

Written for The Better Way.

STAND BY YOUR FLAG.

BY DR. DEAN CLARK.

Through your trumpet of clarion tone I feel called upon by higher powers to sound a call to duty to the rank and file of our grand army of progress...

There are many times that try men's soul in the progress of every great radical reform. The enemies whose deep rooted prejudices and growing self-interest are at stake...

The progress of the great spiritual movement has several times been thus impeded and its success jeopardized.

Now, one of the most arduous and deep laid schemes is being worked, far too successfully, to alienate the unwary from fidelity to our standard.

This last, but not least, "seducing spirit" and impostor, bearing the high sounding title of Theosophy...

Armed with the power of magic and all occult secrets, this "wonder worker" uses his (or her, which is it, or is it a "What is it?") "black art" to captivate "raw recruits" and deserters from orthodox ranks...

Like all impostors this malfactor comes with assumed divine credentials, and with great pretensions to arcane knowledge and celestial virtues.

This great prophet of re-incarnation, which itself was re-incarnated through the parenthood of two apostate Spiritualists...

Its spirit progenitors and promoters have captured a few of our inspired oracle, who have been beguiled into its labyrinthian maze...

From the intellectual centres of New England to spiritual foci of the Pacific shores, I have seen the ineffectual and obstructive work of this arch deceiver...

As a sentry upon the walls of our Spiritual Zion, where I can see the designs and the artifice of the subtle foe to pure and undistorted Spiritualism...

This effort to unite and blend Spiritualism with Theosophy is an attempt to form a "Siamese Twine" by chafing a living, active genius of progress to a fossil mummy...

Written for The Better Way. EXPERIENCES IN THE LIFE OF A SPIRITUALIST.

(In Seven Chapters.)

BY A. H. NICHOLAS.

Chapter II.

In life's journey I have made many radical changes, religious, political and otherwise, agreeable to conscientious convictions...

Error often takes years to outgrow and disown, as in my case; but I can look back over the past and see that some progress has been made...

When I was young it was a puzzle to my mind, thinking how it could be possible that systems, creeds and churches, so varied and contrary to each other...

The sectarians would argue with me that all the religious denominations were united and agreed on the fundamental principles of the Gospel...

The history of feuds and divisions among Christians in past ages, shows that Christianity is very bad, or that they did not understand and live the doctrines.

its true sense, is an absolute necessity—it is an element in the nature and constitution of man. It means right living—devotion to truth and duty—goodness—wholeness—aspiration of the soul to the higher good.

We need not fear the word religion because in the past it has often been the synonym of superstition and abominations of various kinds...

Many Spiritualists are lacking in religion because they have come from churches which are essentially materialistic, or have been satisfied with more external phenomena...

The religion of Spiritualism means the harmonious promotion of mankind, the science of good or goodness, and love is the fundamental principle of good.

It brings you messages from unseen witnesses, and brings to your heart that comfort which nothing else in this world can hold or claim or give to you.

It is a mistake to designate as Spiritualists those people who are mere curiosity seekers and phenomenologists...

Spiritualism is a direct revelation of immortal truth to mankind by intelligent spirits. It brings you a new Bible with a chapter for every day.

The chief beauty and attraction to me, and that for which I most valued Spiritualism, was its religion—its presentation of a pure and practical religion...

With all its departments combined, it is of more worth than all else—it is the best thought in this world to-day for making men and women after the best model—the broadest, deepest and highest philosophy of life ever known to humanity.

If one looks upon religion as merely the inculcation of superstitious ideas, the advancement of creeds and formulas and assumptions theocratic and dogmatic in their nature...

as a spirit is immortal, for if he as a spirit survives the physical death of the body, it is reasonable to suppose that he will survive all future vicissitudes.

The spirit begins to throw off its old false ideas and conceptions, and to take up grander, more liberal thought for itself; so that it feels more keenly the cramping chains of superstition, error and ignorance...

Pure religion was the highest knowledge known to the ancients. It is the true philosophy that unfolds the sentiments and feelings of the heart.

Religion is not a dogma, it is not a church, it is not a sacrament; it is not going to church, not saying prayers; it is not professions nor sermons...

Religion is a living fountain, sending up sweet water of which every human being may drink, be refreshed and benefited. It is a feeling closely related to every human heart...

Then let us make it a principle of love, an impulse of the human heart, to develop men and women by the practice of great and noble deeds.

PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

Of the New Boston Association of Spiritualists.

PREAMBLE—We, the undersigned, believing that the progress of all reform movements, intellectual culture and spiritual advancement are strengthened and improved by organized effort in the study of either philosophical, scientific, practical, or theoretical subjects...

To therefore be it resolved that we organize ourselves together in a bond of unity and sympathy as Spiritualists, for the purpose of promoting harmony in all efforts tending towards a liberal discussion upon science, philosophy and religion...

CONSTITUTION

1st—That Spiritualism in its broad sense as a philosophical system, embraces whatever relates to spirit, spiritual existence and spiritual forces; especially all truths relating to the human spirit...

2nd—That the spirits of our departed friends can and do come back to the scenes of their earthly life, and under proper conditions and in accordance with natural law, communicate with our spirits...

III—That the process of physical death of the body does not change the mental condition of the moral character of those who experience it, else it would destroy their identity...

IV—That the spiritual world is not far off, but near, around or interblended with our present state of existence, and we are constantly under the cognizance of spiritual beings...

V—Practically, a belief in the above platform of principles should enkindle lofty desires, and spiritual aspirations to stimulate us to all that is good and elevating, and to restrain the passions from all that is evil and impure...

MEMBERSHIP

Any person of good moral character who is in sympathy with the above constitution, and can subscribe thereto, can become a member of this association by paying fifty cents membership fee...

Any part of this constitution, or the by laws, can be changed or annulled by a two thirds vote of all the members present at any regular meeting of the society...

OFFICERS

The officers of this association shall be one president one vice president, one secretary and one treasurer.

The president shall preside at all meetings of the society, appoint all committees, not otherwise provided, and decide all questions submitted to him...

The secretary shall keep all the records of the proceedings of the society, keep account of all money paid into the society, or paid out, and shall report the same, once every quarter...

All officers shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold their respective offices for one year. A majority over all votes cast being necessary to elect.

Each member shall pay into the treasury as dues, fifty cents every three months per incidental expenses or otherwise.

The executive board shall consist of the president, vice president, and secretary, who shall have power to transact any necessary business of the society for the government of the same...

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WHAT IS SPIRIT?

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"Covet earnestly the best gifts, and yet I show you a more excellent way. Though I speak with the tongues of men and spirits (angels) and have not charity (love) I am become sounding brass and tinkling cymbals...

I am sorry to read tirades against the churches or against Spiritualists who remain in the churches. These people perhaps have as clear consciences and as clear perception of spiritual truths...

as he or she is constructed to think differently they must be thinking in parts of the being; education help do that. Perhaps she would get so tired when she hears of Spiritualists in the churches if she only knew why they are there...

I have yet to learn that a Spiritualist cannot know as much and believe as much of true spirit doctrines and belong to a church as those who belong to churches altogether.

Now, so far as spiritual gifts or talents are concerned, I feel that I am not a least of the apostles, having had a gift of tongues and often speaking in the tongues of spirits.

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A REPLY To the Editor of The Better Way. For the benefit of those who have not seen the article published previously, I have thought it best to re-publish it here. (Father adopted my mother's name, as my mother's name was his mother's name, as his mother's name was his mother's name, as his mother's name was his mother's name...)

A REPLY TO "LIGHT WANTED."

To the Editor of The Better Way. For the benefit of the questioner I would state that Mohammed's father was a member of the tribe of Koreishites.

he fled. The Koreishites followed in hot pursuit. They sought refuge in a cave. "What shall become of us now? we are only two against the many," said Abu Bekr.

A Fact

Written for The Better Way. The Angel of Death. BY HELEN MARION WALTON. In a light translucent robe, By the gateway of the dawn,

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When the past office address of The Better Way is to be changed, our patrons should give us two weeks' previous notice...

NOTICE

All communications pertaining to either the editorial or business department of this paper...

It is better to be a fool in God's kingdom than a rogue in the devil's employ.

Spiritualism has come to pulverize creeds—not to promulgate or create them.

Duty is love; for selfishness is mostly the cause of man's neglecting to do his duty.

If a man is hypnotized to commit murder, who must be charged with the crime? Will be a question of legal comment in the near future.

Treat a man as an inferior and you invite him to act the part of one. Treat him as a gentleman and you enkindle his desires to be one.

If you don't want to be talked about, do right. If people speak wrong of you then it will not affect you.

When in despair we cannot well speak of hope. When kept confined we cannot tell of the beauties of nature.

"Try the spirits" of self first, then we won't need to try any others. When we are assured that we are true ourselves there is no danger of others lying to us.

Crank generally attribute their not being understood or believed to the fact that they are too far ahead of the times. Then why don't they hold back a little and give us something that we can understand?

At the obsequies of Mrs. Mary Pollock in Cleveland, Ohio, the services were conducted jointly by a Jewish and Spiritualist minister.

It is said that one blot mars a whole page—one wrong act will ruin a life record. Why? Because man so delights to see a good or pure man fall.

Before accepting the slates from investigators, slate writing mediums should either examine them, or if locked, have the investigator declare that nothing is written on them.

Once a Spiritualist always one—even when sandwiching it with Theosophy or Christian Science. Those who are supposed to be allured into one of these branches are not lost.

Because we do not comprehend everything it does not necessarily follow that we are dull. Truth illogically expressed often leaves us in the dark as to the writer's meaning.

Perfect psychometry needs no verification from the recipient to make it true. In one third the readings given the recipient needs time to verify them...

There can be no mistake in a purely inspirational impression or thought. We do not believe spirits could lie to a strictly truthful mortal if they tried—though many think themselves truthful because they would not stoop to so small a thing as telling a lie.

IS THE BETTER WAY A HEALING MEDIUM?

We have been assured by a number of people that THE BETTER WAY exerts a powerful influence on them; that by handling or reading its contents they have been made to feel better after severe suffering.

WHAT ARE POLITICS?

The constant demand for new laws or ordinances is indicative of a constantly increasing tendency for crime—a continuous research after new methods of circumventing the laws already in existence.

Now, politics may be good or bad—corrupt to the core—made so by the politicians of the day. During Washington's time and many years following politics were good—pure.

It is criminal to sanction crime and those who by the aid of their votes are keeping any of the present parties in power are their accomplices.

If you would be strong, conquer your self.

"IS SPIRIT MATTER?"

A reader writes us that he thinks his spirit friends have solved the problem as to what spirit is, and then whispers that, it is refined matter. It does look so from a materialistic standpoint...

SPIRITUALISM'S NEW TRUTHS.

The N. Y. Sun recently said that Spiritualism has given no important truth to the world. This has become a platitude—twaddle—baldersdash...

PROTECT YOUR MEDIUMS.

It is bad to be suspicious, but suspicion is often founded on intuition, and we have a sort of sneaking intuition that "managers" of materializing mediums are frequently the real culprits in the production of unreal spirits at seances...

MEDIUMSHIP, ITS RELATION TO LIFE.

There is no effect without a cause—no emotion in the human entity—no desire, longing, uneasiness, that is not the effect of some prior cause...

All spirits are sensitive, and mediums are spirits already partly detached from the body. In this respect we may say, "I am a spirit, and have a physical body."

The body is but vitalized matter; the spirit is more of a magnetic entity—a life principle in itself, even without the intelligent principle or so-called soul.

It is well for contributors to search the paper thoroughly before coming to the conclusion that their articles have not been published. We frequently hear this complaint from contributors long after their articles have seen the light.

"Sp. B letter" of Berlin, Germany, states that the spirits are manifesting after the Egyptian fashion in a house No. 67 Ellasser at, by bombarding the same with potatoes, bones, coals and stones.

quently believe in spirits. Their belief is founded on knowledge. They either see, hear or feel the presence of spirits because they are already partly in the domain of spirits.

And so the world contains all kinds of people, each one an effect of some cause, and all, no doubt, primarily of one cause. What that cause is must be left to the individual to find out.

Briefs and Personals.

Mrs. M.—Send your MSS. and we will read it. R. W.—Bath accepted. Will see the light in the near future. A man of 83 eloped with a widow of 28.

Rev. G. W. Taylor, 40 years old, revivalist, was arrested at Danville, O., on the 5th inst., on the charge of bastardy preferred by Miss Lottie Hoover, 17, daughter of Rev. Gideon Hoover.

Mrs. Seery, one of Cincinnati's favored trumpet mediums, has been in Dayton, O. recently, to give a series of seances.

Prof. Henry Kiddle says in Banner of Light concerning the Dailey bill to suppress "deceit and fraud in alleged spirit manifestations."

The evening services of the Union Society at G. A. R. Hall will be called at precisely 7:30 hereafter, so requested by the speaker Mrs. Luther.

At the Picture Gallery. Visitor—What does this represent? Attendant—That is "A Herd of Sheep" after Guivannil Buck.

Spiritualist platform.

Our subject "Is Spirit Matter" is assuming an interesting and instructive bearing. We still have a few extremely juicy articles on hand, which will follow as rapidly as we can make room for them.

A Mrs. Amanda M. Cowan, who gave this name to a Boston Herald reporter, "suppressing her own for family reasons" tells a tale (if the whole is not a fabrication of said reporter) about a series of bogus seances she has (was supposed to have) given, in which she palmed herself off as a spirit, and was assisted by other frauds like herself.

R. M. S.—The unfolding of the spiritual aura of smell is as much a possibility as that of sight, hearing or feeling.

"It's a real live man, and a strong one too!" cried a woman at a seance recently given in this city, as she grabbed the materialized spirit of John Morris.

A. McConnell attended a religious revival meeting at Needham station Monday night and during the services drew a revolver and attempted to shoot the preacher, but was prevented.

Literary.

Psychic Studies for March contains fine article on "Intuition," besides other interesting reading matter.

The R. P. Journal will contain the week an article entitled "Church of the Spirit—once for great advantage which Spiritualists enjoy for organizing such a church."

The Arena for March contains an opening poem from Rev. M. J. Savage, an article on the present aspect of religious thought in Germany, by Rabbi Solomon Schindler;

Spiritual Evidences, by Frank Sewall. Containing authentic accounts of various spiritual manifestations. Price 25 cents.

This is a neat little 73 page pamphlet containing much valuable information for the investigator, giving accounts of writings obtained by spirit telegraphy, of automatic writing, of spirits bringing flowers and carrying letters; of spirit photography; transfiguration, the gift of healing; the fire-test; writing on the arm and various other occult manifestations.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Boston, Mass.

The weekly meeting of the Independent Spiritualist Club on March 4th was well attended...

Milwaukee, Wis.

The forty second anniversary of the advent of Modern Spiritualism will be celebrated in a two days' meeting in this city, Saturday and Sunday...

Watertown, N. Y.

Our speaker, Mr. Oscar A. Edgerly, delivered an elegant lecture Sunday afternoon and evening...

Haverhill, Mass.

Mr. Joseph D. Bates, of Weymouth, Mass., gave a very interesting address on "Liberalism and Spiritualism..."

Buffalo N. Y.

Miss Jennie B. Hagan is with us for this month, and is doing well to full houses...

Cleveland, O.

On the 4th Inst. Mrs. Mary Pollock's (45 Burwell street) body was brought to her last resting place...

South Haven, Mich.

Thinking that your many readers would be interested in the spiritual growth among the people, I send you a short account of the meeting held at Decatur, Mich., March 1st and 2nd...

Van Buren, Ark.

Mr. C. W. Peters, a noted spirit medium, has been here for the past three months, and is still with us...

Allegheny City, Pa.

For the benefit of the cause I wish you would publish in your paper a remarkable test of spirit return that I received in Pittsburgh, Pa., December 1, 1889...

The Brooklyn Progressive Conference held their regular Saturday evening meeting at Everett Hall...

Troy, N. Y. I received two sample numbers of your paper, and I was very much pleased in the perusal of them...

Chicago, Ill. There was a large audience at the Peoples Spiritual Society on Sunday last at 239 p. m. Mrs. E. W. Bishop, the popular inspirational speaker...

Subscriptions are solicited as a defense fund for persecuted mediums. Those feeling a desire or an interest in such cases will please remit by draft, P. O. money order, or registered letter...

Mississippi Valley Spiritualists' Association. This organization will hold its semi-annual meeting and celebrate the forty-second anniversary of Modern Spiritualism in Cain and Rowie's Opera House, Colfax, Iowa...

The Colfax Brass Band, with other good music, has been engaged for the occasion on the Adams' Hotel one dollar per day. Free conveyance to and from the Opera House.

Minneapolis, Minn. As Mrs. Pruden has been the subject of several articles contributed to the columns of THE BETTER WAY, no further introduction will probably be needed than to say that at present she is the magnet attraction to seekers after spiritual knowledge in our city...

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Ladies' Department.

Flood-Tide. The tide came up as the sun went down. And the river was full to its very brim. And a little boat crept up to the town.

Written for The Better Way. RACHEL THORN'S MISSION. ALLIE LINDSAY LYNCH.

When Rachel or "Ray," as her girl friends called her, was but four or five years old she was thrown from a spirited horse.

Ray had a holy mission, that of encouraging the sorrowing and erring to look up and strive to redeem their character and find hope.

"Only three dollars; no work obtained, and but two things left to choose between—death or the slum. O, if I could die without committing suicide, and could find my angel mother, who knows all my grief.

Rachel and her friends were chatting when a timid knock was heard. Grace admitted Mina, who asked for Miss Thorn, and said:

"I have just received a letter from a lady bidding me come to this house. Can I see her?"

ly, into Ray's eyes. The invalid caressed her small hand, and returned the lingering glance with one that led Mina to continue her story.

"After three months of this life I was rudely awakened to his real character. The change from his profession of love to cruelty of language was so sudden that I was like one shocked by a heavy blow.

"Mina, poor child, my home is your home. Will you stay as my sister? Can you be contented and happy with one so afflicted and helpless, or will you return to your father's house?"

"Mina, while I live you shall be loved and have a home. I am alone in the world, with only the three girl friends you have met, my guardian and nurse.

"You are so kind to me. I can never repay you, both for words and welcome."

Mina's love and care seemed to put new life in Ray, for she lived seven months after receiving her into her home.

and the smile that was on the cold face rebuked their tears.

Oh, mothers, it is worth a great deal to cultivate that "excellent thing in a woman," a low, sweet voice.

Tea Cake.—Take three breakfastfuls of flour, one of sugar, to which a small teaspoonful of cream of tartar must be added.

Quick Waffles.—Make a batter of the yellow of three eggs, half a cupful of melted butter, one quart of milk, and as much flour as will thicken it; then add half a pint of sour milk, in which are dissolved one teaspoonful of soda, and two of cream of tartar.

Rhyming Definitions. Fame.—A meteor dazzling with its distant glare.

Spare your hands as well as your temper by inverting the top of a fruit jar for a minute or two in hot water before attempting to remove it.

MEETINGS.

Cincinnati, Ohio. The Psychic Research Society meets every Monday afternoon, at Douglas Hall, northeast corner Fifth and Walnut streets, at 3 p. m.

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Written for The Better Way. Mary and Her Goat. Mary had a William Goat, He was as black as jet...

CROCODILES.

Although I have killed many a man-eating crocodile in the Malay Peninsula and Borneo, I am thankful to say that I never saw a man seized and carried down by one...

He fills his bamboo, shoulders it, and turns to wade ashore, when all at once a pair of tremendous jaws close upon his leg...

There is no escape. He shrieks and struggles wildly for an instant, but it is for an instant only; the powerful monster quickly backs into deep water...

Dyak parents are very fond of their children, and are brave to the death in their defense. I was told of a Dyak father who, on seeing his little boy seized by a crocodile at the water's edge...

In the Sambas River a man was once seized by a crocodile, and dragged out of a large boat among nearly twenty companions.

A traveler in North Borneo visited the site of a village which had been abandoned on account of the crocodiles, and he declares that "the reputation of the place was so bad that when bathing there in the boat I had a man there with a full-cocked gun on board."

The Government of Sarawak Territory has for some years past waged an exterminating war against the man-eating crocodiles of that country. By paying a reward of 35 cents per linear foot for every crocodile caught...

The Malays and Sea Dyaks catch the bloodthirsty beasts "with hook and line." The "line" is a long rattan, with a dry coconut at the end to serve as a float, and the "hook" is a stick of tough, green wood, ten inches long and pointed at both ends...

The monster is then hauled up, bound securely, dragged ashore and killed without mercy. Often on cutting the stomach open it is found to contain beads, human hair, bangles and pieces of clothing.

his haunts, I was fortunate to catch him. He was the most repulsive looking crocodile that I have ever seen, and I have seen many hundreds of these monsters.

Not Always Behindhand.

Teacher—Why are you nearly always tardy, Johnnie? Johnnie—I can't help it, mum.

Mamma (said Freddy, whose duty it is to run a great many errands)—I wish I was only as big as a dollar!

Victor in the Russian language means son, this being the reason why so many Russian names end in Vitch.

SOUND SCIENCE.

The highest note of a Piano is about 4230, which, multiplied by 13, to get its highest harmonic, gives us 54,990 oscillations per second. This note lies about two-thirds of the distance above the 16th octave, and one-third below the 17th octave.

Those who cannot hear more than 25,000 oscillations per second cannot hope to feel the effects of the higher harmonics of the upper two octaves of a piano.

VIDYA-NYAIKA'S 165TH LAW OF SOUND. "The order of the development of the capacity of the ear to hear the higher notes does not take place in numerical order, but, starting with the last highest attainment, the progressive development takes place in the harmonic intervals, skipping those which do not fall in the harmony, until two octaves of capacity have been attained."

This law is of the utmost importance in the regulation of the musical culture, and the determination of the degree of development. Ignorance of this law would cause the teacher to allow the pupil to hear notes which would destroy the very capacity which he hoped to develop.

Sleeping With the Head to the North.

The superstitious belief that human beings should sleep with their heads toward the North is now believed to be based upon a scientific principle. The French Academy of Sciences has made experiments upon the body of a guillotined man, which go to prove that each human body is in itself an electric battery.

What Injures the Brain.

"It is not intellectual work that injures the brain," says the London Hospital, "but emotional excitement. Most men can stand the severest thought and study of which their brains are capable, and be none the worse for it; for neither thought or study interferes with the recuperative influence of sleep."

Is the Spirit Immortal? Sir,—I am induced to ask the question, "What is Spiritualism coming to?" Scores of times have I heard the spirits, through our mediums, declare the human spirit is immortal and shall never die...

The argument stands thus, if I am right in my reasoning: If the spirit did not exist before the body, then it is the result of the body, that is, it is the result of organization. (This is Materialism.) If it is the result of organization, it has not the essence of being in itself, and therefore is not immortal.

Let me reiterate my argument. The spirit is either a something existing before the body, or the result of the body. Mr. Morse says it is not a something existing before the body. It is, therefore, the result of the body. It is, therefore, perishable itself, because it partakes of the nature of its origin; it, therefore, is not immortal, and therefore, Spiritualism is not true.

(Does our correspondent say that "if the spirit did not exist before the body, then it is the result of the body" as summing up all possibilities? Do not most Spiritualists think that the soul comes into the body at conception, or at birth, and leaves it at death? We do not ourselves see that the indictment is sound.)

The Astral Body—An Incident.

On reading the strange account in your paper of 5th inst., of seeing the "Astral" leave the physical body at the moment of death, it forcibly reminded me of an incident, which has always been, since I learned of it, one of the strongest proofs of our continued existence after death.

It was somewhere in the Fifties; I can not now recall dates, that Mary with her then husband and companion, a Dr. Syler, took passage in an ocean steamer at New York, for San Francisco, by way of Cape Horn. Mary's health had been poor for a time, but the hope was that a sea voyage would materially aid in restoring her to health.

Mrs. Glading has completed one half of her second engagement to us for this year, and as usual holds her audience, which are large and intelligent. A new feature of her mediumship as a speaker is the advent of new controls. Heretofore she has been the instrument upon the platform almost solely of "Hoolah," the Indian maiden who first controlled her for platform service.

Light Wanted.

Will some one tell what causes, for instance, a person that attends a Methodist mourner's bench revival to change their feelings from sorrow to this great happiness experienced which we are taught to believe is caused by having our sins forgiven through the blood of Christ.

Written for The Better Way. Ode to Cranks. In our ranks There are some cranks. Who think they are, By dress and face, The lectured ones, Who abuse like suns— Have but to say a single word And o'er the land with awe'll be heard; But every time they open their mouths 'Tis like the bellowing of ows— Frightening those In swaddling clothes, And doing neither good nor bad, But to relate, 'tis awful sad: We must have cranks Within our ranks.

New Orleans, La. As I promised to write you from different points on my trip, I send you a few lines from the Crescent city. We arrived here on the 10th of this month, after a pleasant trip from Chicago via Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Chattanooga and Birmingham.

We had the names of several Spiritualists or those spiritually inclined, and on finding them was to find that the regular society here was temporarily dissolved, but there was a little meeting held in St. Peter street, where a few gathered on Sunday, headed by Mr. Robinson.

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THE QUESTION OF THE DAY.

To the Editor of The Better Way.

The question, What is spirit, or is spirit matter? is certainly important, and a pertinent subject of discussion.

I am more in harmony with the view expressed by the writer who signs himself "Mac" in your issue of March 1st.

Why any Spiritualist should cling to the old orthodox dogma of materiality as our condition in the spirit world, is beyond my comprehension.

Let us look this subject square in the face for a moment. Our orthodox friends declare their heaven and hell to be material.

The more correct view is, no doubt, that the wise of all nations, and periods of earth's history have taught, that spirit is cause; spirit is supreme; that matter is subject to spirit.

There is no valid reason for wishing our condition to be material in the realm where all is spiritual.

Some one may ask, what do we or can we know of spirits or the spirit world? I reply, we gain knowledge by observation and experience.

We are going all on the same train. There is the ferry boat yonder. Where we take the cars for the west.

What fault have Spiritualists and Christians to find with each other? If you know, I don't.

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declare progressive animation and of fort. Down brakes is the signal that is very seldom given, and the train only stops to gain enough fuel and water to carry on its great flow, and in fact we are getting so in our railroad systems.

Now in religious matters you are just about up to the line with other improvements, and instead of stopping for immersion and to load up with brimstone we don't put the brakes down at all.

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"IS SPIRIT MATTER?"

I have been very much interested in the answers to the question asked by Allice Lindsay Lyuch, "Is spirit matter?"

I claim a belief in any kind of a God is the foundation of all superstition. That a belief in reincarnation, in Christian science or mental science or theosophy, is a superstition founded on the belief of a God; for if they did not have a God they could not have any such a belief.

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A Miracle - Dr. A. B. Dobson Again.

If the following cure had been performed in bible times, it certainly would have been called a miracle.

"Our little girl, twelve years old, had the diphtheria of the malignant type, and it left her in such a state that it affected her mind and spine, and she was in such a condition she could not talk, walk or feed herself.

"We wrote to Dr. Dobson, he answered immediately, and calling her disease a fearful case of St. Vitus' dance.

"We heard Dr. Dobson was going to visit Jackson, and we wrote and asked him if he would not call on us, for we did so much want to see the man who had saved the life of our little pet.

"I saw it." But on further talk with him, I found I did not know it all.

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