flower," Mrs. Aspinwall's little control, delighted the circle with her tests. We would be glad to hear from any good reliable mediums traveling this way.

Vice-pres't Progressive Spiritual Society.

Mrs. Nettie Howell writes that the Progressive Spiritual Society, though but a few months old has met with gratifying success since its organamong which was some of excellent quality, seeking engagements in that section of the country. Address the writer at 321 East Thirttenth Street.

Los Angeles, Cal.

This favored clime, known as the Italy of America, has been having a spiritual revival for the past six months. Many mediums from all parts of the country have been brought here It is with pleasure that I send you a few by the unseen forces, and they are all doing is a fine platform medium and gifted with in notes from our local society that may be of in- well as far as I know. At least they all seem spirational power for lecturing. She will, no happy.

> The angel city is also favored with one of the best speakers on the spiritual and liberal plat form, in the person of the ex-Rev. W. C. Bow man. This gentleman, like many others who are doing good for the cause of humanity, came out from the Church through Universalism into Spiritualism and the broad field of univer- new year. It was an entire success, and all sal mental liberty. He commenced lecturing here six months ago to a remnant of the disintegrated spiritual societies that were scattered dress. On invitation of those present the came again, and again the audience increasing every Sunday, until the hall was found too small to larger room was procured, and that was soon performed a piano solo; Mrs. Hort, for the difound too small for the audience. He then moved his meetings into the G. A. H. Hall. This was up three flights of steps, yet it was soon filled to overflowing A larger auditorium is now in order, and another change will soon be made in order to seat the crowds who flock to hear the words of truth and wisdom as uttered by this grand orator.

Mr. Bowman does not hold his audience spell bound night after night with spiritual phenomena and ancient oracles. His soul is alive with all subjects that interest humanity in the present state of society. His sledge-hammer pleasant affairs help to build up and hold toblows at crumbling superstitions and organized hypocrisy in Church and State attract the ning with the first Sunday in January, and will crowds. He gives them the mental food they crave; hence they gladly come to hear him.

Of the resident mediums of this city there is none better than Mrs. Ella M. White of 13314 Los Angeles Street, formerly of Troy, O. This lady has recently developed into one of the fienest psychometric mediums in the world. Having tested her powers in every conceivable way, I only state what I know in this assertion Her psychometric powers exceed that of many others, because of her clairvoyance and trance mediumship. She not only gives the past his tory revealed by the letters and other objects placed in her hands, but she senses the spiritual status of their owners; also de scribes the spirit accompanying the articles and gives warning of danger and advice about the future calculated to benefit the individual in all the relations of life.

It was recently my good fortune to go with Indian dance, which lasts about five minutes. Mrs. White though no relative of mine to a strange place, in which neither of us had ever been before. I to lecture and she to give tests. Upon our arrival we found an orthodox community in arms against us, and not half a dozen Francisco, who walked from Mrs. Moss' cabi. Spiritualists to support us by their presence A large part of the audience were those to make sport and general disturbance. We held the fort against these odds. It was grand to he thought it no more than right to acknowledge the same publicly.

Mr. Perkins, seating himself at the organ, extertained the audience by singing the song, what is Home," and being inspired by the

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Progressive Divoker whether they real Association, under the name of the La ciables which are held to private par dies' Auxiliary recently held a very successful lair at the Association Hall, nating over \$100, and as the whole integement was exclusively under the control of the lady members, they are entitled to all the honor. The aim of the are trivial goes to by Louis for the mosth of amounts of the lady members, and a spiritual home, and a spiritual home, and a spiritual home, and a spiritual home.

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Santa Cruz, Cal.

The Unity bpictual noniety to increasing in numbers and growing in interest under the and leadership of M. s. M. E. Aldrich, who has been and One ibilat our speaker for the past three months. We have a hall under the control of the e-ciety which we have newly bited up. It is located nearly 10 000 inhabitants, and electric street care and lights its own mater works etc. San ta Cruz has many advantages over other places on this coast. It is located on Mouterey Say facing the South with Bauta Cruz range o mountains to break off the northwest trade winds. We are always ready to welcome any good medium that comes our way. Mrs Fan ning, of San Jose, has been with us for a few weeks, assisting Mrs. Aldrich in the society We hold regular meetings bunday morning and evening, Sociables on Wednesday evening and a reception for spirits and mortals on Pri day evenings, which are very interesting and successful.

Santa Cruz is rightly named the City o Roses," as now the roses and greatiums and flowers of all kinds are in full bloom. Vegetable wagons are now delivering fresh vegetables, and strawberries are ripening out

There is some talk of holding a campmeet ing in this place next year for the north cen tral part of the coast, as Summerland is too far away for those living in this part to attend More snon. Yours truly, F. H. PARKER.

Portland, Ore.

Some very interesting and instructive meet ngs have been held in this city for the past six weeks. Judge H. N. Maguire, a prominent liberal writer and speaker, delivered free thought lectures in Masonic Hall, followed by platform tests by Harlow Davis. The work of both was greatly appreciated by the large audlences which gathered together on Sundny evenings. Judge Maguire is a deep thinker imbued with a fine inspirational power and well qualified to stand upon the platform to promulgate the beautiful truths of Spiritualism. Mr. Davis, who is well known on the coast as a platform medium, succeeded in giving some of ization. So far home talent has been employed, of the most remarkable proofs of spirit-return ever witnessed in this city. I'pwards of seventy five distinct tests with full names were given by him during each evening, and fully recognized, each person receiving a test, acknowledging that they were perfect strangers to the medium. On the occasion of his last meeting he was presented with a beautiful boquet of printed questions students can take the course and receive the diploma at their continuous test of printed questions students can take the course and receive the diploma at their continuous at their contin with more developing. Would, however, like five distinct tests with full names were given to correspond with speakers and test mediums by him during each evening, and fully recogflowers, as a token of esteem of his many friends.

The meetings in this hall are to be continued by Mrs. C. Cornelius, who is recognized by everyone as a faithful and noble worker. She doubt, prove a great attraction for the next F. A. B. few weeks. Praternally.

Washington, D. C.

On the 30th ult. the Children's Lyceum, of this city, gave its annual entertainment, commemorative of the Christmas season and the enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Miss Bessie Swainson opened the program with a musical selection on the piano; Miss over the city. There were not more than two Stella Steinberg and Miss Fannie Smith each dozen persons present at his first public ad- gave a recitation; Master Julius Bernham performed a violin solo, which gave much pleasure: Master Herbert Wood recited a poem which was well received; Miss Charlotte Gailhold the people who flocked to hear him. A lord gave a recitation; Miss Bertha Julian version of the little ones, gave two of her inimitable comic recitations, 'The Stolen Kiss," and "The Goblins will Catch You," and last nine of the children of the Lyceum, each bearing a shield on which was a gilt letter, the whole spelling "Christmas," stood in line, and recited appropriate mottoes, after which candies, unts, and oranges were distributed, and the floor cleared for dancing, Mrs. Parslow performing the instrumental music. The management is to be congratulated for its able efforts to give the children a good time. Such gether the lyceums of the country.

O. W. HUMPHPER.

Lockport, N. Y.

1 am pleased to tell you that the work for truth is in a prosperous condition here. Our society is in the best condition, and the interest growing. I have been their regular speaker

for nearly three years, and can truthfully say I never saw a more pleasant society than we have here. Many new mediums are being developed and doing fine work. For the last few months there has been a constant gain in numbers of earnest investigators, and Sunday evenings our hall is filed, standing room only will soon be in order.

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Written for the Better Way TOPICS OF THE TIME.

HARLES GARBER The bill introduced by Senator Daniel of Virginia, to repeal the law which prohibits es confe lerate om ers from serving in the latted states army and havhas met with general approval. With a few enceptions, the tenor of the demand for the removal of these last restrictions, has been kind, denoting that just spirit which characterizes the true desire for a closer and stronger government, All foyal and well learning citizens demand the passage of this bill. The barmony and good will necessary to the government of a brotherhood of man must had its next beginnings in the remival of these distinctions that has been rendered uncless and absolute by the good conduct of those upon whom they have been placed. Nothing could be more toreign to the policy of an enlightened government than to continue these remnauts of a vigorous measure in an age when all are striving for peace and good will to supplant the wider tones of man's harsher nature. Let it be repealed.

The sand in the glass of the old year has dropped the grains of a renewed opportunity again into the globular space of a new year. The past is gone-forever? No. It is forever with us. The man or woman without a past is without a future. Whatever the actions of ourselves have done or left undone, the present sees the food, ripened on the houghs of the past.

He cometh reaper of the things he sowed Sesamum corn, so muc i cast in past birth: So much weed and por ou-stuff which mar-Him and the aching earth.

And have you or I realized the vast and almost incalculable responsibility of a correct and immediate use of our time. the best use each fleeting moment gave us? Ah! how many of us can truly say conscience, It might have been better. and fuller deed! Dim and bright promise of a better heritage which the quickgenerations yet unborn. It might have been |-it will be ;-it must be.

If he shall labor rightly, rooting these And planting wholesome scedling where they grew,

Fruitful, and fair, and clean the ground shall be

And with the barvest due.

The Loudon "News" relates the following Mozart centenary performances at the Imperial Opera House in Vienna: For example, an encyclopædia of high the bulk of the germs we inhale may An old gentlemen, with snow-white hair, was announced to Court Chancellor memorates the birthplace of Gotama; the germ-invasion of both the digestive Wlassak, and on being received, said he though it should be well known that the system and the breathing system. The wished to book a corner-stall for the per- temple is supposed to have been erected tonsils are subject to ailments, among formance of "The Magic Flute." He close to the site of the Bodhi tree, be- which the familiar quinsy is the best gave his name as Jacob Meyer, and ex- neath which the Buddha sat when he known. When the tonsils from this or plained that he had already tried to ob- gained "enlightenment." The sacred any other cause become inefficient in the tain a seat at the booking office, but had Bodhi tree was endowed with miraculous discharge of their duties, and when their been told that the house was sold out for powers of self-preservation by the Budd- white cells are not produced in sufficient that evening. The Court Chancellor re- hist myth-makers. According to Hinen numbers or in the proper degree of gretted having to give the same answer. Tsiang, it was cut down in the reign of vitality, it seems the glands in their turn and seeing the disappointed expression King Asoka by a malignant skeptic, but become attacked by the germs they otherin Herr Meyer's face, asked him why he it grew again, and an attempt to burn it wise kill. Quinsy, in this view of things, so particularly wished to see "The Magic resulted in the same way. Devout Budd- is an ailment which arises through the Flute." Would not any other Mozart opera of the series do as well? But Meyer declared, "No. I saw 'The Magic Flute' Gotama gained enlightenment, but the repeat that these researches are of singwhen it was first performed at the Vienna Opera, and I want to see it to-night." The Court Chancellor shook his head surrounded by a stone wall twenty feet the tonsils, but show us how in yet anpityingly, and asked his visitor whether high, and this wall was still standing other fashion the human territory is he was aware that "The Magic Flute" was played for the first time at the Opera temple. in 1811-just eighty years ago. Herr Meyer replied promptly, "Exactly so. I was then eleven years old, and my par- commemorated by the erection of "stuents took me to the Opera. I remember pas" on the supposed sites near the temthe whole performance quite well." The ple. Most of these have disappeared, Court Chancellor quickly offered his visitor a chair, which was, however, refused, about them has remained and put toand gave orders that these being the cir-«umstances a corner-stall must be found. The old gentleman had his corner-seat center of Indian devotion. It may be in the evening, and stayed to the end of too much to imagine that it will ever oc-

was an accomplished retailer of anecdotes, and several are given in these volcapital punishment. The Duke did not seem quite to like the job, and observed that Scripture had declared, 'Whosoever sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed.' 'Please your Royal the tonsils, have always appeared, in Highness,' replied the Quaker, 'when physiological eyes, as somewhat of a Cain killed Abel he was not hung for it.' 'That's true,' rejoined the Duke, 'but remember, Allen, there were not twelve men in the world then to make a jury." This was not bad for a royal Duke," said bread, or tea-glands, do not possess any my friend, "but I think it good to come tubes or ducts leading from them, and from anybody."

ican public, Sir Arnold frankly expressed an anomaly in the eyes of the ancients, his opinion on the futility of proselyting seeing that, like the tonsils, it had no

work by the carried accounts the albe outlet and that unlike the over or the PWARD STEPS OF from Dr. Gustave le Bon's "Les Civiliza our brain is such a structure. Descartes tions l'Inde." One of the Chinese pil- allocated the soul to this gland. Now grims described the edifice as it appear- we know it is simply a vestige of a meed in the seventh century. He says: dian eye, which once upon a time, in our lower foundation wall is twenty or more it, still exists as an eye in some fishes blue bricks, covered with lime; all the of the tonsils have of very late days reniches in the different stories hold gold ceived a new interpretation from the refigures. The four sides of the building searches of Dr. Lovell Gulland, whose are covered with wonderful ornamental paper on this subject appears in the work; in one place figures of stringed "Edinburg Medical Journal" for Novempearls, in another figures of heavenly ber. It seems that the tonsils are really Rishis. The whole is surmounted by a glands which are devoted to the manuour talent, our action, our life? When gilded copper Amalaka fruit. The east- facture of the white blood-cells. Nor is the memory lights up and reveals to our ern face adjoins a storied pav lion, the this all. Dr. Gulland tells us that while consciousness the past, shows it to us projecting eaves of which rise one above many of these important white cells every moment, every hour crammed with another to the height of three distinct pass off into the blood circulation, chambers; its projecting eaves, its pil- thence to wander on their heat, like lars, beams, doors, and windows are dec- sanitary policeman, through the tissues, with honest hearts and an unstricken orated with gold and silver, with pearls many others take up their position on and gems let in to fill interstices. Its the outside of the tonsils themselves. Ah! sincere confession, how good thou sombre chambers and mysterious halls This latter move on the part of these art! How prophetic of a nobler time have doors in each of the three stories. white cells is a very interesting one; for, To the right and left of the outside gate as they live on the tonsil-surfaces, they are niches like chambers; in the left is act as a set of custom-house officers ened conscience shall leave to future a figure of Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva, in .preventing injurious or contraand in the right a figure of Maitreya Bodhisattva. They are made of white silver from passing onwards to the throat and are ten feet high."

> An inscription was found at Buddha Gaya by Sir Charles Wilkins some years ago, in which the building of the temple and why many of the germs we inhale is attributed to Amara Kooha, one of the are prevented from doing injury to us "nine gems" of the court of King Vikramaditya. Some of the popular accounts of the temple are curiously incorrect, sils acts as a fairly efficient barrier, which reputation states that Buddha Gaya comhist claim that the tree now at Buddha battle between germs and tonsils being Gaya is the identical Bodhi under which decided in favor of the microbes. I legend does not meet general acceptance, ular interest, for they not only reveal to After the attempts to destroy it, it was us the hitherto unknown functions of when the Chinese pilgrims were at the

All the steps of Gotama's temptation, the World. meditation, and enlightenment were but a mass of legends which grew up gether in accessible form by western scholarship. The temple was once the cupy that position again, but in the hands of the Buddhists it would un-Dr. Goulburn's biography of the late doubtedly become once more the object Dean of Chichester was published re- of devotion. Should the present atcently by Mr. Murray, the great English tempt to revive Indian Buddhism be sucpublisher, in two volumes. Dean Burgon | cessful, the possession of this venerable monument might be expected to stimulate the movement and attract more atumes. One of them, described as a royal tention to it. By what means Sir Arbon mot, appears in an early letter of the nold expects to persuade the Brahmans Dean's, dated 1840. "A gentleman," he to surrender the old temple he does not says, "on whom I called the other day, say, but it is surmised that hisplan is-as told me that in the course of an inter- periphrastic writers would put it-not view he had with the Duke of Sussex, wholly unconnected with the idea of pe-Allen the Quaker, waited upon his Royal custary compensation. Should be suc-Highness in order to remind him of his ceed, the new movement will be followpromise to present a petition against ed with interest in the Western World.

APHYSIOLOGICAL DISCOVERY. Those glands situated in the back part of the mouth, and familiarly known as puzzle-that is to say, their functions or uses have not been accurately determined. They are ductless glands, and, unlike the liver, salivary glands, sweetconveying away any secretion they may manufacture. We can understand, on In his recent readings before the Amer. this footing, how the spleen itself was

rents of Buddition. Their morally he other glands above named, it did not contends, to a to that your houses seem to elaborate any fluid or prison and in his general bases, and conduct of use in the body. We have arrived at his Caristian brother. The 'N. Y. Tri spleen which is a Slood gland and we is bune, to commenting on the recent seems to be occupied in the sore among Change disputed which credits sir hill other duties, possibly of most against win Arnoid with a join tending to the corpuscies, but notil very recently the revival of Buddhism in India, thinks, it tonsils puzzled us completely. The successfully carried out, may produce in opinion was hazarded that they might be teresting and perhaps important results, glands of service in early life, has the He believes it possible to procure the re-thyroid giand in the neck or the thystoration of the Birl that caya Temple with gland, which is big in infancy, but pe long in the passession of the Brahmans, decreases in size and importance as ne to the Buddanses, and he thinks that by pass away from the first epoch of our then placing it in the hands of a Budd existence. This is by no means an unhist committee, it may be made a center philosophical view to take of organs ("LEANINGS FROM THE. of religious interest, as it was 2,000 years, which do not appear to subserve any ago, when, according to tradition, it was active duty in adult existence. Early built by King Avika, the Constantine of life has its own special demands and Buddhism. It is known from the travels duties, and organs which discharge these of the Chinese pilgrinis, I shian and Hi-duties would naturally decline and apneu Tsiang, in the seventh rentury, that pear before us as useless parts, when the the temple was then flourishing, and had adult stage was attained. Again, we not ceased to be an object of pilgrimage. must bear in mind that man retains in Later, with the virtual disappearance of his anatomy not a few remnants and Buddhism from the soil of India, it fell vestiges of organs which, no longer serinto ruins, but still later, was partially viceable or required by humanity, yet restored. What it looked like when per- | played, and still play, in lower life many fect may be ascertained in a drawing important parts. The pineal gland of 'To the east of the Bodhi tree there is a far-back ancestry, existed on the top of vihara, about 100 or 170 feet high. Its the head, and which, for that matter of paces in its face. The building is of and in certain lizards. But the functions band matter (chiefly germs, of course) stomach and lungs. This is both an extraordinary and extremely interesting discovery, for it makes plain to us how They may pass into the mouth, but the cordon of white blood cells on the tonnot pass, and we are thus secured from protected from germ-attack.-Dr. Andrew Wilson, in The Illustrated News of

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Our Reserver a Note-Book

er Benjamin F. Foster, a lad of tions, which, in normalists, are not of sparsts-departed human beings.

As an exhibition of his powers or held a sesurce at the home of Mr. C. C. watkedness of war, Stowell, of THE BETTER Way, on the evening of December 31, 1991. Beniden this gentleman, the hosters, Mrs. Stowell Mrs. Dr. Berry, Mr. Stowell's mother. Mrs. Poster, the medium a mother, Mr. O. E. Ackiev, and the editor, and a reporter of THE BETTER WAY were present - all experienced persons in the art if such it can be termed; of testing mediums

At the appointed hour a dark curtain was bring across the corner of a room behind which was a solid brick wall. The enclosure contained only a small table on which was placed an indellible pencil, some black paper two small bells, and a tembourne. Beneath the centre of the curtain was placed a chair, on which the medium took his sest. Next a request was made to secure the erto manner. medium's hands, which was effectually done by the reporter himself by first tying three-inch strips of long cloth around his thighs, then drawing through them strips of strong worsted braid. which were knotted around his wrists and sewed to prevent untying. The curtain was then drawn over his body, but which had an aperture at sufficient height to permit the medium's head to protrade, thus keeping him in sight of the circle. The lamp which illuminated the room had but an ordinary shade to protect the eyes of the medium and the But hardly was the medium placed in

position and the reporter in his seat, about six feet in front of the medium. when a delicate white hand appeared shove the curtain some four or five feet away from the medium's shoulder, proving in the offset that it could not possibly be the medium's hand. Other hands followed in quick succession, showing themselves on both sides. Next the medium's pockets were rifled, his keys thrown out, and his watch carefully handed over until taken by Mrs. Foster, who left her seat for that purpose, but immediately resumed it. Following this thrown out. The handkerchiefs were called for, slightly dampened in the centre. Each sitter handed one in by turns, but in every instance it was thrown out again in about fifteen to thirty seconds (in some instances all knotted up), and on each handkerchief was drawn the face of either a baby, a lady, or a man, excellently executed. At the close basket of flowers was passed over the curtain and in a few minutes neatly tied boquets were thrown out into the laps of the sitters. During the intervals of the above-named manifestations the table was moved about, the bells were rung and thrown out, the tambourine played upon and held aloft a distance behind the medium, and on various occasions a portion of an arm, besides the hand was exhibited, and on the wrist of one was noticed a heavy silver bracelet.

Such are the facts, simply stated, and without exaggeration. And there is no room left for doubt because during some of the manifestation the hands of the medium, though secured against use, were held by both Mr. and Mrs. Stowell spirit hands as they appeared over the curtain, and which, too, was an exhibition for the entire circle. The spirits also permitted those who desired to shake hands with them in order to eradicate all doubt as to their tangibility and the hypnotic theory that skeptics like to apply when discussing the wonders of Spiritualiam.

WAR.

. To the Editor of The Better Way. Your editorial on "War" in a recent issue was terse, pertinent, timely, and exactly to the point. Erasmus said he "never knew a righteous war and never heard of a disadvantageous peace." Elihu Burritt says, "when the recruiting sergeant asks you to enlist tell him you are a Christian, and cannot fight for any cause or country." General Sherman says, "war is organized cruelty, and you can not refine it." Dr. Talmage says that in war the wrong people get killed, while those who fomented the disturbance die a natural death at home and dylog for." saugly in bed. War is a game, says one writer, that, were their subjects wise, kings would not play at. Another styles war "legalized murder." Still another sarcastically speaks of it as "the rich man's war and the poor man's fight." Yet another friend of humanity remarks that did musketry and cannon balls go crashing through the lace curtains and fine porcelain of the wealthy as they do through the somber surroundings of the poor, all disputes between nations would be settled by diplomacy. When the great army of pulpit recreants denominated "ministers of the gospel" and professedly bearing credentials from the

stances against red-handed war, its abol ishment, I think, could not long be de ferred. I have had some experience in righteen years and son of Mr. F. N. the ghastly business and have been an Foster, the well-known spirit photogra- eye witness of its horrors. But, from pher of this city has recently developed henceforth and forever, not all the stately is a medium for a series of manifesta- marching and prancing steeds, the strains of martial music, nor the blare of bands, the gilded trappings and spacious pleas for patriotism, together with all its illusions and deceptions shall ever be set of the sparits through him and able to blind my eyes to the stapendous his claims to genuraeness, young Foster folly, the degrant injustice, and supreme

> Yours very respectfully W. C. BOWEN

PERHAPS THE MOON IS INHAB-ITED

It does not seem improbable that in the course of events the earth and the moon may become more intimately acheld the theory that the moon was a dead planet, without atmosphere, and consequently uninhabited. This theory has recently been entirely controverted. The work began by Prof. Holden at the Lick observatory apon Mount Hamilton has been steadily continued and the photographs taken by him and his assistants have revealed certain facts hith-

Photographic observations show a perfect map of the moon, and upon the summit of one of the highest mountains is a white spot which has the appearance of a glacier, proving the presence of atmosphere and making the theory of the habitableness of the moon tenable. It is claimed by Prof. Holden that by a continuous series of photographs be is able to detect any changes upon the surface of the moon and that a building fifty feet high would cast an appreciable shadow.

If the moon is inhabited the fact will certainly be discovered sooner or later. but the question of the establishment of communication is still unsolved, although in the face of the scientific achievements of the last century we will not predict that it is unsolvable.-Chicago Graphic.

Newark, N. J.

of Boston, was greeted or the largest audience of the season though many of the abler toilers in the cause in that section have gone to a gher life, and their absence was conspicuous The speaker said: "It is our duty not only to itualists by name-in fact Materialists, and it icwise spiritual. Mediumship per se is not the highest development, but only a phenomenou. manifestation the medium's necktie and and will ever remain a phenomenon. The true collar were taken off by spirit hands and sum of life is to bring out your inherent Godnature, and everyone's earnest endeavor should be to become one with the highest moral conception of life."

The transition of W. P. McCarroll took place at Ottumwa, Iowa, December, 24, 1991. It is perhaps safe to say that no private citizen of this State was so well known among Spiritualiste as W. F. McCarroll, of this city. For twenty years he has been one of the leading business men of the city and has always been his moral integrity. His pleasant and hospi table home was always the resting place of the ltinerant lecturer, whose mission was to demonstrate the facts of man's continued existence and possibility of the inter-communica tion between the two worlds; always ready to he had little patience with those who believed that that life was to be a living death for any portion of the human family. Yet he was no aggressive, but had a pleasant method of show ing them how far short their creeds were o meeting human needs. He was always a Spir Spiritualism to him was the only way whereby human beings could enjoy hap-piness here with a sure prospect of a happy life in the spirit world around us. But this article would be much too long if I should attempt to ennumerate his many virtues, hi love of mankind, his desire for the elevation of oman, his broad philanthropy, his genia in turn, at the same time watching the happy, hopeful smile, his love of wife and children, his attachment to his pleasant homwith all its blessings. His was the typical home life, and he was never more happy than when surrounded by his wife and children and grandchildren. When we think of how many discordant homes there are in this world, it is s rare treat to become acquainted with a family like brother McCarrolls, as all who have spent any time under their hospitable roof can tes-

> At 7: 10 o'clock on the morning of December 4th, after a short, but severe, illness of only a few days, Brother McCarroll sank quietly and seacefully to rest. One or two incidents conected with the funeral I will relate. Mrs. McCarroll is a fine medium and the family are more or less mediumistic. On the morning of the day of the funeral Brown McCarroll, the econd son, was alone in the sitting-room, and ooking into the parlor where the form of his father was lying, he saw a chariot surrounded by spirits, who were assisting his father into the chartot. His father looked pleased and with smiling face, after he had taken his seat, said: "It is all right now," And the vision disappeared. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, who is a personal friend of the family, was sent for to deliver the funeral discourse and during the discourse she saw Mr. McCarroll, who said This is all right, it is just as I wanted to have it. I wanted the people to hear. This is worth

Mrs. Richmond's discourse was most beauti ful and convincing, and has been seed sown in good ground. The house was packed with eager listeners and many a heart rejoiced that death, so-called, is only the beginning of a life with higher hopes and aspirations, and with grander opportunities for happiness and pro-

Brother McCarroll had just passed his sixtyeighth birthday.

Mrs. Jones hasn't a gray hair in her head and is over fifty. She looks as young as her daughter. The secret of it is, that she use only Hall's Hair Renewer.

ar introduce the paper to your neighbor. Ald as in the grand work in which we are engaged. THE BETTER WAR is to be a great agent for "Prince of Peace," shall have attained to doing good everywhere. Pass the sample copy the higher moral altitude of those whose that reaches you to some acquaintance in order testimony is ever and under all circum- to spread the good news.

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When a rich man gives his money is harry his pour relatives never applicable

handly as a for orn-looking and rode up on a

We me we have no poor pew here quainted. A few years ago orientiats hold of his arms—"Come right in held the theory that the moon was a "No. ye don't I know what religion is an I happe what heaven is. No poor pew no religi no religiou, no heaven, no long -X Y

had in love? How canst thou ask.

moor new hinder drangity?

Is it duty or a 'ask'.
The life immortal -of the soul And this a part of Nature s whole.

And nature, God, sweet source divine.

Thus maketh love the inner light. That leadeth from this earthly shrine. To youder dome in heavenly height. -St Julian.

SOUTH WITH THE COMPANY Among the first railroads built in the United States was a little line about twenty miles in length. In the course of time a big tunnel line The original line became merely a branch. For many years it was ren in a cheap way with one locomotive one engineer, and two or three

had not been in office one week when he sent for the one lone conductor, who had been there since the road was built.

said the general manager when the conductor

appeared. My resignation ? inquired the conductor in

Yes, sir : yours."
What for, pray "

Well I want to make some changes and get new blood in the line," was the general manager's reply.

Then I will be compelled to discharge you

a step which, for your sake, I had hoped I would be saved from taking." "Young man, you will not discharge me. own a controlling interest in the stock of this

shall have you fired." The old conductor really did own the majority of the stock, and, as he said, put in his own directors and president.

read and elect the president and directors. I

An Austrian professor has discovered that the soul is simply the natural perfume of the hair. Now we can understand the nuaccountable depravity of bald-headed men.

A female Salvationist met a young man in the Freet the other day and said to him. "My brother, I am on a mission to save young men "Well," said the young man, "do you save

young women, too? "Then," said the young man, "save one for

me, and I will call on her in a day or two."-Freethinker.

A SAINT'S COMPLIMENT. As Peter sat at heaven's gate A maiden sought permission. And begged of him, if not too late, To give her free admission.

"What claim hast thou to enter here?" He cried in honest mien. Please, sir," she said, 'twixt hope and fear "I'm only just sixteen."

"Enough," the hoary guardian said, And the gate wide open flew, That is the age when every maid Is girl and angel too.

TELLTALE CONTRIBUTION. elder was sad, and the preacher was dumb.

hat scandal For instead of a dime the deacon had dropped In a check, reading, "Good for one beer."

... GROSTS NO OBJECTION.

A tall, dignified-looking gentleman stood fac ng an unoccupied house on a prominent West Side street the other day, closely scanning a large white sign which hung on the front The house was a handsome modern been built by some wealthy man for residence purposes, but was now advertised as being "for

The tall man had just finished taking observations and jotting down the owner's address in a small note-book, and was turning to leave, when a neighbor came along and pleasantly remarked:

"It's a pity that a fine house like this should stand idle for such a tong time."

"How long has it been idle?" "Well, the last tenant moved out two year ago, and the owner can't find another who is

brave enough to live in there," "What's the matter with it? Danger of col-

lapsing? Oh, no! The house is built solid enough The trouble is that it's haunted,"

"You don't say!" And the man seem to grow more interested. "It's a fact. Every Wednesday and Friday

ust at midnight, the people in the neighborhood are startled by a series of blood-curling yells, and immediately after that two white figures appear at the upper windows; I've seen them myself," and the good man shuddered as he thought of it.

"Have you any idea what rental the owner demands for the house? "Yes. I heard him say he'd let auybody have

it for \$5 per month." "Five dollars a month! Great Casar! but that's a bargain. Guess I'll take it before some

other fellow gets ahead of me." "But wouldn't you be afraid of living in a house infested with spooks?"

"Oh, I'm quite used to them. I am a Spiritualist, and as I hold my scances every Wednes day and Friday night, these spooks will come in very handy. You'll excuse me, sir, while I go and see the owner and sign a lease for nint ty-nine years.

And as he walked off he muttered to himself "Five dollars a month, and two full-fledged ghosts to boot. That is indeed a bargain."

MOVEMENTS OF MEDIUMS.

Mrs. Mary C Lyman may be addressed at

E. J. Bowtell may be addressed at Greenfield for engagements. Miss Nellie Brighum lectures in Washington D. C. during January.

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Mrs A. M. Glading is lecturing in Balti-more Md. during January. May be addressed Box or Doylestown Pa. I hash brooke may be addressed for engage-

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Calhoun Co . Ga . until further notice. Florence E. Rich having completed her spir qual wirk in Los Angeles Call as on a visit of

to lecture anywhere on the Pacific Slope a reasonable terms. Address my W. Battery bireet, beattle, Wash.

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Mrs. Maggie Stewart will leave for Memphis Team., on January 6th or 7th, to remain in that city one week, after which she will go to Stutt gart. Ark., to fill a mouths' engagement for the society at that place.

Willard J. Holl speaks for the First Associa tion of Spiritualists in Philadelphia during the Sundays of January. February in Norwich Conn., March and April in Cincipnati, O. Is open for engagements for May and June, also for campineeting work during the forth com-ing summer. Address during January, 926 Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lyman C. Howe speaks in Grand Rapids Mich., the five Sundays of January, 1852. He will answer calls for week evenings at access: ble points. Address 190 North Division Street. March : in St. Louis the Sundays of April, and Duluth, Minn., the Sundays of May and June. His time for camp work is engaged from July 30th to August5th at Haslett Park, Mich.; Au gust 6th to 12th at Mantua Station, Ohio; and August zoth to with, Ashley, Ohio.

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cle on second page: I thank you for your kind notice, of the article which I sent

you on the Shakspeare Question. When I had finished it and read it over I began to feel suspicious that perhaps I had better put it in the waste-basket before you did. I want to add a little, however, if not too late. I am impressed to say what I omitted after the line : 'The Constitution of the I'nited States is one of the best messages ever sent to mankind." structure, two stories high, and had evidently Add here: The spirit congress that inspired our constitution had outgrown the Gods of the religious of earth, hence this is the reason that no God or religion was recognized in it, and if our people are true to themselves there never will be."

Oakland, Cal.

On December 12th the Mission Spiritual Society had two splendid meetings. In the afternoon Ben M. Barney, of San Francisco, gave his experience, and told how he became a Spiritualist, which was very interesting, and in the evening Mrs. S. Cowles, of East Oakland, occupied the rostrum, and, as usual, gave some remarkable proofs of spirit-return.

All mediums and speakers coming to the Pacific Coast are invited to come and see us. We meet at 918 Washington Street. K. TROMPSON, Sec'y.

Denver, Colo.

Jules Wallace, the Australian platform-test nedium has given us two public scances, which were largely attended and enjoyed by everyone present. Mr. Wallace gave some extraordinary tests and life-readings, which, in nearly every instance, were ackowledged to be correct. I have had a private sitting with him, and received satisfactory evidence that he is indeed s wonderful medium, and it is the duty of all interested in the cause to encourage such. Yours, H. GUIDO SMITH.

Testimonial. B. F. Poole, Clinton, Iowa.

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