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THE NEEDS OF THE HOUR.

Lecture Delivered at Cassadaga by W. C. Warner, and Specially Reported for The Better Way by Wm. Richmond, Esq.

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produce what you enjoy, you will seek every prop to bolster up your position. religion of Spiritualism that you profess and that the light of the soul gives a morally outwrought, is the cause of starvation on the other.

thereof to the exclusion of his weaker or less fortunate brother?

Nature, and nature's God have done their part toward the support of all. United States and see the wide expanse of natural advantages.

Look at the countless lakes and rivers that spread their broad arms in every direction, embracing the most fertile plains in the world! Look at the fruitful valleys nestling amid the protecting hills! The towering mountains filled with iron and gold and coal and silver and every metal known to be useful unto man! With forests originally rising in banks of green and crimson over mountain slopes like billows of peace and content! And nature was untold ages preparing this wondrous land for the habitation of man. Slowly piled rock on rock and stored beneath and between the treasure that should one day come forth for his comfort. Marked the pathway of mighty rivers that should bear on their limped bosoms the product of clime to clime. Sowed broadcast the seeds of future dwellings that should be ready for the hand of man when he should come; and when the Eden was prepared, when all was ready for the race that should tread the plains of earthly existence, when fruit blossomed on every tree; when fish swarmed the the pronoun constantly on the lips of the expense of the many, it had about as could be tested, what would it show? our constitution, it has been somewhat fail in their purpose. Under this system waters and beasts swarmed the fields; when the sun of plenty was ever ready to kiss the lips of want until they should smile with content; when nature's stores were here, not for the wants of a year, but for all the countless ages that man should seek expression on these shores, curb its expansion is the only reason fied him, just as they would to-day in watch the great sea of labor filled with protecting wing of some church, and licemen and then retire on their laurels lo! adown the starry height, adown the very pathway of light, the first soul came tling Association, and the fortunate class rule of mammon and who long for a beating against the rockbound shores of the knave in private. It is a great dodge er charge is needed. This local protecto earth, but with it, wrapped within have another means of torturing the larger liberty, and hang them; and only governmental authority, threatening each and catches more votes than you can tion would seem to be enough for the itself was human selfishness, the tempter to be overcome through all the long, beyond the requirements of the indi- the wayside heeded the voice or under- before it. They are to watch the strife you to favor its aims. Pious presidents, for a little larger circle is described struggling pathway that he must climb

Man came and the scene was changed. He ran hither and yon, and fenced in the false foundation of action are the all reforms as when Christ wept over fair domain and said: "It is mine." He cause of the opulence on the one hand Jerusalem. Not one sentence that he enactments that one man is blessed, or will use the power of his office to perse-

and asked for a share, asked for their than by all the sermons ever preached. right to the bounty, the robber who had taken possession said: "This is mine, waiting men said: "I have no commodities. I came to earth too late in the centuries. I roamed the United States over and found not a foot of land to till, it ing out every false foundation, though had all become the property of individuals, and not a valley or hill or mountain any improvement. slope but what held a sentinel saying: 'This is is mine, begone!'

"Then I sought for money, but the silver and gold also had an owner. I searched for employment, but found the factories closed one half the time, though many like myself were wandering naked, and they said it was because they wanted to enhance the price of the things they had its birth in a supposed divine comcolled theirs. 'But,' I exclaimed, 'why add a greater cost to your products? they everything created is for the use of the has ever given to the world. human race, and while many are in want why not exchange your stores freely so that all shall be blessed with plen-

ty?' And the man who was pointing his said: 'Why stranger, there are many who have no products to exchange, so are each trying to beat the other, and If you are selfish and do not have to thus be able to say, there is mine, mine!" are without homes, without food, with-If you understand one principle of the out clothing, and the purposes that God to love, you know that drones are not to universal possession has become indiindividual use the earth and the fullness the serf, and yet, as I said before, there with loathing for the whole system. is food enough and more, too much; fuel enough, and bounties sufficient for every child on earth.

Look not at other countries, but at these here, looking from the human standpoint, by no will of their own; if the Christ tried with all his lowly personaligreat womb of nature is constantly cast- ty to stay the tide of material thought. ing upon these shores millions of beings that must be fed and clothed as long as in the most objective manner tried to no other reservoir of supply but the earth, and nature furnished that, and that things builded upon the former stored it with treasures that should last should live forever and in the latter fade anarchist and treated accordingly. so long as human beings should need and die. Said he, "Why worship the god

any presented in the years preceding his

[Entered the Post-Office at Cincinnati, Ohio, to took possession of mountains and in and the want on the other, are the cause ever uttered can be tortured into the cursed, with abundance, while another is cute and imprison descuseless Spiritual time dug into their depths and said: of crime, largely, and the building of condition of things that have been built "This gold is mine." He sunk shafts prisons to hold the unfortunate victims. upon his name. So when I criticise the class legislation that robs the many for eral, then are the smiles of the Christian down to where black crystals lay waiting Give humanity what they need to eat Christian religion as believed in and the enrichment of the few, under the people changed to holy ecstacy, as they for the want that should call it forth and and wear, or rather by proper form of practiced to-day, remember, I have no pretense of protecting some one or see that not far distant God will perch said: "It is mine," and when the freezing government open avenues so that every reference whatever to that lowly person- something. They are to see our coinage upon the constitution and the sun of children of the earth, placed here by the man and woman can properly produce ality that came to earth like a star and laws tampered with it, and the currency American liberty set forever. same God, entitled to all that human ex- theirs, and you will have done more to one that will never set for every lover of inflated or contracted at the will of specistence should require, came to the pit revolutionize society and purge it of sin

society based upon the rock of human of that which existed before Christ, or tion of the eastern countries, a people and if you will give me twice as much of selfishness, and its gigantic outgrowth even before Moses, and only in the later who are the outgrowth of long centuries your product in value, in exchange, will must have a means of working out that centuries did it assume a new name and of monarchial power, and who must be made up of the human and divine. The fill your bucket for you." But one of the selfishness which should be destroyed. It is impossible to patch up our present industrial methods and make anything valuable out of them, and only by tearsociety totter for a time, can we hope for

> The base that must be outgrown and the shield that man has used to protect himself while legally robbing the multitude, is law, and in pointing out its absurdities will divide it into two classes:ecclesiastical law and statutory law.

All ecclesiastical law, and it was that which ruled the world for centuries, had mand and armed with this authority, its upholders went forth to a reign of butchare simply the things that men need; ery and death such as no statutory law

The foundation of all religious authority has, of course, been spiritual communication, spiritual command, visions, propliecies, &c., and these of themselves with pride to the things that he called are in no way to blame for the uses man has made of them. The perversion of the intention into channels of cruelty they can go without, and those who have came by man putting a material interpretation upon spiritual problems; came by his warping the growth of the soul Under this system, man-made, thousands by human applications, by causing the light of the spirit to shine through the lens of his selfishness. In this way the and nature intended are thwarted, and command of "Thus saith the Lord," became merely a human invention containbe found in the moral economy of things, vidual possession. Instead of homes for ing a nucleus of truth, but by its misinterall there are palaces for a few, and tene- pretation bearing only the worst of hu- to the infidel who would really like to manity is hungry enough to-day, but up by the increase in crime and the general different color to the picture than ment houses and the blue sky for many. man fruits; and this blind, unreasonable keep in the straight and narrow way. selfishness. The assumption that you Instead of food for all, it is abundance law has been used to govern man's soul Then to be Christian according to the bled down. Doubtless the God of that It would seem that two thousand years have a right to what you have not of things to eat for the man who has as well as his body, and has been so accepted definition of the term, you must little incident is out of the bird business. were long enough to prove the capacity gained possession of the soil, and starva- elastic that he has bought supposed put yourself under law, you must sub- Consequently the church, so far as di- or failure of any system to meet the delegalized robbery on the one hand, and tion for thousands of others who are forspiritual pardon by material gifts and scribe to creeds, you must promise to recting human affairs is concerned, is a mands of humanity, and when we conbidden to share in the bounties of the offerings, and when I consider the fruits obey. You must accept the proposition dead letter, for it not only knows noth sider that these two law making institu-But now the question arises as to earth. It is "purple and fine linen" for of this treacherous rule, for it is the that was established ages ago, that a few ing about humanity, and does nothing, tions have been in existence since the hat right man has to appropriate for the lords of the domains, and rags for mother of all statutory law, it fills me

> This reign was in vogue long before Christ came to the earth, and was prevalent among the Jews no more than any Now if souls come into expression other people, for each nation had its human interpreters for divine ministration. By precept, by example, by illustration was one thing and the human another: body does not need? Behold the fowls among the rocks and shoals, and that The man who comes to earth to-day is of the air, they sow not nor gather into the survival of the strongest is the law. just as much entitled to his share of the barns yet your heavenly father feedeth products of the soil and the mine, as the them." Taught that the kingdom of that seeks expression here is armed and dogmas were the fetters that bound the soul, and that man needed freedom, advent. Consequently if this appropria- liberty, no law but the moral code, no tion of the earth by individuals keeps restraints but the rights of your fellow then is it land obbery. Human nature justice; in the temple where the god of division of humanity, has, in all ages, holstered itself with cun- gold was worshiped; in the market places ning arguments in order to perpetuate its of human traffic; in the laws that were selfishness, and thus the possessive is made for the enrichment of the few at their knowledge of the issues of the day to a few liberal minds that formulated ernments are formed, but which sadly man. If it is right to appropriate the much effect as a broom to keep back the Generally nothing. They are going on curtailed; still it is largely controling life and property are not safe, and never earth or its contents to individual use so waves of the sea. He was called an to the hills and through the valleys of elections and throwing its entire influ- have been, and the various law executors that thousands yearly die of want, then anarchist, a nihilist, a socialist, an infidel, this land, to come in contact with want, is it just as lawful to seize the air and a disturber of the settled order of things, inhumanity, selfishness; to associate, per- matter how great a rascal a man may be, bery, but after a crime is committed can put a restriction on its use, and the sim- an enemy to the power of mammon and force, with men toiling like slaves in if he gets the nomination for a high make a mighty descent upon the unforple fact that man has not been able to they took the gentle teacher and cruci- field and factory and mine. They are to office, he immediately sails out under the tunate victim with a corps of armed pothat we have not an American Air Bot. Chicago, men who dare complain of the a mighty unrest, its waves, foam capped, plays the hypocrite in public as well as until another outbreak comes and another poor. Private ownership in land, at least the fisherman by the sea, the outcast by day to break over and sweep everything buy, and the church, in payment, expects governmental wants of man; but not so, vidual, or producing that which you do stood the teachings, and to-day main- between the classes, a strife that may end cabinet officers and senators are all the around him in the shape of a county govnot intend as an equitable factor in the mon is just as blind, just as arrogant, in war and bloodshed. They are to be rage, and when one gets so pious that he ernment, and this by the state govern-

liberty in the world.

But we find the present system of ecclesiastical law is but the outgrowth yearly swarm with the refuse of popula- itual nature of man, what could we hope religion. The main trouble lies in the institutions. They are to come in con- and but little understood spiritual laws; the affairs of conscience, forgiveness, are they prepared to meet them? faith, &c., and these temporary governors bitterness; have done more to build up class legislation than all other agencies Biblical creation; a literal deluge; the combined, and are directly responsible talking serpent; the fall of man; infant dertaking to direct its operations outfor keeping alive and cultivating human selfishness, the oppression of the weak sun standing still for Joshua to kill a few met with failure, and the history of the of robbery going on all over the world Daniel and the lions not being afraid of tation that have attended these attempts. under the sanction of church and state. Under their guidance the church is directly responsible for the prisons that the various tribes of that much abused been busy for untold ages trying to fix disgrace our civilization, and only an country; not a single conception of the up and better that inborn law that is the ocean of penitent tears can efface the true mission of Christ to the world ever proper guide of every human soul. If a of human selfishness.

> past so much as what it is doing now. forth to meet the problems of to-day. The record of the long centuries of cruelties that mark the growth and disease is as potent as a man's breath into better ways, and not enact a set of advance of the Christian religion is open for all to read. The church rests on the assumption that man needs some law outside of himself to govern the soul. That a human law giver armed with a brave enough to inform himself and tory in its nature? theological certificate is absolutely necessary to keep the human race in the pathway of virtue and rectitude, but the given a chance to come back and fill his gressor and act as a moral educator. manner in which many of the doctors of proper function in a beautiful sermon on The aim of all laws should be the latter, this school of religion have deviated from this course is rather discouraging gry multitude with quails. Well, hu- statutory law to accomplish this is proven are created more divine than the rest, but is the great load that the progressive twilight gleams of the human race, it is viz: priests, and next to these and almost world must drag along. If it were only time to discard the whole outfit and becoeval with them certain rich men, and content to ride, things would not be so gin on some other plan. By long oblastly the poor who are taxed to support | bad, but it is always pulling back, declar- servation of the workings of these twin the godly classes and must feel amply ing that it has the law, and is going to evils, I am forced to the belief that if repaid to sit once a week under the same administer it exactly as it has all along, you would disband all armies, disarm all sanctuary on the back seats. The former in the interests of mammon. are to administer law, the latter to pay

existed for ages, and when a man de- a service to humanity in works, not by governed only by the spiritual illuminatheir expression lasts, then, as there is show that the spiritual nature of man nounces it and dares to stand outside in lips. In short, denounced every form tions within, and by that moral pressure the broad plain of human thought where that the church now goes through with which society, unfettered, would bring to all men are equal, he is denounced as an and calls religion. If the so-called Chris- bear upon him, not a century would pass

In the city where I live is a theological school where the future law executors of first being who ever touched this planet, heaven was within man, that God should the spiritual kingdom on earth are being calf just as pregnant in the world to-day they are governed, how many curbs are and the last one that in the distant years be worshiped within the soul; that creeds ground through the little, fine mill of as two thousand years ago? and be careknownothingism about the things that ful as Spiritualists that you do not follow all laws are enacted from more or less of with God and nature's certificate for his the spirit; that human temples were the concern us now and a boundless faith in the same footsteps and further dot the a spirit of injustice. share, and this credential is as valid as prison bars that held the aspirations of regarding things that have not the land with useless buildings and crown slightest bearing on the needs of the them with meaningless spires. world, and at the end go forth armed with a certificate to administer God's called soul saving, and not meddled with administrators of their own enactments. any man from the enjoyment of his right | man; and in the palaces of so-called law on earth and help to perpetuate the

When the day comes for presenting the little squares of sacred parchiment of reigns of government, but here, thanks protection to citizens; town or city govrealm of exchange is morally wrong, and just as selfish and scoffs just as loudly at met with the fact that the laws of distri- cannot open a letter on Sunday, like the ment, so that aside from our national

starving. They are to be swept into that ists, like our present Post-Master-Genulators to the end that the people are The present system of religious and again robbed. They are to see our shores give its attention to regulating the spirappear under the garb of the Christian assimilated to our laws, our customs and universe is controlled by so-called natural fact that it ordains certain men to act as | tact with the ever shifting needs and de- but in preparing both codes I find no vice-gerents with God in controling the mands of this mixed humanity, and how time when God called on man to help;

Of all these conditions they are as show that God endowed him with power have filled the land with woe, hatred and ignorant as new born babes, but are to add to or in any way amend the aforestored with a priceless knowledge of said code. damnation, the salvation of the elect; the side of its natural channels, man has by the strong, and the systematized plan more men; the sacred wrestling match; past is replete with the ruin and devaseach other; they are to have a tearful and The acts and deeds of men come under pathetic knowledge of all the doings of the spiritual code, and here man has wrong it has done, through the nursing dawns upon their minds, but armed person is so devoid of perception as to with a distorted knowledge of a vast be unable to comprehend this law, then I do not care what it has done in the amount of worthless history, they go it is the duty of his brother with clearer

speak the truth. If he persists in his departure he is expelled, but is usually viz., to punish or hold in fear the transsome such text as God feeding the hun- but the utter failure of ecclesiastical or to present speaking not a quail has tum- demoralization of the people.

Christ as the trade mark of their creed. into one vast, co-operative working body, This division of the human race has He taught a religion of deeds, not creeds; and let every man be a law unto himself, tian world believes one word of his prac- away before the earth would blossom With this power at the helm, what can tical teachings, they would convert every with the deeds of righteousness that them, all appropriation to individual use of mammon? Why spend all your time you expect of human conditions? What church into humanitarian purposes, or spring from perfected lives. to the exclusion of another human being in the accumulation of that which the wonder that the fair ship of life is driven sell them and out of the proceeds build homes for the homeless and buy bread for the hungry. What does this amount laws? of money expended in churches show but the old-time worship of the golden

If the church had confined itself to somatters of state, our present condition The primal object of governments is to would not be so bad, and in all countries afford protection to the life and property but the United States it handles the of its component parts, and to give local ence to perpetuate class legislation. No seem powerless to stop murder and rob-

But supposing that the church would cease meddling with human affairs and for the outcome?

Man is dual in his expression here, neither do I know of any man who can

In meddling with natural law, and un-

vision to try and sweep away the mists The application of this remedy to the that enshroud him, to educate the man against a cyclone. So the church to-day laws to control him; for if a man has not is utterly powerless to cope with our po- the interior illumination to perceive the litical and social economy, and only oc- right, how can he have the moral instinct casionally is there a man in its pulpit to obey a law that is simply commanda-

All criminal laws claim to be twofold.

law officers, burn all statutory and But to revert again to the name of church law, merge all of the human race But instead of this system of justice,

what have we for man-made statutory

Men who have drifted with the current of creeds scarcely realize how much put upon their natural liberties, and how

To begin with, cities have their municipal and towns their local government, and the people are taxed to support the

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INSTITUTIONAL CHRISTIANITY Or Modern Spiritualism! Which Accords with the Teachings of the

> BY SILAS TYRREL. No 3

Spiritualism and the Christ condemn the teachings of Institutional Christianity. "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge

Spiritualism teaches that man can no more be eternally lost than God can lose His infinity; that the fact of his divine genesis is proof positive that he will sometime be redeemed from all the taints and tendencies of his earthly passioned nature, stand forth glory crowned in the image of the beautiful Christ. That so surely as God is infinite the time will come when our entire sorrow stricken humanity shall be raised from the valley of tears and sadness to the mountain top of joy and gladness, and join with the angels in singing "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will to men."

It teaches that heaven is not a place, a locality, but is a mental condition, and that man creates his heavens and hells by his own actions. Heaven is concord, harmony and peace, whilst hell is discord; inharmony and woe. Therefore it is not necessary for one to die in order to test the reality of either hell or heaven. Two men, standing side by side, may truthfully represent both conditions, inasmuch as one may be in the highest heaven of rapture and delight, while the other is in the lowest hell or suffering and despair.

This proves that what the clergy find in the Bible and interpret to mean a general judgment day and the resurrection of the natural body is purely a personal affair, and refers only to the resurrection of the spiritual nature of man. And whenever the eventful period arrives, in the spiritual development of any man or woman, that the God principle incarnate in his or her being is sufficiently developed to call them to a strict account for all their wrong acts. they are already in the judgment-the book of rememberance kept by the recording angel (the soul) is openedand God, in the flesh, is exacting from them even to the uttermost farthing for the violation of every command that is issued by the divine soul from within.

Thus war is declared between the soul on the one hand, and the living animal hody on the other. The soul working to spiritualize and consecrate the body to benign and beneficent uses, and the body seeking to sensualize and degrade the soul by gratifying its earthly appetites and passions. And once begun the contest will be long and severe-increasing in intensity as the soul becomes powerful enough to wisely execute its imperial will. And though the soul may many times seem to fail, to get the worst of it, yet it will be in seeming only, for, conscious of its mighty power, it will be certain to renew the attack with an added power on the very first occasion, and will continue the conflict until it gains the victory that is final and complete-until it has cleansed and purified the body, and made it a "fit temple for the holy spirit to dwell in."

Further, Spiritualism teaches that death, as defined by the clergy, is a misnomer, that man being spirit per se, is only a prisoner while he is confined! and hence, that death is simply the white ter down his prison door, and conduct him to the world of true life, where crude matter can no longer thwart his higher aspirations. Nor is this all; for it teaches that, after man has laid aside his earthly vestments, he can, under harmonious conditions, hold intelligent converse with his earthly friends-can manifest himself tangibly to three out of their five bodily senses, sight, touch and hearing -can tell them all about the beautiful surroundings of his heavenly home-give them spiritual aid and comfort in their moments of doubt and despair, and help them to realize somewhat of the holy joy and enduring peace that will be theirs in the land of the immorthere will ever be a general judgment day-as taught by institutional Christianity-when all the physically dead and, together with the living, be rejudged and sentenced by the infinite God, some to eternal happiness and others to eternal woe for this simple reason:

The soul is a particle of deific substance, and while incarnated in matter is ever working to purify and refine its of God, after the inward man; but I see material body and bring it into perfect harmony with its spiritual body. Hence, God is ever manifest in the flesh, is ever executing judgment against every thought, word and work that is contrary to the divine sense of truth, righteousness and justice.

And this, permit me to say, is the only judgment, the only new birth or resurand passed out of the material body for the right hand of God. Set your affect.

ages before the God germ in humanity ions on things above, not on things on time enough for courtesy.

protests against the selfishness and cruelty of the natural man heard and obeyed; and hence, at the period called to a continued existence in the invisible world, where better conditions for the full development and resurrection of the spiritual selfhood awaited them. This was, and is to-day with the majority of mankind, the first resurrection.

But, at the advent of Jesus of Nazareth the spiritual element in man has become so largely unfolded in certain individuals that it could hold them responsible for their injustice to others-could make them realize that their true happiness could only be secured by earnestly desiring and working to make others happy around them. Thus did the "last resurrection become the first" with them, as i will ultimately with all human kind.

Nor is this a mere doctrine. In the fifth chapter of John's Gospel we find that Jesus, the Christ, not only took this position, but that he emphasized it with the oath of the New Testament. He says:

Verily, verily, I say unto you the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in Himself, so hath He and hath given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the sou of man. Marvel not at this for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves (bodies) shall hear his voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation -or condemnation.

The reader's careful attention is inrited to the following positive points in this discourse of Jesus.

I. He told his audience distinctly that at the very hour he was speaking, the dead should hear the voice of the son of God, and they that heard should live." Of course, then, he was not speaking of the physical dead, but of those that were dead to spiritual things. In looking over the multitude around him he saw those who were fully ripe and ready for the new birth or resurrection of the spiritual selfhood, and hence, was inspired to use the language just quoted.

2. He told them that his spiritual ego was the son of God, and that his living, breathing, eating, drinking and sleeping animal body, through which he was speaking, was the son of man, and that because his body was of the earth, earthy in its desires and loves, the Father had given him (the son of God) authority to execute judgment against lusts of the flesh, in order that he might triumph over the body, and become one in will and purpose with the Father.

That this doctrine enunciated by the Christ astonished some of his hearers is evident from the fact that he carried his subject to its legitimate conclusion, in substantially the following language:

Marvel not at this-think it not a strange thing because I tell you that within the present hour, a few of the dead shall hear the voice of the son of God from within and shall live, for the time is coming, in the which all that are in the graves (in their bodies) shall hear his voice, and shall be awakened out of the sleep of death to newness of life in the spirit, for "the last resurrection shall become the first" with all mankind.

can fail to grasp the truth which lesus have done good," said the Christ, "shall come forth unto the resurrection of set men free. life." Yes, and why? Because, spiritually, they are rounded into divine and beautiful proportions-have passed from the negative to the positive side of life where they are the masters, not the

slaves of circumstances. And "they that have done evil, shall come forth unto the resurrection of damnation. Yea verily!" That is certainly the experience of the writer. They that have done evil vet hear the voice of the son of God calling them to account for their evil deeds, are those that are in the transition state-with their spiritual and physical forces so equally balanced tals. Hence, Spiritualism denies that that it depends upon their immediate surroundings as to which force, at any time, will gain the mastery; and hence whenever they fail to execute a command shall again appear in their earthly bodies that is sent forth from within, the God like soul passes upon them the sentence of damnation or condemnation.

Paul gives an accurate description of this transition state in his personal experience, as recorded in the 7th chapter of Romans:-"For I delight in the law another law in my members warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin

which is in my members." He also tells the Philippians that although in the first resurrection he is not enjoying its full power-is not yet perfect, that he longs for the full development of the Christ within so that the rection to be found within the two lids spiritual man shall become the dominatof the "Holy Bible." True, we read ing power. Also when his Colossian about two resurrections in Revelations, brethren and sisters were in the transibut we have only to look at the subject tion state he wrote them the following carefully to see that it is simply a de- words to comfort and strengthen them scription of the one resurrection under in the warfare they were waging against different circumstances. Hence, it is the lusts of the flesh. "If then ye be said "The first shall be last, and the last risen with Christ, seek those things first." That is to say mankind lived in which are above, when Christ sitteth on

became developed enough to make its the earth. For ye are dead" to all earthly pleasures and follies, "and your life," spiritual, "is hid with Christ," in your divine inmost, "in God." When Christ death, they were raised from their bodies our spiritual "life shall appear," in all the members of your earthly bodies, "then shall ye," with your bodies fully spiritualized, "also appear with him in glory."

Here we have the testimony of Jesus, the Christ, and of Paul, the greatest of the apostles, confirming the teachings of Modern Spiritualism: declaring that the exegesis of the scriptures by the clergy concerning the "new birth, the day of judgment and the resurrection," are false; that the three different names have reference only to the resurrection of the divine in man, so as to become the controlling power.

Thus have I set forth a few of what I conceive to be the more important teachings of Modern Spiritualism. And what is there in them that can offend the believer in true Christianity? I am aware, however, that the church will call them rank heresies, and the writer worse than a heretic; a child of the devil! But is not the church as likely to be wrong in the present as as in the past? Centuries ago, under the reign of Constantine the Great, she married herself to the materigiven to the son to have life in himself; al state, curtained her windows to shut out the last ray of spiritual light, blindfolded and lit a candle for the priesthood and commenced the arduous work of damning to endless hell torments all who refused to wear her blinders or cousent to be led by her theological expounders.

Remember that I am speaking of the church as an organized institution that is soulless, not of the individual members belonging to it, for I know that many whose names are on the church books are choice souls, souls that are filled with all the sympathy, the sweetness and graces of the spirit of Christ.

But all who are familiar with history

know that the past record of the church as an institution, has been one of crime and blood. She brought Gallileo to the rack and made him confess a lie in order to save his life. She proscribed Newton, anathematized Harvy and a host of others, for giving utterance to fresh heresies. But says one it was Catholicism that did that. So be it. But I submit that it was the same infernal spirit that prompted John Calvin to roast Michael Servetus over a slow fire of green withs because he could not conscientiously worship his tripple-headed God. And the church of to-day is imbued with this same anti-Christian spirit. She manifests the will, and if the will could be leagued with the opportunity, she would compel all men to give up their individual opinions and subscribe to her theoing so earnestly and persistently to have organic law of the land, which will the object of undeserved punishment." deprive you and me from worshiping which she manifests, however, is conclusive evidence that though called the without having a guilty purpose. Christian church, she is not really and mighty works, based upon the unniver-

[To be Continued.]

NOT SO HYPOCRITICAL. To the Editor of The Better Way.

I was in hopes that your compositors and proof readers would after awhile become familiar with my chirography and make fewer mistakes. The last article may not contain quite so many errors, but it has one that I cannot allow to go uncorrected. It makes me say: "Most of us (Spiritualists) are hypo critical."

Now I do not want to accuse Spiritualists of being hypocrites, and did not write it so. I said "most of us are hypercritical." Now if you will consult Webster you will find hypercritical is a dictionary word, and means "critical beyond reason."

That charge I believe and intended to make. I know that I myself have often been guilty of it, but I never, to my knowledge, have been a hypocrite.

This reminds me of a few other queer mistakes. The Knoxville Whig one time made me say "Jesus Christ is the liar of the tribe of Judah." What I wrote was: "Jesus Christ is the lion of the tribe of Iudah."

Woodhull and Claffin's Weekly, once upon a time, by leaving a not out of one of my sentences made me argue for adultery and promiscuity in a sentence written against them.

If your compositors and proof readers will agree to rub their glasses and look a little closer at my manuscript in the future, I will faithfully promise to write MOSES HULL.

Hard knocks do more for a man in the way of acquiring wisdom than a head full

Life is not so short but there is always

IS CRIME A DISEASE?

The advent of hypnotism was greeted by the more conservative of the medical profession with a sucer and a sarcasm.

It was catalogued-but without prope investigation of its claims-with mineral magnetism, animal magnetism, mes merism, and some other vehement and vociferous "isms" which were dragged into the light by the overs of the occult.

It has, however, grown to be a youth of lusty proportions and seems inclined to fight its way to recognition, not only as scientific fact, but as a remedial agency in disease.

That a certain proportion of individuals can be thrown into a state of lethargy in which consciousness is suspended cled in my note book many things that throne" each day trying to get up a conand the patient is intellectually and morally dead is established beyond the possibility of doubt. The vital organs, heart and lungs, continue their action, but the body is as insensible to pain as it would be under the most powerful anesthetic, and a surgical operation may be performed without causing the slightest movement on the part of the patient.

This lethargy may be changed at the will of the operator to catalepsy, in which consciousness partly returns, but hamnered and controlled and hopelessly befogged. The patient is not himself, but is subject to any suggestion which is forced upon him. He is an automaton whose muscles may be made as rigid as steel or as limp as a wet rag, and who sees, hears and feels in an abnormal and unnatural way.

Catalepsy may in turn be changed to somnambulism, a state in which the patient is the victim of all sorts of hallucinations. He thinks sweet is sour, vinegar is honey, according to the will of the operator. He freezes if you speak of cold, perspires if you talk of heat, weeps or smiles, prays or swears, sees everything he is told to-sees it as it has been described, not as he would see it in his normal condition.

At this point we come across a very interesting question. It is suggested by a warning given to the investigators of hypnotism in the June number of the Fortnightly Review. In an essay on this subject Dr. J. Luys, physician to La living truths, which to her were only Charite Hospital, gives minute directions for restoring a hypnotic patient to his every day after that until the meeting natural condition. He declares that if the patient is "only half awakened, is sent back in this condition to his daily life. he has only a half consciousness of the nature of his acts," and "might run the risk of finding himself amenable to the law." That is to say, "he may walk straight on without knowing where he is going, or collide with persons passing by; he may knock them down, steal arti- or "The needs of the hour." It was purecles exposed in shops, commit all kinds of offences, even outrages on decency; and logical dogmas. Else why is she labor- this unconscious person, whom the public and the magistrates regard as in possesa religious test incorporated into the sion of all his senses, may find himself

If for example, you lift both eyelids God according to our conception of true of the lethargic patient and let the light worship? But thanks to the spirit of the make its impact on the optic nerve, the age, she is like the chained tiger with brain recovers itself, according to Dr. teeth drawn and claws cut off, harmless Luys; but if you lift only one eyelid then because compelled to be so. The spirit only one lobe of the brain is affected and the poor fellow may do all sorts of things

Now, if it is possible for one man to truly Christian. To be Christian she affect another man's moral faculties in must be like the church which the that way may it not be also possible that It seems hardly possible that one who Christ established, possessing the same nature has brought men and women inwithin the walls of his earthly tabernacle; has had a genuine spiritual experience spiritual power and performing the same to the world who are so affected by prenatal influences that the proper relations voiced on that occasion. "They that sal of God's goodness, and the omnipo- of right and wrong are clouded if not tence of truth to break every fetter and wholly obscured? The revolting crimes which it is our daily duty to record. crimes so wholly unnatural and inhuman that they seem as incredible as they are horrible--may they not be the result of some disarrangement in the moral nature for which the wretch who is imprisoned or hung cannot rightly be held responsi-

> We hear of people who have plenty of money, but who are nevertheless confirmed kleptomaniacs. They are driven by an irresistible impulse to steal what they see, even though they can buy it. gon. On Saturday, August 30th, I And there was young Pomeroy, who took delight in sticking pins and knives into children, and went so far as to commit deliberate murder as a pastime. Was his act a crime or was it the result of a disease? What we call the vicious classesthe irretrievable vicious-are they suffering from hallucination? Did nature leave out some ingredient necessary to complete manhood and throw them upon the world in this unfinished condition

Practically, of course, society has nothing to do with what we call rogues and way. A prison is as necessary to the well being of the community as a church. We are not in a position to get on without either. We can't pardon, because cellent paper is doing. Free from all Spiritualism is an able work of this kind, that would produce chaos. These riotous elements must be confined or the world would come to a standstill.

But what says the higher philosophy? What is the last word of science on the scrofula, with consumptive tendencies, feeble hearts and shrivelled limbs; why not with brains that are wholly askew and a moral sense dulled beyond hope of recognition? Is it not possible that some people are made so symmetrical that they can't help being good and others so rank and crude that they can't help committing crimes?

To carry the subject one step further. At the bar of eternal and perfect justice | Texas Siftings.

will not many of the gravest offences which from the necessity of the case must be punished on earth, be adjudged not by infinite mercy, but by infinite knowledge, from a standpoint quite different from that which we occupy? And will not many a criminal be regarded with boundless pity who has here been doomed by us to boundless punishment?

The question is worth considering? -Ed. N. Y. Herald.

WAYSIDE JOTTINGS.

To the Editor of The Better Way.

The days have passed hurriedly by and so many events have been crowded into them, I have not realized how fast the time has been going. I had chroni-I thought might be of interest to your readers, but I know your columns would little groups. They seem to gravitate to be crowded with camp inceting reports, so I thought I would wait until some future time for their appearance in THE BETTER WAY. I believe Mr. Hull forwarded a com-

munication from South Haven, Mich. and promised that I would give something of a report of the work accomplished in connection with the camp meeting in that place. You will, probably, if you have not already, received an official report, so I will not go into details. A more beautiful spot than the one selected by the Southwestern Association of Spiritualists cannot be found anywhere-a magnificent grove on the shore of Lake Michigan, but no society can get control of the grounds, which, of and left with his wife for San Francisca course, renders it impractical to appoint | September 10th, where he will spend to another meeting there. The late experiment was so much of a success that arrangements will be made for a camp meeting another year, under the auspices of that association.

I did not reach the grounds until at the close of the second day's work. I regret ted that I was too late to listen to the Hon, L. V. Moulton, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who addressed them Sunday and Monday. His discourses, without an exception, were said to be remarka-

Mr. Hull, who had been sojourning a few days at Pine Lake, reached the grounds a few hours after my arrival, and the audience were inflicted with our talk

The dust, "oh that dust," was almost mendurable until the last Saturday of ment of affairs here. This proposition the meeting. Pluvius gave us a gentle has caused much talk and many queres sprinkle last Saturday night, and the grove was a paradise Sunday morning.

The first thing on the program the last day of the meeting was a conference, followed by the writer on "Hindered Lives" ly an inspirational address, and I trust my readers will not deem me egotistical when I say it was highly complimented, and I was urged by many to deliver the same address wherever I might be called to labor. I never can promise to repeat such efforts-probably I may in sub-

Mr. Hull's discourses attracted large audiences. Per request he devoted one evening to a discussion of Nationalism. against the Jews framed by the crut at There were several good mediums in his Orthodox church. The barbarity

attendance. Mrs. Wood, of South Haven, this legislation has been unparallelela one of the oldest and most generous European history since the revocate workers in the State, is deserving much of the Edict of Nantes. credit for her untiring labors through her mediumship. Mrs. Cuttter and Mr. An- in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. 50 drens, mediums of this city, were kept far the politics of the ghosts are not debusy during the meeting. Mrs. Davis, of finitely known, but they are believed to Hartford, Mich., is an energetic worker be home rulers, and it is supposed that in behalf of BETTER WAY. She is a they have formed a ghostly plan of cam-

Mr. Hull had been home but a few days when the Macedonian cry, sent out from many friends in Vicksburg, Mich., called him to that place, where he delivered two trailing the tails of its spiritual cost. addresses in the Opera House to large would terrify the stoutest bishop and audiences. A message from him stated he had a call from Scott's, also Battle Edition Herald, Creek, where he lectured Sunday night, the 31st ult. His next field of labor will be Indianapolis. On the 30th of this month we leave for the Pacific coast; we shall probably spend some time in Orewas called to say such words as the spirit inspired over the remains of Miss Margaret Willey. Miss Willey was one of nature's noble women, of which few such are known in this world outside of the immediate home circle.

The funeral service was held at the Willey home. The house was thronged with people, among them many who never heard an utterance in regard to Spiritualism, only in condemnation. The sister passed away the 25th ult. The remains were embalmed, as they desired scoundrels except to put them out of the the funeral services to be delayed until a sister could arrive from New Hampshire. gests that some one write up Spiritual I wonder, Mr. Editor, if you are aware

of the magnitude of the work your expersonalities it goes out each week brim showing clearly that the Bible Spiritualfull of good thoughts. The generous ism and those of to-day are identical space allowed the many reports of meetings must convince its readers that Spiritualism is moving forward; its philososubject? We have children born with phy and phenomena, hand in hand, to the subject. comfort the sorrowing, and inculcate a better system of reform than the world a emembers of the Christian churches. has ever known.

trength for all things,

I am fraternally, MATTIE E. HULL. Native Teacher (to African convert)-

How do you like your missionary? Convert (in a brown study) - Baked!

ONSET NOTES.

No arrangements have yet been made towards settling affairs here at Onset We understand about 300 property owners have responded to the notices sent out but nothing definite has yet been deided upon.

When did you come has given place to the other question when are you going to leave. Though great numbers have gone, still some tarry and a few new faces are seen on the streets. One hundred Washburn-House patrons wem away in one day. The Avenue House will keep open all winter.

Some have come for the month of Sep. tember. Those who still remain of the Spiritualists we find "loafing around the ference or relating their experiences in

neadquarters from sheer force of hibit Dr. A. W. S. Rothermel, whose family is here for a few weeks, is himself at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, from where he will rise various points in Iowa and the West locating mines.

I met Mrs. Levy, a medium from Wash ngton, D. C., the other day coming ou of Dr. Stansbury's cottage, where the had just finished a sitting with him, and with some slate writing she held up for my inspection was a very beautifully executed picture of Columbus on portelain in colored crayons with a drawing of her little daughter in one corser, 🖼 various names attached. Dr. Stansban has had a very successful season here winter, returning East again next spring

Mrs. Flora B. Cable and Capt Cable of Washington, are among the lingers Onset for a portion of the coming mout Tuesday as David Brown, a meline from Boston, with his sister, were a riding their horse became frightenels

piece of carpeting some children hung on a tree on Longwood avenue shied, throwing them out and bruing them somewhat. Mr. Brown was but shaken up, but no serious damage 🖦

Mr. Henry H. Warner, on his retun from Lake Pleasant, said he thinks Osse. much the nicer place.

I believe I spoke in a former communication of the proposition made by the stockholders of this association to the lot owners for an amicable adjustby the cautious and not over credulous ones, and in the meanwhile very many are heartily glad of this opportunity to show their disposition for a settlement and new by-laws by announcing their attention of buying shares, saying Oused will be so busy and thriving a place another year as to astonish every body.

AUGUSTA FRANCES TRIPP.

Foreign Notes.

In a late criminal trial at Paris a priest was fined for refusing to testify what a person had confessed to him.

The indignation of all civilized persons continues to increase at the edict

There has been an outbreak of ghoss splendid agent; her soul is in the work. paign with the object of driving all Saxon churchgoers out of Ireland. A real Irish ghost with a supernatural shillalah walking through the cathedral close and dishearten the whole chapter.-Paris

> The German emperor continues to give his chief attention to social and industrial questions. Two messengers direct from the kaiser recently visited Mr. Woods, president of the Laneashire Miners' Federation, with a view of obtaining information regarding the condition of British miners; and the same messengers, it is now said, are about to visit the United States with a similar object. The kaiser has given orders that the regulations for the protection of workingmen, and particularly as to the hours of labor for women and children shall be strictly enforced throughout the

Bible Spiritualism.

A correspondent, who signs himself J. in THE BETTER WAY of July 12th, sugism from a Bible standpoint.

Brother Samuel Watson's Religon of

If your correspondent had given his address, as all should, I could send him lists of many other valuable works on

His suggestion that to reach those who and not ridicule and vigorously condemn With the hope that you may have their doctrines and beliefs, as many of them have taught thus from infancy is excellent. Spiritualists are much nearer any sincere church member than they are to the Agnostice or Saducees of any kind. The better portion of all churches are seeking the same as the better portion of Spiritualists. G. F. LEWIS.

To the phenomena I described in the columns of THE BETTER WAY of August and, I have to make an addendum of some startling manifestations since received by means of slate writing.

The medium, Mrs. Aber, has developed She has been sitting for this result for thirteen months. Since her development I have held the slates in the seances, and have received messages at an average of one out of two sittings.

The messages to which I specially call attention are two received during the past week. The first was a drawing; giving a view of the Ohio river, which I bends and reaches, as if standing on the Ohio shore, the bottom and the hills beyond being well drawn. I at once expressed my recognition, though not a time I could not conjecture who the artist could be; but on the following day I held the slate again with the medium, when the following message was written: Dear Howard-My picture of the Ohio

river was not very good. I hope to do better the next time. You remember the time that team went down in the river, at the time my husband had charge of the ferry-boat? I am amused when I think of the advice you gave me in regard to that hypocrite of a preacher. No doubt I should have been converted and drawn into that vortex of blind faith only for your timely warning. You know he was a man of wonderful psychological powers, gaining converts by the hundreds through that wonderful occult power. I would like to write you more but cannot at present. I do keep in kind remembrance the old days. KATE SAVAGE. In my paper of August 2nd I referred

to this lady friend in connection with this revival incident and perhaps to my suggestion in regard to the evangelist who had generated and directed the emotional storm, into which she might have been swept and made a hopeless slave, laboring to support his class, which by its own labor produces nothing. Her statement that she drew the picture of Ohio river excited in me a desire to understand its full significance. The picture represents a deep breadth of bot tom with the hills in the distance. The bottoms on the Kentucky shore from the mouth of Tygarts Creek for miles east, swells out into greater breadth than elsewhere to the Big Sandy and beyond. This width the picture illustrates. Her father, Pleasant Savage, owned a farm in this bottom, two or three miles above Tygarts Creek, and she (his daughter) married a Mr. John R. Morton, who became owner of the ferry between Portsmouth. O., and Springville, Ky. The incident the message on the slate referred to, happened in 1852 or 1853. I had come down from Hime, Ky., the evening before on business, stopping over night at Mr. John Mortons, in the west part of Springville. Soon after breakfast I started to the ferry, where I met Mrs. Morton and Mr. Savage and they told me about a team rushing through the boat, overturning the apron and plunging into the river. Perhaps after a few days of excitements I had not thought of the event since until her message rekindled my memory. I was no more expecting a message from Kate Savage light without the sun; for an aspiration From proofs positive to my mind I do than from any other person. In fact I was not especially sitting for a message, but for the development of the medium Here some intelligence stepped out on the stage from a lost or deeply buried memory,-from the deepest galleries of forgetfulness -and arousing my consciousness into full activity, and that intelligence signed Kate Savage. To me it is far more logical to believe the communication to have come from the source it claims than to have been caused by "unconscious cerebration" of my own mind. The latter no more explains than it explains how the ladies toilet their

By what "unconscious cerebration" does my mind become a liar, writing messages and signing the names of held on the ground by Mrs. Aspinwall other people. I hold lying in supreme and while I know I antagonize the ideas contempt, and it is not well for pretended of some, I want to say I saw genuine scientists to attempt to conceal their ignorance by a theory which would make fifteen to thirty, full forms walked out this faculty. me instead of this "unconscious cerebration" a scandalous liar! I hold that my in the circle, near all of whom were recogconscious cerebration is not a liar, inized by looks or words. neither will be my unconscious,

The development of this medium, Mrs. Aber, has been over a phenomenal work have room I will speak of others. of great diversity. She at first impersonated; then was able to handle live ing matched and placed across the corcoals with impunity; then with the light ner of the room in a semicircle, built by subdued, the guitar floated along the the Association, and not built with any ceiling as if on wings of lightning trap doors or secret crevices of any kind. rapidity, suddenly playing all the time, The medium always walks the floor inoften sitting on the head of one of the side the circle until fully entranced, and circle. Then lights began to appear. At times the room would be illuminated two forms walk into the cabinet with her, by a soft, golden light, and then again I saw them every night and many others by irregular globes, splashes of light, did also and spoke of it. varying in size and color. Each light had an individual character. After they industrious little Egyptian girl, Olla, who became a feature of the seance, I was spreads her angelic robes and wafts more and more impressed with this them about the room sending forth a quite a pet in A's family and they had peculiarity and called attention to it as sweet perfume, that I suppose is intenan important element of evidence.

between mortal men ranging from dark- force current for the spirit scientists to est shade to lightest blonde. In the draw from; Olla also regulated the light spirit light we see the same range of in the room. color. Some are olive while others are On the first night my father came out, ago? And in a place she had never seen? thing well.

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white, translucent and of diamond shook hands with me, gave me words to into full forms.

When I first witnessed these lights, I which by means of its knowledge of the this phase since I wrote my last article. form as it wishes. The intelligent power inhered in such condensed results. I also called attention to the broad field to which it invited the investigator.

I treated these lights as persons, with intelligence like any one, requesting them to display before us their identity. For a time this wish was complied with; at my request the lights would go from one person to another and to any part of at once recognized from its familiar the room; rising to the ceiling, taking boy Willie and how she loved her for it. hold of the guitar, sitting down in a chair by my side, placing the chair in my to the ceiling and coming down into the kisses. Jennie was a sisterinlaw and Mrsword of explanation was written. At the chair, which indicated a person of fifty pounds or more. Then rising to the top of the chair, wrenching it from my hand. At times it would keep step to music on the chair by my side, on the carpet or table before me. At times voices have come from it, speaking names and replying to questions as to identity, and never giving the name of a sitter as unconscious cerebration" had done.

Any one who is willing to give the time can make these experiments. I have taken the time and been rewarded with unanswerable evidence of facts. Human life, starting from the psychoether, is a molecule of intelligence, the expression of and resultant of evolution, and indestructible as the atom. Its annihilation after reaching its meridian of human entity would represent evolution as limited in power, a trifler, knocking down the most stupendous results, as a child its house of cobs, and nature as a sham and failure.

Because the physical machine employed by the spirit wears out does not prove the soul's dispersion at the dispersion of the atoms of the material form, illustrate the grandeur of the structure. The engine is not the power, but its But the crowning test was when a cousin manifestation, and that force remains the same after the engine is worn out. Steam is not mind-force, but the result of a combination of elements directed and told me that Kaleb was also there by mind-force, and which if after genera- but could not make up, (hitch up as Pration could be involved with the spirit of mind-force would persist in organic calls it) and that he was thrown from a it returns to the diversity from which it

Man has aspirations, and unless an apple is as likely to go up as down, he will gravitate to and go with just such relations with the universe as his aspirations will impel: for in him aspiration is as gravitation in the external world.

To say that the waters of the Missouri River, rushing from the mountains to the ocean, are forced to do so by whim, and which at any moment may change, would be too absurd for a moment's consideration. It flows to the ocean because of gravitation, and in like manner man's fests functional phenomena in relation any one could. to the whole. The study of this labyrinth of causes and effects yields the true knowledge of the universe.

PHENOMENA AT MT. PLEASANT

PARK. To the Editor of The Better Way.

You have the items from our camp, those of a general nature. What I have to report are both private and public.

I have attended numerous seances materialization at every scance and from of the cabinet and over to their friends

I will speak in the first place of my

The cabinet is made of common floorit is no uncommon thing to see one or

The first spirit that comes out is the ded to counteract the breath of decay, There is a distinguishable peculiarity tobacco and smoke and gain a stronger

brightness. Frequently these spirit prove his identity and signs such as lights unfold into perfect outlines of the none but a Master Mason ever recognizes. human face and bust, and occasionally He shook hands with Mrs. Walker, an old acquaintance of his entire family, from Bedford, Iowa. Talked quite plainly to reasoned: if they were the results of her and myself, walked over toward my soul-force, they embodied intelligence, nephew, in the back circle and called him by name loud enough to be heard elements, could condense them into such all over the room. The three of us shook him by the hand and warmly greeted him back to the mundane sphere. On the second night I introduced him to the audience in a light so strong that all could distinguish the features.

At the same seance Jennie Walker came out, called me up, took me by the hand, called Hannah (Mrs. Walker) from the circle, gave her name and told her how good she (Hannah) had been to her This greeting, the first that Mrs. Walker ever had with the spirits in so tangible a lap, which was distinctly felt; then rising form, was one of tears of joy and loving Walker had taken the task of taining her son who had grown a little wild and needed the kind words of a loving mother. The latter lady had filled this place and now receives the benediction of the spirit mother.

Mrs. W. had other fine tests through the same source and went home with a heart full and a head full of experiences with which to interest all her relatives and friends.

Next came to me a lady spirit, shook my hand and called me brother, I asked her to identify herself. She says, you cannot recognize me except by my resemblance to sister Candice, I passed out before you were born, singled you out and have always been your guardian spirit, will put my face on your picture; she did at Foster's gallery and the face was the same that I saw; she came on another occassion and sang with me the first verse of Coronation, louder than any other voice. I will not here discribe my feelings, a pencil and a most descriptive brain would be like the ashes of a beautiful palace in trying to Lucy Jobe presented herself so plain that I recognized the glass-eye, which was a shade darker blue than the other rie Flower, the controlling influence rect and I had not been thinking of Lucy nor cousin Kale, as he was familiarly called and none in the circle or on the camp grounds but myself ever knew either of them.

During these same seances many others received their first tests of life after death, their first positive proof of the immortality of the soul and of which, with your permission, I will speak in another communication lest I make this too long.

In conclusion of this let me say I write this of my own free will and because I know what a grand work Bessie Aspinaspirations rest on and are circumscribed | wall is doing for spiritualism by her proby laws, and his immortality as surely gressed manifestations, her truthfulness proven as that the river flows to the sea. and honesty of purpose, her independ-Furthermore there is no aspiration which ent spirit and nobility of character as a has not its seat on a force of nature, and medium and a lady. She is loved by all the study of these forces is the basis of who know her best, and the doctor descientific truth. There could be no aspira- serves no little credit for the impartial tion without the corresponding existent and courteous manner in which he con-

is not the cause of the being, but the be- not hesitate to pronounce the manifesing is the cause of the aspiration. The tations all genuine that I have ever witthought of steam only could be, because nessed through the mediumship of Bessteam exists. All living beings are cen- sie Aspinwall. As guest of the Mistres of force, and nature being a sissippi Valley Spiritualists Association plexus of forces, each being mani- she has given as good satisfaction, as T. WILKINS.

Vice President M. V. S. A.

Written for The Better Way. ARE THERE CLAIRVOYANTS AMONG BEASTS? C. H. SARGENT.

Numerous anecdotes are told to show that animals are possessed of faculties that human reasons alone cannot ex-

Dogs, horses, elephants, ect., are creditd with a sagacity rivaling mans acquired knowledge.

The performance of a Jersey cow has iust come under my notice illustrating

Mr. A. the owner of a young Jersey raised in an outlying township. Mr. A. sold her to F. who took her direct to an adjoining township. Some time after F. own personal observation and then if I sold her to S. and she was taken to the heart of the city.

When A, sold the cow he moved into a suburb of the same city two miles away from where S. kept the cow.

The cow was very uneasy and made several attemps to get away but was caught and brought back; but finally ten months after S. bought her she got out in early morn and disappered.

Two days after A. who was a stranger to S. came to him and told him that the cow he bought of F, had come into his, A's yard and was then there.

It seems that F, had told A, that he had sold the cow to S. The cow was seen her roped out in S's yard and knew where she came from, when she came into their yard, where she staid unres tained and contented.

Now the interesting question is: How did this cow find her friends of a year

The cat, the dog, the horse, the bed will find their way home when carried miles away blindfolded and over a circuitious route.

The homeing pigeon will return hundreds of miles to her nest without having traversed a mile of the intervening

But in the case of the cow, locality was not the magnet that drew her, it was animals of a distinct race from her own. If this was instinct, instinct is suprior to reason.

Reason is largely a child of education and experience, but the cow had no help from either.

Tell-Tale Dreams.

to the Editor of The Better Way. I have recently been told a singular story, which certainly proves immaterial conscious intelligence. This, I got from gentleman in whom I have implicit confidence, first in his stalwart honesty and truthfulness, and second in his capability to repeat anything exactly as he got it. His daughter was visiting in Columbus this summer, and got the story. The lady she was visiting had a very valuable ring. The husband wore it to his shop, and by some means lost it. The lady was grieved over the loss and dreamed of the shop. She saw the machinery and tools and the cracks in the floor, and in her dream she went to a crack in the floor and picked her ring out of it. In the morning she told her husband her dream, and as she had never been in the shop, and described everything so exactly, her husband took her to the shop, and everything was just as she had seen it in her dream, even to the crack in the floor, in which she found her ring, she went to the crack and picked her ring out exactly as she had done in her dream. I won't theorize, I can give the name of the family in Columbus, but the story was told me by Mr. W. W. Watkins of Dayton, O. who formerly was a teacher in the Dayton High School. I have some incidents similar to this, but as this is the most recent, I tell it. T. A. P.

Medlumship.

"Men have not yet realized how delicate are the conditions under which alone these fugitive phenomena can be observed. They have not grasped the fact that the mediums through whom they are presented, are, by the very possession of that rare and curious gift, sensitive to identity. Not having this mind-force horse and killed. This was entirely cor- all conditions of life. They feel the harsh winds, psychical and natural, that blow on them. They shrink and shrivel up as the sensitive plant does at the approach of each fresh magnetism, or they expand and glow as the sun of spiritual sympathy shines on them. These are not metaphors, they are a faint adumbration of fact. I write of that which I know. How absurd is it then to take a person possessed of these powers, and force him to earn a precarious livelihood by their exhibition to people, nine out of ten of whom believe him to be a rogue to start with, and go away and say so. Not till we realize how great is this gift, how necessary it is to cultivate and tend it. how frail are the beings who possess it, shall we rise to any real knowledge of what we may gain from the study and experience of it. We must train our mediums, we must protect them-sometimes from themselves."-M. A. Oxon, in

At Worcester, Mass.

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suffering mortal. Most sincerely yours, JOHN W. Lyon. Decatur,Ill., Lock box 226, Aug. 28, 1884. See ad. in another column.

Pigmies.

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is actual sin? Or, is there none? If there is no sin, what has man to fear, told men inspirationally in ancient times upon the spiritual strength we have in that they would go to hell-a locality where fire constituted the chief element -for theft, murder, etc. We think we bave advanced in our belief-our inspirational knowledge. Men and women who punishment in the hereafter, now believe in conscience punishment only-having outgrown, as they believe, the former as a superstitions notion. How do they know (otherwise than what spirits assert) that they will even suffer conscience pangs in the hereafter for wrongs as above enumerated? They know it by experience. It is not necessary to become spirit out of the body to know this as a fact. We all know that a selfish act makes us more or less miserable in soul or spirit, while kind or benevolent acts make us happy. So the future may be guaged. Not by the assertions of priests, or even gods (spirits.) Let every man study himself and he will know what is right or wrong-unselfish or selfishlawful or unlawful. That which makes him happy is right and lawful (in spirit): that which makes him unhappy is wrong and in discord with the law of nature, or nature, simply. Theft is wrong, if but to plagiarize another's thoughts. Murder is wrong; for we know it by the effect it has on us when we hear of it, if but in legalized form. So, all other incidents of life that effect our higher nature, may be tested. But, say you, if superetition is a matter of intellectual growth, may man not also outgrow this sensitiveness? Certainly. But, remember, as he becomes positive to the latter, he becomes receptive to a higher degree of mental illumination, and with it a power that will not permit him to do stricken for thinking wrong of a person cumstances.

THE BETTER WAY, during your past experience? Yes. The first thought was caused by the predominance of some selfish passion in your nature. The latter was caused, either CINCIN NATI . . SUPTEMBER 27, 1890

Sin! What is it? A matter of conven- of nature will dawn on every one. With tionality to a large extent. It was once the dawn of spiritual truth, man will rise thought a grave sin to doubt the exist above his baser passions, and crime will

SPIRITUALISM AND THE NECRO QUESTION.

Cardinal Gibbons has expressed himself concerning the colored or negro question in the South. He, of course, as might be expected, spoke from an eclesiastical standpoint, saving "first of all wrong or punishable-and to prove it so, the negro should have a sound religious education, a practical knowledge of God and the sublime destiny that awaits us in a better world."

This is very well, so far as it goes. A gent people laugh at the idea of once sound religious education, which we all know, means according to the doctrines far now as to denounce the government of the church-whether catholic or prothat only threatens to put a God in its testant-is a moral lever to hold a child-Constitution. Supposing the law of ish mind, such as nine-tenths of the executing for murder were abolished, negroes of the south constitute, in abeyance, just as "confession" holds the so-called? It would be sin in the eyes of ignorant Irish, the Polander, the Hun- foldment. But, as such state of conscithe state that sanctions capital punish- garian, and other European nationalities from injuring themselves or others.

But the negro does not take naturally to the catholic faith, and therefore "a practical knowledge of God and the sublime destiny that awaits him in a better world" would have to be denied him. For Protestantism does not teach were only considered sinful as long as this, it being more inclined to worldly ism and materialism than Catholicism is. Whatever may be meant by such "practical knowledge" etc., we do not absolutely know; but we may infer or suppose that it means the Catholic idea of a heaven and a hell, not to forget purgatory. But this does not concern us. Let sheriff: for the law compells him to do every religious denomination or creed formulate its own "better world." Spiritualists too, have many ideas concerning it, though undoubtedly nearer the truth to look like superstition to have one Spiritualism is beginning to teach that the "better world" does not concern us any stition and sin go hand in hand? And if further than to know that there is a sin is based on common law only, what future life, and that after having obtained that knowledge our duties are to combat with this life alone-to live righteous and spiritually considered. It was once con-prepare for the future, simply. Knowing sidered superstition to believe in being too much of the life hereafter will insure consigned to a literal hell for wrong do. too many disappointments; as many will ing here. May it not be a like supersti- only dream of its beauties to the neglect tion to believe that men will suffer in of their present and most needed developconscience in the hereafter for theft, or ment. Our social habitation will depend murder, or highway robbery? Spirits tell on the affinity we have for worldly or us now that we will suffer thus. Spirits spiritual desires-not upon belief; and overcoming worldy desires-not upon

The negro, like other spiritually undeveloped people, may be taught to con ouce believed they would suffer literal trol his baser passions though this "sound religious education," and which perhaps is all that can be expected of him. But whether this is all that is needed to settle the negro question in the South, is doubtful. The colored people in that section have never been without religion. They take naturally to it, and es pecially that of the stirring on revival kind. In cities they hold religious ser vices three times a day on Sundays, and once or twice during the week in the evenings. In the country it is a nightly feast in many places. Much has been done to educate them, too, and still it is unsettled. Shall Spiritualism settle it? Spiritualism claims to have given the first impetus to the movement of freeing the slaves. Then why not continue its good work by further providing for them. Has the question ever been presented to the rostrum? We think not Let it be tried. Probably some new ideas may be brought to the surface regarding hand him their subscription. it. It is light that will be hailed with joy. If the right chord is struck-something above partizan feeling or individual opinion-it will be a bright feather in our caps. It is an open question, with nothing so far offered that is acceptable. Let Spiritualism give the test,

faith in a God or a Jesus, or any other

deified personality.

The difference between the thief and the hypocrite is that one is dishonest in action, the other in thought-one without, the other within. Neither can act or will stand to his credit even beyond the feel independent in the sight of the the world. True righteousness only can these things—to do wrong even in thought. Have you not felt conscience afford to be independent under all cir-

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It should be the sacred duty of mediums to become members of their chartered local societies. It will be for their own benefit to do so

We occasionally get a rap from lecturers abroad for not reproducing their words as delivered at camps or societies -such believing this to be the fault of the proof reader. We would like to say to them that we print what is sent to us by our correspondents, and if they have interpreted the speakers incorrectly, it is not our fault. In some instances it would be better for correspondents to write less and be more accurate.

On Wednesday evening, the 17th inst. Mrs. Luther delivered a lecture on "Woman's Rights and Man's Wrongs" to an interested audience at G. A. R. hall. One of the principal points in the discourse was that woman should sue for suffrage on the ground that she was taxed without being represented in the government that taxed her; and being a "person" she could not be rightfully excluded from the ballot-the amendment extending to all persons the rights of suffrage without names of the guests and serve warrants the excuse that the polls was no place partment to rule this country after the for women to be was very flimsy indeed. For, said she, if the polling place was not tual consciousness. Those who have fit for women to approach, it was no treaty to May, 1897, has been accepted by place for the ballot box to be in either. Emperor William at the request of the as that should be kept sacred and be Austrian government. The draft of the placed where impurity, filth and roguery revised treaty prepared by Count Kaincould not defile it. And by purifying the oky increases the guarantee of both Gerballot, man's wrongs too, would be many and Italy to support Austria in the ans, well meaning patriots would be elec- kans. ted to office. In fact, there would be a better state of affairs generally. Applause greeted many of her remarks.

> We had the pleasure of greeting Mr. Spiritualist and much interested in the cause.

> The Spiritual Progressive Society meets at Englert hall, 67 Marshall avethird Sunday of every month.

Before his departure for England. Walter Howell was given a grand reception in New York, of which we will rethan anything that has preceeded it. But tism to profess one thing and believe port particulars in next issue—the corsomething quite the opposite. The self- respondence to that effect having arrived

U. G. Figley's "Life in the Stone Age" has been reduced to 30 each in lots of 25 or more. Single number 40 cents. Address Defiance, O.

Mr. W. C. Warner's P. O., address is at Yorkshire, N. Y.

Dr. W. W. Edwards writes, the 15th, and 16th, lines from the bottom of my article in the issue of the 13th inst. should read, "You are ignorant of the her skull, and she died almost instantly, fines. But any mountebank, religious or lar physicians may kill promiscuously truth of being. Knowledge of the truth

> Mrs. Fairchild, the well known materializing medium is in the city and will be located in a few days, preparatory to holding circles for phenomena.

Mr. Charles F. Roth, of this city and son of our genial Co-worker in the cause and able mechanical engineer and united in marriage on the 17th inst to When a patient dies under the hands daughter of James Ward, Esq., contrac-

The subject of Mrs. Luther's last Sunday's address was, "Crime-its preveution." It was an eleborate expose, of which the introduction was already given and that which makes us unhappy is in the morning-bringing historical data tive, but interesting in the extreme. The evening's portion was a combination of politics, finances and philosophy, and left nothing unsaid that was not good to her. Words cannot depict the eloquence displayed at times, though they were given as expressed by the speaker. Every one must list for himself and this agent at Omaha, Neb. Friends of THE is only possible as yet by attending in BETTER WAY in that city are invited to person. Next Sunday evening her subject will be "Thomas Paine's Experience in Spirit Life." The morning's discourse will depend on circumstancesperhaps on questions asked by the audience.

> Progressive Euchre, Circle Theosophie and Circle Harmonie, are some new coteries arranged by a number of Spirituslists of this city and Price Hill, and Poses to marry him. Queer creatures, surfaces. Such articles should never be used will continue during the fall and winter.

Dayton, O., has organized a spiritual Society and secured a charter. It is called The First Society of Spiritualists of Dayton, with Mr. E. T. Ditwiler as A. Dunklee of Boston left on Tuesday for president and Mr. F. Thompson as secreNEWS ITEMS.

The cholera is making appalling progress in Spain. The poet says, "Death rides on every

passing breeze." In Chicago death rides on every passing cable car. -Chicago Heraid.

Before the winter sets in people in America will be asked to send at least \$5,000,000 to the west coast of Ireland for the relief of the hungry cottiers.

ALLENTOWN, PA .- Edward McDonald of this place thinks he is the possessor of the smallest dog in this part of the state. It is six months old and weighs four ounces.

French war ships have bombarded several villages in the Society Islands. The the children seen smoking were sleek marines landed and laid waste the coun- fat little bodies, who seemed to enjoy try, keeping up the work of devastation their cigarettes.- New York Herald. until the natives submitted.

A family in Parkersburg, W. Va., has been losing meats so often from the well. where they were put to keep cool and fresh, that last week they set a watch and found the thief to be a black snake several feet long.

The only smokeless powder factory in the United States is now erecting on the Ritz farm, in Wayne Co., W. Va. J. W. Olen, of New York, has the contract for erecting the thirteen buildings. They will cover four agres.

The belligerent Frenchmen, M. Rochfort and M. Thiebaud, fought their duel after four fruitless attempts. The battle took place in a stable at Lalenge, Ilolland, and the blood of M. Thiebaud was shed. He received a scratch from his opponent's sword on the leg.

The police marshall of Leavenworth, Kas., is threatening to arrest progressive euchre parties; and if no access can be had to the houses, he will obtain the regard to previous condition (sex). As for on them for gambling. Is the police de-Russian fashion.

The extension of the triple Alliance righted. That instead of rotten politici- event of a Russian invasion of the Bal-

Human life was cheap last week. A Turkish man-of-war on its return trip evangelique. - Abonnement \$1.00 par an from Japan foundered with 500 lives on board, all of which were drowned.-A pays de l'union postale fr. 7. 50. Add. William Bowley of Melbourne, Australia, railroad wreck took place near Shoemaat our office. This gentleman is on a kersville, Pa., in which about fifty laborvisit to Cincinnati, and expects to remain ers were killed. Two others occurred here several weeks. He is an ardent about the same time—one in Arkansas and the other in Mexico, by which about 20 lives were sacrificed.

The old and wealthy Baron Bizik of A few years ago Salmi Morse, at great Castle Leva, Buda Pesth, had a quarrel expense for costly scenery, attempted to nue, Camp Washington, on the first and with his young and pretty wife at the present the Passion Play, at one of the dinner table. He accused her of unfaith- theaters in this city. Although the fulness, whereupon she flung a carving whole affair was as solemn as a funeral, knife at him, wounding him in the stom- no applause being permitted, and the ach. Then the Baron attacked the Bar- play was intended to represent in oness in the most savage and blood-most serious manner, the principal thirsty manner, cutting her throat and scenes connected with the birth, death mutilating her otherwise. The poor wo- and resurrection of Jesus, it was declared man is dead and the murderer is arrest to be sacriligious by certain narrow-

> Mrs. Mary Kannawisski, aged 36, kill- before some small-bore court, and its ed herself with an air gun at her home at presentation was prohibited, to the 14 Diamond street, Greenpoint, N. Y. financial ruination of Mr. Morse. The gun belonged to a boy in the house. If a burlesque of a Roman Catholic She loaded it with one of the tufted mass, or any other religious ceremony, darts used in such guns, and, holding the should be attempted at any of our there muzzle to her head, she pulled the trig- ters, the participants would be speedlir ger. The dart fastened itself firmly in arrested, and no doubt mulcted in heavy She had been acting queerly for some otherwise, who chooses to lampoon Spirtime, and her family were thinking of itualism, upon the stage of a public hall having her sent to an asylum.

The Ohio courts have decided that no damages can be recovered from a railroad company for killing a cow if it can be shown that there was in plain sight of are becoming tired of this impartiality. the cow a notice to look out for the loco- We believe in showing by our votes that motive. Such at least is the effect of the we simply do not propose to tamely subdraughtsman, Frank J. Roth, Esq., was decision though not its precise wording. It was really the converse of the proposi-Miss Mary J. Ward of Covington, Ky., tion, the court actually holding that the owner of a cow could recover because there was not a notice of the character prescribed.-Detroit Free Press.

A Russian physician of Bealystock see ing a Jewish lad pluck a pear from a overhanging branch, rushed into the street, dragged the boy into his office and burnt the word "thief" on his forhead with nitrate of silver, and otherwise disfigured him. A mob later threatened to lynch him, but the Russian police protected him. He was then prosecuted but was not brought to trial. Can any civilized nation sympathize with such a people who claim to be civilized also.

The Louisville girl, Annie Staken, says the Nebraska City Times, is not an ornament to her sex. Annie's lover shot her not long ago because she was inclined to look with favor upon a rival. He also shot himself. Both recovered and now Miss Staken says that she must have been mistaken in the character of the man who shot her. She knows that he really loves her. He has won her affection as well as her esteem, and she prothese girls!

condemn the use of tobacco should visit
Siam and Burmah. The writer, while in
the United States navy, visited Bangkok
once, and was surprised at the indiscriminate manner in which the natives indulged in the use of the weed. Hand-The scientists, doctors and others who

some, dark-skinned young women in their many-colored garments were walking in the streets puffing away at their cigarettes. Old women, men and hove and even the children were smoking. It was a common sight to see little tots, not over four or five years old; with a string of beads around their necks and a cigarette over each ear, smoking like a full-grown man, as they trotted about a naked as the day they were born. Questioning an English-speaking native, I learned that the children are taught to chew the betel nut mixed with tobacco and to smoke as soon as they are able to walk. Notwithstanding the excessive use of the seductive weed, I saw no ill effects from it. On the contrary, all of

LITERARY.

The Anthropologist for September contains a sketch of the life of prof. [.] Buchanan with portrait, and an array of highly interesting articles pertaining to the higher sciences. Address W. K. Fobes, 18 Boylston st, Boston, Mass., for sample copy.

Carrier Dove for September is athan and contains a budget of interesting spiritual reading matter. Address & Market street San Francisco. Single copies 25 cents.

The Voice of Nature. By Dr. James B. Welch, of Wilmington, Del. This is a pamplet of about 90 pages containing thoughts on the topics of the day, embraced in the following contents: "The Voice of nature calls for Justice," "Man's Povertyis his Destruction," "Statute Lim tend to make men Criminals," "Death and the Process of Dying," "The Fear of Death is Groundless." It is an interesting book and will please almost every class of readers.

Sidercal Evolution; or a New Cosmi ogy, being an explanation of the prine ples that pertain to universal life form and its expressions in form; by the Asthor of Planetary Evolution. 8 vo paper

Mrs L. A. Coffin's book on "Psychome try or Soul Measure" is for sale at this office. Price 10 cents.

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VOTE YOUR RELIGION Spiritualists should command for their religion the same respectful recognition that is given to the upholders of my other religion.

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or theater, or in some coward's casemate. the pulpit, he is entirely safe from arrest. and held to be a jolly good fellow.

We are constrained to admit that we mit to it any longer. Hence, we urge upon all Spiritualists to vote for no man in the coming election whose duties in any manner impinge upon the rights of conscience of the citizen-that is, no judicial officer, from Justice of the Peace to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for no member of the State Legislature; for no candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor who is not so constituted that he would not treat Spiritualists and Spiritualism fairly and impartially,who, as a Legislator, would not oppose all laws discriminating against mediums, or as Governor would not promptly veto all such unjust bills; -or who, as a Indee upon the bench, would not treat Spiritaalists and their religion with the same respect as he would the religion of others.

When Spiritualists refuse to patronize newspapers that ridicule them and their religion, or vote for narrow bigots, they will begin to command respect.—Golden

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh

mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering in through the muci except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to

Correspondence.

Omaha, Neb.

Dr. J. C. Phillips writes that he attended the spiritual meeting in Council Bluffs on a recent evening and found over a hundred Spiritualists ongregated, with several partly developed ediums participating in the exercises. Being called upon to give psychometric readings he responded and was rewarded by an acknowledgement of satisfaction given. On the following Sunday he gave a psychometric entertainment to the people of Omaha. More Anon.

Cleveland, O.

Miss Cora Denny, of Dayton, Ohio, the phenomenal medium and improvisateur, will give one of her inimitable musical seances, un-Memorial Hall, Sunday evening, September 28,

Beery lover of good music and artistic genius Should hear this gifted medium.

Chicago, III.

erable attention from all Spiritualists and liberal, progressive thinkers.

Mrs. Hamilton Gill's mediumship hits the nation the head every time, as it were, so accurate are the many tests given by her controis to those who come there Sunday after Sunday

The meetings are ably conducted, and Mra Gill is held in the highest esteem by the un believers as well as the Spiritualists. Yours traternally, WM. MACKENZIE.

Liberal, Mo.

The Spiritual Science Association of Liberal Mo, will hold a three days' harvest meeting commencing on Saturday, September 17th. The following speakers are engaged: Prof. J. Madison Allen, Mrs. M. T. Allen if able to attend, Dr. Arnoup, G. H. Walser, J. W. Adams. Inspira tional and selected music, recitations, etc., will he interspersed throughout the meeting.

Persons from a distance will be entertained without charge.

A cordial invitation is extended to all, and a 'least of reason and a flow of soul' is ex-

Liberal is situated on the K. C. F. S. & M. and Missouri Pacific R. R.

Detroit, Mich.

The La Grippe in the case of my partner, Dr James A. Bliss, has terminated in a very severe and critical case of dropsy. He was tapped last Monday with some beneficial effects passing at least ten gallons of water. He is obliged to pass through this ordeal again this afternoon. Angels know the result. His state is very critical. He holds up with good grit and hopes to pull through safely.

Subscribers of The Sower must be patient and wait for the next issue which should be October 181. The best that can be done will be done.

Will you kindly give place in your column to this statement in full so that there can be no mistake or misunderstanding.

All who may wish confirmation of the abov can address Dr. Pettingill, 67 Cass avenue, cor cer Fort street, Detroit, Mich.

Respectfully yours, HERMAN BUROSE.

Columbus, O.

(m the first and third Wednesday of the month there is held a ladies and society at Masonic Hall, Third steet near Towne, where the afternoon is speut in social talk and sewing, each lady brings a basket-lunch, and they make tea and enjoy a bounteous spread, and in the evening hold a meeting. There has been one held this season, and it proved to be enjoyable, entertaining and instructive to all present.

The chair was occupied by Mrs. Coit, who made a few remarks, and following her Dr Temple, the platform medium, gave many satisfactory and recognized tests.

We understand that a good test medium and healer was needed here; hence our coming, and we hope that our labors will not be in vain toward getting the people interested in the grand truth, and also to bring out those who are interested into acknowledgement of the truth, and succeed in building up a society here that shall stand and grow.

Yours respectfully, AMY G. TEMPLE.

Albany, N. Y.

Mr. J. W. Pletcher continued his lectures amples of psychometric power-many articles | enjoying the salt-water bathing facilities and keys, and said: "The person to whom these belong seems to move about constantly; he is writing medium, and at times receivest beautialways protected and has just avoided a seriup from the audience. "I am a travelling man and was booked the other night for the Montreal express, upon which the terrible accident occurred, but changed my plans half an hour before the train started." Mr. Fletcher then took up a watch and after holding it for a minnte, said: "Lam looking in the water, the back of my head is paining me; I am putting my left hand under my head." "That was taken from the body of a friend of mine!" said a gentle-"He was found drowned, with the back of his head injured and resting on his left hand." There were many others of a like nature. Mr. Fletcher will continue for the present with the society.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

On the morning of the 14th, the R. P. Society was entertained with a lecture by Dr. S. A. Thomas. The lecture was from a biblical standpoint. This speaker has a way peculiar to himself of interpreting the scriptures and addressing himself to Christians in particular. And as there is a large class of people who must be appealed to from this standpoint we believe that the speaker will awaken a great deal of thought, Dr.U. D. Thomas followed with poems. subjects taken from the audience that were exceedingly well rendered and received much praise. Lois Waisbrooker will speak during the mouth, and the society is fortunate to be able to secure such an opportunity of hearing this gifted woman. Jennie B. Hagan will be with us in October. There is a strong effort being put forth here by individuals to bring the best talent in the field to this point; that our philosophy may be better understood by the public and they may have an opportunity of study ing it as presented by our best teachers.

A. Weldon, of Chicago, spent Sunday with us and of course visited our hall in the evening. Dr. U. D. Thomas and Dr. S. A. Thomes soot go to Saginaw to lecture and help on the good Yours for the truth, work there.

EFFIE P. JOSSELYN.

Mulliken, Mich.

We are enjoying a spiritual revival in this ection, having with us Mrs. Lens Bible, inpirational speaker and psychometrist; also C.

Barnes, physical and test medium. Sunday, September 14th, a meeting was held u our school house with a large and intensely

lecture by Mrs. Bible and the marked attention, the applause and many words of high commendation it clicited, attested the approbation

and satisfactory manner.
Mr. Barnes followed with clairvoyant descriptions of spirit friends, which were pleasing and interesting to the people. Mrs. Bible then gave a number of psychometric readings, under control of "Claresan," describing characteristics of individuals in the audience, ineldents in past life, etc., in a bright, lively and positive manner, all of which were promptly eknowledged as being perfectly correct.

In the evening, at my house, Mr. Barnes held senuce for physical manifestations. Spirit hands appearing, messages being written and the rither played upon, all of which was highly der the suspices of the Cleveland Lyceum in interesting and convincing to the majority and a wonderment to the "doubting Thomases," who are always to be found at such gatherings Indeed, taken altogether, the day was fruitful Sould hear this gifted medium.

Of far-reaching results, which, in the present, and Spiritualists. Years since meetings were cannot be measured. I feel that seeds of good regularly held and well supported. A Spiritbest talent in the Lyceum. Admission 25 cts. have been sown that will spring up and hear abundantly.

I, for years, have stood alone, in this vicinity, The meetings at the Fifth Avenue Hall, 116 holding up as best I might the glorious banner Fifth avenue, are at present attracting consider of Spiritualism, bearing the shafts of ridicule and approbinm cast at me by my skeptical neighbors, and can but feel clated that we have been able to scenre the services of two mediums possessing such powers; for some startting facts have been presented which even the

most skeptical here can but admit. And so in various sections throughout the country our cause is advancing, and surely the signs are encouraging, that at no distant period it will overcome the opposition of its antagonists. Success to your paper. Most sin-cerely yours for the truth,

FRANK S. WELLMAN.

Stuttgart, Ark.

In response from an urgent call from this place I left Mrs. Allen to continue the work at Memphis and took the L. R. R. R. to Brinkley. thence by the "Cotton Belt line St. I., Ark. & Tex. to Stuttgart. Found a very progressive, wide-awake settlement, mostly made up with Northern people. The location is fine, being upon the "grand prairie" region of Arkansas. extending say one hundred miles, north and south, and perhaps thirty east and west-the prairie being dotted at intervals with "timber slands." The place seems almost totally unlike any other I have visited in that region, and seems destined to take rank as a good repesentative of the "new." Although but three or four years old, it has its electric lights and street railway and other signs of vim and progress. The Spiritualists have incorporated. procured a lot and expect to build ere long.

Our meetings were held in Webb's Hall, and a high degree of interest was manifested, both in the lecture and test readings, as also in the

My home was with the president of the Socie ty, J. Reinhardt Altar, who, with his estimable wife who is highly mediumistic, made my stay very enjoyable. They will be long remembered; as also Dr. Tabor and family; Hon Robert H. Crocket, grandson of the "original and only" Davy Crocket: Brother P. C. Mills, a veteran worker in our cause; Brothers Simmons, Randal, Brown, Richardson and others It is to be hoped that the cause there, as else where, will be pushed with energy, unity, and that devotion to the principles of liberty, equity and justice and fraternity which shall secure for universal humanity a complete emancipation from every species of bondage and an uplifting to that sphere of purity of peace and progress, health, harmony and hap piness, to which we all should aspire.

I hope such Northern Spiritualists as are meditating a removal to a more Southern clime will give a thought to this new and live town of Stuttgart, where our cause is already respected and likely to be predominant.

J. MADISON ALLEN.

Fulton, N. Y.

Again, Mr. Editor, I ask your kind indulgence to greet the friends of THE BUTTER WAY Besides visiting Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting where we met many former acquaintances and received a hearty welcome, we stopped at Onset. Father and Mother Lyman, a familiar term applied to those veteran workers in the New England States, had preceded us, and with kind welcomes warmly greeted my husband and me. On our arrival a reception was tendered us, in which we had the pleasure of than we comprehend or can possibly undermeeting Mr. Fairchilds, the pleasant chairman stand, while narrowed down by envy, or vain of this camp. He is the right man in the right fore the Alliance on Sunday-there was a large place. Although we appeared as a visitor at uttendance. The evening lecture "Shall we Ouset, at once measures were taken for us to know our friends in heaven" was listened to deliver a lecture on the following Priday, Auwith great attention, and was followed by ex- 15th. We remained until the next Wednesday, were laid upon the desk before the speaker invigorating atmosphere. We met many of our came to the platform. He took up a bunch of co-workers in the glorious cause, and notably ful crayon pictures. Husband and I had a sitous accident or disaster." "Quite right," came ting with him, and obtained a picture of one of our spirit guides.

On the 6th of September we were called to attend the annual meeting of the Ober Society of Spiritualists that convenesat Middlefield, Ohio. On our arrival we found that Mr. John W. Fletcher, an earnest worker and medium, had passed into spirit life on the previous morning, and we were expected to officiate.

The services were held at the home of our brother at East Claridon, and was flargely attended by friends and neighbors. He leaves a de voted wife and daughter to miss his protection and love. But they are armed with the strength that our beautiful philosophy has woven around them. Mrs. Fletcher is a medium, and she can feel and know what a power in the hour of bereavement is the light that shines over our mortal existence at such a

At 7:30 p. m. we met at the Town Hall, Middle field, a fine audience that gave us their undivided attention for over an hour. We then adjourned until 10:30 a. m., Sunday, when, again. we received questions and discoursed upon them, with a test seance following, which took up the time until the physical man made loud calls. Then from well-filled baskets and neighborly welcomes we accepted the adjournment until 2:30 p. m.

The afternoon was occupied in conference and talks upon the forthcoming camp meeting. Able remarks were made by Messrs. Wilson, Bosley, King and others.

A long list of names has already been added to make a membership fund to forward the success of the now organized association. The conference was a live Issue and of marked in-

We adjourned until 7:30 p. m., and again we had the undivided attention for more than one hour and a half, speaking upon questions preented by the audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, from Mantus, Ohio, furuished instrumental and vocal music. They are fine artists, and their selections are of those sweet, soft cadences that awakens the soul narmony of every listener. This is the third season that I have had the

pleasure to meet with this society at their anmal meeting, and we all agreed that it was the best meeting we had had yet.

interested audience. Exercises consisted of bring a hundredfold of golden sunbeams, woven ence. I am most truly and happily looking forward to the time when the whole world shall of her auditors. Questions propounded from the audience were answered in a clear, concise and satisfactory manner.

accept the only light that makes our lives and there could have been no possibility of any preparation of the articles. The committant satisfactory manner. us not be idle as long as one tried and oppress-ed soul remains. Know that a Unitures are the

MRS. MARY C. LYMAN.

Maquoketa, la. At present writing I am enjoying a sojourn in this beautiful city. Some of the readers of THE BETTER WAY are aware that Maquoketa

was the birthplace of New Thought and for several years the home of the two II's who were connected with it. Magnoketa is a busy, thriving town-one

of the prettiest in the State, and contains a goodly number of liberal minded people unlist Sunday school and Ladies' Union were in working order as auxiliaries to the Spiritual ist organization. I regret that I am compelled to say that the cause languishes here at present, and but for the distribution of Spiritualistic literature, one would hardly believe there were so many sympathizers with the cause.

Dr. A. B. Dobson, of whom your renders have read, continues in his immense practice; the correspondence he carries on is marvelous and the cases he restores are wonderful.

Not long since a correspondent wrote: "If Dr. Dobson is making so much money, why does he charge so much?" The writer reads THE BETTER WAY, and so I answer here. According to the doctor's advertisement his fees are nominal, and ever since my acquaintance with him he has administered treatments and medicine to a great many poor people free of harge. He has, to my positive knowledge paid for scores of pairs of shoes for poor children during the winters past, and furnished 'bread tickets' to the absolutely poor people of his town.

There is no man in Maquoketa who has mani fested so much interest in the town as Dr. Dobson. He and his wife own a large amount of real extate, including some of the prettiest buildings in the city. He furnished the best lamps the town ever had, previous to the introduction of electricity. He is now finishing a nice block on one of the principal streets and has contracted for a magnificent town clock, which, when fully completed, will cost nearly one thousand dollars. Of course, Dr. Dobsoi has enemies; what man or woman of success has not! Such claim that his donations to the town are for advertisements, etc. He cares but little for praise of friends or censure of enemies, but pursues the even tenor of his way, and adheres to his business so closely he has no time to attend to that of others.

The above is written as an answer to querie that have come from time to time in letters from those who knew I had a personal acquaintance with the doctor. Everything considered he is truly a wonderful man.

I have just finished reading reports of some of the late camp meetings as published in the spiritual papers. Every writer seems to give out the idea that "our meeting was the best ! ever attended," which is, or ought to be, en couraging to workers everywhere; for what ever helps the cause in one place, aids in all. Sunday and Monday, the 7th and 8th, 1 spen in Clinton, Ia. I was called to attend a funeral

On that occasion I met many old friends, and vas made glad by the encouraging words and good wishes expressed for me and mine. Mr. Hull is at present breaking "the bread of life" in Indianapolis, Ind. In a few weeks at

most we shall be on our journey speeding away to the far West, to carry the words of inspiration and help the cause in every way possible. Our first objective point will be Portland, Ore

We shall keep the readers of THE BETTE Way posted as to our whereabouts while "on the wing."

My present home is with my sister and fami ly, whose interest is in the cause and will bld me "good speed" when I leave them for my extended campaign. I often wonder if the increasing army of Spiritualists are aware of the great work before them. Every day nev que stions are pressed to the front, and fresh opportunities presented for good words and good deeds. Spiritualism is not only a beautiful philosophy, a living fact, meaning more ambition.

May we aspire for the best it is possible for us to obtain, have the conrage of our convic tions, and strive in every way to help other: over the unseen places in the work, etc

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Bro. Samuel Green read a selected communi cation upon the question of "Capital and Labor" at our last Friday evening's meeting of the First Independent Club, which was well re crived, and being upon one of the most popular questions of the day it brought out opinions from very many of those present. These meetings are well attended, and the members as well as visitors seem to be well pleased and enjoy a pleasant, social and instructive evening's entertainment at each meeting.

A strong effort is now being made to establish a library of useful and entertaining books Each and every member is considered a committee to solicit contributions of books from the friends of the cause everywhere. The club has already quite a number of vol-umes of useful reading matter. Books and periodicals, papers, any kind of useful and entertaining reading matter will be thankfully received. And for the present all such contributions may be addressed to the Vice-president, Mr. Daniel Coons, 100 Madison street, Brooklyn.

The Brooklyn Spiritual Conference was opened by a short address from Brother La-Pumee, which was followed by Mrs. Kurth and Poynter, under spirit control, Mr. and Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. Blake, all of which made the evening more than usually entertaining,

The meeting at Conservatory Hall opened on Sunday morning with Mrs. Ira Wilson Porter on the platform, who gave a short talk and a number of fine readings. The services in the eve ning began with readings and closed with the celebrated fire test, for which Mrs. Porter's guldes are entitled to very great credit. A committee of three gentleman from the audience were selected by the chairman who procured a basin of water with soap with which the medium washed her hands before the audience, after which an ordinary kerosene lamp, which had been lighted, was placed on the table on the platform, and Mrs. Porter immediately took off the chimney from the lamp, leaving the large blaze exposed, through which she drew letters, handkerchiefs, pieces of face and fichut, and not an article that she placed in the fire was damaged, nor was the medium's hands scorched in the least, not even the hairs on her hands. She then took the lamp, after placing the chimney upon it, and placed the chimney against her check with her hand, the lamp burning all the time, and went down off the platform and walked through the isle to the Priends, let us keep our souls attuned to the end of the room and back without removing Buckingham's soft touches of harmony, and every year will the lamp chimney until she had regained the falls to satisfy.

bring a hundredfold of golden sunbeams, woven platform. This is certainly a grand test of into the grand realizations of our earth's exist-spirit power, and there could be no question as to it being genuine, as the letters and bills isfaction at the results.

On Sunday next, the 14th, we will have one o ed soul remains. Know that a timines are the result of cause, and that proper light will dispell the ignorance, and enable humanity to rise into the ignorance, and enable humanity to rise into the nure and do right. Fraternally, from Cassadaga Camp to England, for which point he sails on the 17th.

Mrs. Porter will be with us also and give readings and tests, with the fire test in the Yours. evenlug.

I write to let you know what we are doing spiritually in our city, the eastern district of Brooklyn.

Our society has been in existence many years, and has struggled hard to maintain itself, but the Ladies. Aid connected with it has come to the rescue, and caused a revivifyingstarting into new life and activity.

Our ball is filled nightly with carnest, anxlous seekers, who look beyond the vale of tears into life eternal. We hold our meetings every Sanday evening, and in our small way disseminating truths to hearts long held in bondage, opening doors long closed, sowing seed broad cast, and already seeing them spring up and bringing forth good fruit.

Our meeting opens with song; after which an invocation or address from some visiting me diams, then the mediums belonging to the Ald of which there are a number; go in and out among the people, giving words of love and encouragement and lifting up drouping hearts, and so we work for the angel world and hu-

Communicated.

Prederick Horman, President of The Psychic Research Society, is one of the best and well known Spiritualistic advocates in the city of Cinclinati to-day. It was through Mr. Hor-man's efforts that the Psychic Research Society was formed, he being the one that incorporated the society, and he can be found every Sunday afternoon at the hall and looks with pride upon the large audience, to know that Spiritualism s fast gaining a firm foothold in this city. Mr Horman is a firm believer in Spiritualism, and can argue and speak of Spiritualism for hours and thoroughly convince the non-believer that there is something in Spiritualism. Mrs. Adah sheehan-the lecturer-and members of the society say that it was through Mr. Horman's ability that the society is what is to-day, a sofety come to stay, Mr. Horman has been a Spiritualist for over five years, and could be called a missionary, as he labors night and day to bring others over to his belief, so that the also may know something of the hereafter and know that death does not end all. Therefore let us hope and pray that long live Mr. Hor man, so that he, in the years to come, can se what his labor has done, and then all will point to him with pride and exclaim: "Well done thou true and faithful servant, thou hast wor MEMBERS OF THE P. R. S. the victory.

Hymenial.

On Wednesday evening, September 17, 1890, Mr. Charles F. Roth, son of Frank J. Roth, mechanical engineer and draughtsman, and mem ber of the Society of Union Spiritualists, was united in marriage to Mary J. Ward, the only daughter of Mr. James Ward, contractor and builder at Covington. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride on Holman avenue, Covington, Ky., by the Rev. George T. Garrett, pastor of Shinkle M. E., Chapel, Covngton. Among the present were Mr. and Mrs James Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Burk, Mr. and Mrs Grass, Mrs. Watters, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hutter the Misses Emma Burrows, Jessie Jones, Annie and Jennie Hutter, Mary and Carrie Keekely Rosa and Lillie Keefer, Mr. Milton Ward and F Maher, all of Covington. From Cincinnati were Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Roth, Mr. and Mrs Frank H. Vehr, Frank J. Roth, jr., Misses Carrie and May Roth, Amelia Hoffner, Katie Hoon, Mrs. Hoon and Wm. Roth. A table filled with the substantials and delicacies of the season was put at the disposal of the guests,

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Notice to Ohio Valley and Indiana Spiritualists.

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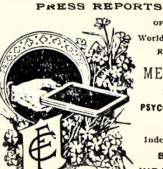
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The Soul's To-morrow. BY EMMA TRAIN.

Low in the gutter of evil he lay, Far from the honored and trusted; Those who beheld as they went on their way, Turned from him sad and disgusted. "Pitiful wreck of a manhood once fair, Lost is his honor and station," I thought as I paused by the criminal there, And noted his deep degradation.

Then on my ear fell a voice soft and low, "Lost!" It repeated, "say not you so While angel hosts guard and love him." "Look!" and the shadow was gone from my

Years rolled away with their sorrow, There once again, with the good and the true, I looked on that soul's glad to-morrow.

Out of the shadow of sinning she came, Only a Magdalen blighted; Over her life was the mantle of shame, Neath which she stumbled benighted. "Lost!" said the crowd, as it drew to one side Misery eternal her reaping." "Never!" a voice full of melody cried, "While o'er her angels are weeping."

"Look!" and beyond the deep shadow of wrong Shone the glad light of a morning, Foremost and brighest among a bright throng Stood she who had breasted earth's scorning. Spotless her raiment as purity's light, Joyous her smile, free from sorrow Lo! in the radiant realms of the right Stood that soul in its blessed to morrow,

Out of the ether-depths sought me, . Bringing the light to my earth-darkened eyes This is the message she brought me-O, the dear God ne'er created a soul Without the power to hold it; Though it may roam, it will yet reach the goal Through the wise laws that enfold it. "Truer the criminal far than the crime, Purer the scorned than the scorning.

Then a dear spirit, all tender and wise.

Grander that one who has sunk in earth Than he who saw without warning. Never a life with the power to fall

Low into sin's fearful bonding, But when is broken its wearisome thrall Rises to heights corresponding. "And could your eyes but be able to trace That soul in its sometime beauty, All of the purity, brightness and grace Waiting its wak ning to duty, Proudly you'd stoop to the misery and woe, Gladly you'd share in the sorrow, Aiding the angel benighted to grow

Into its joyous to-morrow. So when I look on the sinner most blind, Reading his pitiful story, Low in the evil and discord I find Promise of brightness and glory. And by the light of futurity's smile, That wise one taught me to borrow,

I strive to withhold all harsh judgment awhile And wait for the spirit's to-morrow.

Written for The Better Way.

TERRESTRIAL MAGNETISM. BY ABBY A. JUDSON.

When the magnetic currents of the body are not in harmony with the earth currents, the result is a diseased mental or physical condition. To keep well, and to improve the health if diseased, are based on the following facts:

but we also become more accessible to good spirit influences. In order to become more healthful, physically, and more open to pure influences from those out of the body, we wish to make our personal self the center of a magnetic sphere, into which no uncongenial influence can penetrate. So centered, we can radiate physical, mental and spiritual good on all around; and what we give out to others is constantly supplied through the harmonious forces of nature by our friends who are in spirit. This condition can be easily attained by following these directions, every morning and evening, and as many more times a day as may be convenient:

t. Unwrap. Face north and then turn round to the left a few times, eyes open, hands open, palms down, making motions with the arms, as if you were reaching out for something and drawing it towards you. Revolving to the left, throws off the currents,

2. Receive the currents. On facing the south, make yourself into a horseshoe magnet, heels together, resting on the balls of the feet, eyes closed, head a insult. That is easier said than done. little bowed, hands stretched to the south, palms down, fingers a little apart. Then shut your hands and turn round to the north.

3. Ask for good influences. With eyes open and hands raised, turn round slowly once to the right, feeling and saying the following: "In the name of infinite God, in which I live and move and have my being, I beseech all good, pure, rescue until the brute had outraged her true and loving influences to come to me at this time."

4. Wrap up. Turn round to the right a few times, eyes open, making exactly the same motions with the arms as in number one, the only difference being that you now turn to the right.

5. Lock up. Pass the positive of warmer hand over the negative or cooler hand, without touching, two or three times; and then reverse the process.

6. Let the mind lead. In all this, be mind and express its desires.

should always sleep with the head to the

The writer received these directions from Dr. W. H. Abbott, who was instructed by an exalted spiritual intelligence. She has practiced them for more than two years, and her chronic sleeplessness of more than twenty-three years' standing is wholly cured. A lady of fifty, who was becoming excessively stout has lost about twenty-five pounds in weight, while emaciated persons gain. Some have become clairyoyant, clairandiant, or inspired, by the same means. The nervous system becomes harmonious and tranquilized, and mediumship becomes normal. In short, following these directions persistently develops the physical, mental and spiritual powers to the best advantage.

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THE CROSSES OF THE SOUL. BY SUSAN R. CALDWELL.

As we journey through life many are the crosses the soul is called upon to bear, the petty vexations of our daily life, if suffered to annoy us to the extent that we carried this condition with us, of marring our equanimity, are hurtful in the extreme, and our progress in the advance we are striving to make is hindered to the hurt of the soul that is struggling to overcome all obstacles.

The desire to grow may thus be hinthe mode of overcoming the small daily besetments. The one so desirous should endeavor to surmount all difficulties by resolute self-control, laying down the law to self and walking by it; a few determined efforts will pave the way for others, which will, in time, become so easy that you will wonder at your former excitability, seeing how calm you now can be under provocations that used to so vex your mind and soul. Self-government is the first great step in progression, and, until that is obtained, the second will be a failure.

The growth of the soul from crudeness that is lying fallen to-day cannot produce perfect results to-morrow. The conversion from sin to angelhood is not instantaneous; this advance must be made step by step, in the most guarded manner, watching the obstructions that may lie in the way, and removing them without haste or violence. All along man's pathway lie hidden stumbling blocks that perhaps no one perceives but himself, and no one can remove them but himself; these stumbling blocks may lie deep within his interior nature, a realm inaccessible to all but him; therefore no outside aid can help him.

The law of soul growth is one that belongs to the divine nature of man, and cannot blossom unless that atom of dipractice the following directions that vinity is carefully cultivated by the owner of it. It may lie a smothered germ The earth is a great magnet. As the all through a man's life unless he gives north pole is positive and the south pole it proper conditions for growth; he may is negative, currents are ever passing stifle every evidence it gives for starting from north to south and back again. To into life by heedlessness or a determinaget into harmony we make ourselves tion to ignore its claims, but the day will negative, and place ourselves in a recep- come to him so sure as the change comes tive attitude in the path of the currents to all, when he will bemoan his disreas they return. To become negative we gard of it and his lost opportunity which turn to the left, and to become positive retard his advance in the hereafter, we turn to the right. Living, as we do, where the spirit, stripped of the mortal, on the earth, it is our duty to keep in and with the all-seeing eye upon him, harmony with its currents. By so doing cannot evade the result of his neglect to we not only gain in physical well-being, weave for himself garments that would bring no shame.

> Written for The Better Way. "GREATEST OUTRAGES." BY MARIA WEBSTER.

Lois Waisbrooker, I would like to shake hands with you for your outspoken words regarding the injustice done to Reid, Harmon and Heywood, men who would have liberty and justice

No, it is not what these men have done, or not done, that they were imprisoned. Religious tyranny would continue to rule by fair means or foul if it could. If good, moral men are not allowed to speak out their views, where is our boasted liberty and law?

Mr. Harmon has a hard, long battle to fight in the interest of woman, for under the marriage law or out of it, what protection has woman against an unprincipled brute like a being miscalled man? I have often heard it said, no man would insult a woman, unless in some way she gave him reason to, or if he did she could protect herself by resenting the

Not long since I read of a young lady going with her brother fishing, and, becoming tired of that, left her brother in the boat, while she wandered about the shore, and seeing some berries a short distance away, thought it would be nice to pick and eat some of them. Soon a brutal man pounced upon her, but her screams did not bring anyone to her person and fled. Could be have been found his body would have strangled at the end of a rope. But that would not have righted the wrong done, or have been any great punishment to the mis-

I see but one way to both punish and ure such, and that may be inferred. The punishment would be great (but not too great); also prove a protection to many other innocent mortals.

Talk of destroying polygamy when sure the mind leads in the process, and such are allowed their liberty with only let the body harmoniously follow the a slight fine as punishment! Then in

is it not enforced? When restriction is then develop morally and perhaps spiritually, which would be better than sending them (by hanging) into the next life so depraved.

Written for The Better Way. MEDIUMSHIP. BY MRS. L. A. COFPIN.

Often the circumstances about a medium-private and personal troubles that disturb-may cause inharmony, more so at one time than another. Do we think of this when we go to a medium for an interview. We desire to find them pleasant and agreeable, and to have them tell us that our business will be prosperous, congenial and harmonious social surroundings. If these are predicted, we feel that we have had a pleasant interview and are satisfied, never thinking while a communication or test not in only excites the severest criticism as to the medium's qualifications.

No. II.

Indian controls are more apt to speak plain, and in a blunt way show you the dered for want of self-knowledge as to error, and tell you what is before you, warn you of unwise undertakings, find stolen property, and disclose dangers. They are like a watchdog, ever faithful, will resent injury, show up treachery and false friendship, and as true guardians of our wellfare may well command our grateful homage.

It is not unusual that disputes arise between controling spirits. One who is a test medium may have an M. D. desiring to control, with a view to giving all attention to diagnosing disease and giving medicine. Such a spirit, who loves his profession, and becoming conscious of his earthly mistakes, thinks he can do to perfection is a gradual one, the soul much good, and in a measure overcome some of the harm he did while in the body, hence he strives for the mastery through some medium, and perhaps with some other spirit who has work of auother character to perform.

Thus briefly some of the minor responsibilities of mediumship are touched upon, which thirty years of personal experience amply informs us is but the pointed outline of a subject that is filled with interest and importance.

A WOMAN EDITRESS.

The editress of the Woman's Penny Paper, a London publication, is a true lover of her sex. She and her staff work together on the most friendly terms. Not only are all the articles written by women, but the compositors are women, the office boy is a woman, and so are the janitor and telegrapher. The editress has but one name for her staff—dear-The assistant editor is called my dear but the rest of the help answer to plain and simple, but sweet and short, "dear."

At home the Penny editress employs a naid-of-all-work, a woman cook and two 'lady helps" in the "preservery," who put up the jellies, jams, marmalades and fruit butters, from which she realizes half the profits of her journalist work. Disgusted with the laziness and general worthlessness of her gardeners, she advertised for female labor and lanche of horticultural loveliness swept down upon her. Many of the applicants for the position of gardener were daughters of clergymen. She made her selection, and has since openly declared that women make the best gardeners in the

One of the dreams of Edward Bellamy is about to be realized by a society of English people who are building in æsthetic Bedford Park a block of houses for the exclusive use of professional and artistic women. There is to be a common dining room and one staff of servants, thus solving the domestic problem at one fell swoop. The tenant can have as many rooms as she wishes to sleep in work in, bathe in or receive in, and when once established the kitchen will give her no more concern than her bath or study. Busy brainworkers will hail the scheme with delight, and the whole world of women will be interested in the result, for it is generally admitted that the real cause of so many marriage failures is to be found at the kitchen door. Try as they will, women can never make lovers out of dyspeptics nor harmony out of indigestion and disorders from which three-fourths of society is sufferamply provided with fuel, light and wholesome food.

RELIGIOUS CELIBACY.

Count Tolstoi's striking article on "Christianity and Marriage" in the Universal Review for July opens up one of the most interesting and important questions connected with the history and New Testament cannot be said to enforce can be no doubt that it extols the unmarried above the married state. Its great exemplar, nay, its God, was a bachclor. Jesus said, he that was able to receive the doctrine of making oneself an others. eunuch for the kingdom of heaven's sake. a slight fine as punishment! Then in "let him receive it," (Matt. xix, 12) and almost every city and town are houses of declared that the children of this world everywhere you are at home.

It may be added to the above that one prostitution. How can we expect to be marry, and are given in marriage; but a moral people amidst such influence? they which shall be accounted worthy to Where is our protection? If there is a obtain that world, and the resurrection law against such inhuman conduct, why from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage (Luke xx., 34-35). Paul put upon the animal the punished might declared, "It is good for a man not to touch a woman," and while permitting marriage, "to avoid fornication;" would that all men were even as he himself, unmarried; and pointed out that "the unmarried woman careth for the things of the lord that she may be holy, both in body and spirit; but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband" (1 Cor. vii.) The Apocalypse speaks of the redeemed as "not defiled with women" (Rev. xiv., 4).

In celibacy there is no need to rake up the chronicles of history. All with human hearts and passions, and that love of children, which is one of the great foundations of social life, see that the state is unnatural. Vows are taken by that we shall have pleasant journeys and those ignorant or unheedful of the dangers which beset their path. The issue of perverted instincts is always misery and vice.

Protestants may say that arguments against religious celibacy do not affect them. So much the better. But Proharmony with our preconceived notions testants, after all, are only a fraction of that large army of superstition which we have to encounter. At a time, too, when numbers of a most important party in the Chucch of England are seeking to establish celibate brotherhoods and sisterhoods, and when theosophists are extolling the mysterious virtues of virginity, it may not be out of place to direct some attention to the observed effects of religious celibacy.-- London Freethinker.

Their Noms de Plume.

Here is a list of distinguished American wits and humorists, their names and noms de plume:

"Josh Billings"-Henry W. Shaw. "Andrew Jack Downing"-Seba R.

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"Grandfather Lickshingle"-Robt. W. "M. Quad"-Charles B. Lewis.

Among those who use no noms de plume are: W. L. Alden, John Habber ton, H. C. Dodge, Fred Nye, Eugene Field, Alex. Sweet, Bret Harte, George L. Catlin, Oliver Wendell Holmes and John G. Saxe.-Current Literature.

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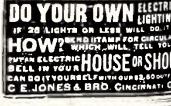
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This announcement of her subject still. Then rang out the clear, distinct voice of the speaker: "These anti bellum bursting of rotton flues and hissing of frightened geese, and this flashing in the pan of antiquated flint locks are as characteristic as they are harmless," This was followed by tremendous applause, and gave her the ear and the heart of the audience for the evening. We do not propose to give a report of the lecture. It was grand, eloquent and convincing. A portion of the address was a vivid recital of her own experience. hundreds wept with her. Then would quickly follow the relation of some ludicrous anecdote of some disappointed or the proofs that are all around her. exposed villian which would cause of her address was the candid acknowlwould be fulfilled in her own experience. exception.

Then she spoke of some obstacles to be removed and in connection showed how celibates got their ideas of woman. This made Harvey writhe in his seat.

The peroration was an enchanting Mr. Wright again stepped forward and Harvey did not catch. Then came a charming solo by the lady who was taken for Miss Chase's servant. This was heartily cheered. Then came hastily ananother lady on the stage and said "Ladies and gentlemen, as president of The Ladies' Liberal Aid Society, allow me to express in behalf of the society our hearty thanks to the eloquent speaker for the donations of not less-it may the avails of this lecture. This is all the more acceptable as it was all unasked and wholly unexpected." Another ringing cheer and the audience was dismissed.

As Dr. Harvey came out from his obscure corner, following the crowd pressing for the doors, he saw distinctly the face of the solo singer, and at once recognized it as that of Maggie Kelley. There was no mistake: she was more developed and rounded out into even more beautiful womanhood. But he could not be mistaken in her identity. He was so surprised that he barely thought to look at the other lady. And indeed her face turned away while Maggie stood facing him. Miss Chase's back was toward him. His first thought was why has Maggie left her mistress? then where is Marian and what is she doing; how does she look? Does she retain her freshness and beauty as Maggie has? He must see Maggie before she left the city. He already knew by the daily papers that Miss. Chase was a guest of Mr. Wright, M. C., and he knew right where to find her. Russia and China. He did not know at what hour they might leave the city.

Immediately after breakfast the doctor made his way to the residence of Mr. Wright and sent in his card with a polite request to see Miss Kelley. Maggie was The reply was "admit him by all means, der me." They had not met since Maggie had adchief, at the mask ball. After the first human testimony must be given up."greeting the conversation was about as Clerical Journal, June, 1862. follows. Harvey said, "I recognized you at the lecture last night and thought you might not be unwilling to see an old

"I am really very glad to see you doctor, there have come into our lives great changes during the past six years."
"Yes, perhaps greater to you than to me One year after I last saw you I remained in and in the vicinity of New York. Then I went to Paris and was there, and in other parts of France almost four years, and I have been here almost a year, but have not seen New York since I first left." "I suppose you have heard all about the Grants."

"No, not all about them; really but little. I read of the divorce, and I once life to earth are absorbed before it is met Lucian Grant in Paris more than a lifted from its place. year since. He told me some things; I have heard nothing since."

of health, and the papers say he is home again somewhat improved. How did motto on the wall when he comes home. you like the lecture last night, doctor."

public address I have ever heard from a than Never."-N. Y. Weekly.

woman, and I was happily disappointed. should like to make the lady's ac quaintance."

"Have you never met Miss Chase, Dr Harvey?"

"Never, I never heard of her until I saw some of her writings at my boarding house a few weeks since. She is a very called out hisses here and there in the talented writer as well as speaker. How audience. She waited until these were long have you been with Miss Chase. Maggie?"

"Oh, for a long time-ever since she has been writing and delivering public addresses."

(To be continued.)

PICKINGS.

To become a member of the Farmers Alliance one must "believe in the existence of a supreme being who rules and governs the universe."

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore believes in the immortality of the soul and says the and tears were often in her own eyes and proof is surely coming when we are ready for it. The Banner of Light wants to know why she does not want to accept

A man met an employee of his, laughter and applause. The saddest part Irishman, on the street, and stopped him with the question, had he heard the news. edgement that her ideal of home as it On Pat's replying, "No," he said: "The ought to be and would be, was mainly devil is dead." Pat reached down into prophetic. She had no hope that it his pocket and handed the man a quarter. "What is this for?" he asked. "Well," But in the good time coming it would be said Pat, "its the custom in our country the rule of domestic life instead of the to support the orphans when the parents die.'

In a letter to the Religio Philosophical Journal Judge A. H. Dailey writes from Germany: "In Berlin I learned from a private and what seemed to me a reliable source that Bismark had had with him word picture of the victory won, and the a very noted medium, from whom he universal triumph of love, liberty and had received most convincing evidence. equality. When the cheering was done Also that upon a certain occasion the young Emperor, when approached upon asked the audience to remain seated and the subject of Spiritualism was found to listen to a song by Miss ----, the name be fully conversant with it, but he did not commit himself as to his own views upon it."

TID BITS.

A universal God ought to have revealed a universal religion. By what fatality then are there so many religions on earth?-Holbach.

This modern cant about the corruption of politics is fatiguing in the extreme. It proceeds from the tea-custard and were saved from ignorance. Not by the use of sylabub diletantism, the frivolous and blood, but by drinking from the fountain of be more-than one hundred dollars as proceeds from the tea-custard and desultory sentimentalism of epicences .-Senator J. J. Ingalls.

> Mme. Blavatsky's Key to Theosophy has been prohibited in Russia.

> When a gentleman insults you, ponder over it. When a fool insults you, smile. When a blackguard insults you, pay no attention to it. But as no gentleman insults another gentleman you may remain in the last state of being under all circumstances.

> When a man wants to believe in ghosts, and is ashamed to, he believes in hypnotism. Many a man who cannot control his own mind talks gravely of controling the minds of others.-Atchison Globe.

Because a man is truly in earnest about what he undertakes to do, he is not necessarly a wise man. A man may be honest and still be a fool.—Schnorpske.

The spread of the English language is indicated by the fact that it was used in the framing of a recent treaty between

HOW THEY TESTIFY.

Professor de Morgan, President of the Mathematical Society of London, says: "I am perfectly convinced that I have both seen and heard, in a manner which to serve others, is the outgrowth of spiritual greatly surprised as she thought Harvey should make unbelief impossible, things baptism won through labor of patient endur was yet in France. Then she wondered why he asked to see her instead of her mistress. She ran to Miss Chase with the card and asked what she should do.

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I am surprised that he is here-may be Professor Challis, the Late Plumerian he don't wish to see me, or he may have Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge, seen you in the street or in the carriage says: "I have been unable to resist the and don't know that I am in town? Thur, large amount of testimony to such facts ing this time Harvey was waiting in the which has come from many independent hall. But he was soon conducted by a sources, and from a vast number of witservant to the sitting room where Mag- nesses. In short, the tesgie was waiting to receive him. The timony has been so abundant and congreeting was mutually cordial and hearty. sentaneous, that either the facts must be admitted to be such as are reported, mitted him into the house as the Indian or the possibility of certifying facts by

> Oliver Wendel Holmes says: Most persons have died before they expiredied to all earthly longings, so that the last breath is only, as it were, the locking of the already deserted mansion. The fact in abject terror.
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> The society unbesitatingly commend Bro of the tranquility with which the great of the tranquility with which the great De Buchauanne to the public as a true and majority of dying persons await this faithful servant. A scholar, a logician, the locking of those gates of life through peer of any theologian on the rostrom. His which its airy angels have been going services have been entirely satisfactory and and coming, from the moment of the first cry, is familiar to those who have glad make an early engagement with him. been often called upon to witness the last period of life. Almost always there is a preparation made by Nature for uncarthing a soul, just as on a smaller scale there is for the removal of a milk. tooth. The roots which hold human

Peddler--Wouldn't you like some mot-

Mrs. De Jagg-You might sell me one "I liked it very much; it was the first if you've got one that says, "Better Late

Grand Ranida, Mich.

Desnite the rain, which was falling fast, quite dly number assembled to witness the re opening of the meetings of the Religio Philos-phical Society at Greenwood Hall, No. 64 Canal street, Sunday evening, September 7th, by the President, Dr. U. D. Thomas, trance lecturer His control took for his subject. "Harriers in the way of progress and reform." The lecture was deep, logical and argumentative, and was highly appreciated. The doctor stands high in the estimation of all who know him as a healer.

lecturer and poet.

The mediums who have returned from the various camps report great good as having been accomplished. Charife Barnes, formerly of Cincinnati, but

latterly of Chicago, is here and will give tests in private or public circles. Strangers and skeptics would do well to see him at his rooms at Mr. Winch's, sa Bostwick street. H. F. B.

Davenport, la.

An impromin gathering of a few lingerers at Mount Pleasant Park was held at the pleasant cottage of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blodgett, on Sunday morning, the 17th Inst., in memory of the ascended worker, Dr. H. S. Brown, of Milwaukee, Wis. A tasteful wreath of white flowers and evergreens adorned the cottage the doctor held forth in while at camp. Dr. J. C. Phillips sung one of Longley's beautiful songs, when Mrs. Ollie A. Blodgett under control of "Bright eyes," gave a pleasant talk in relation to the life work of the doctor, and also voiced a mes sage from him to his co-workers still in the mortal form. Taking each by the hand she gave words of encouragement and good cheer and gladdened the hearts of all. The fact of the friends gathering together was a request which drew the doctor near, and he declared that he felt a freedom of spirit on the occasion which he had not felt before, and that Mount Pleasant Park still possessed a charm for him above all other places. He urged all not to weary in well doing, and though a worker for many years in the various fields of reform, still he regretted that he had not been able to do more, as from the spirit side of life he saw more clearly the passing needs of the hour.

Will C. Hodge read a poem suitable to the occasion, and Dr. Phillips closed with a song. A most heautiful influence pervaded the hearts and minds of all, and all were truly made to feel that there is indeed no death.

Louisville, Ky.

We Spiritualists down here really think that the time has come, that we should give once more a sign of life. You are well aware that the hot season had a great effect on us as on all other mortal beings, but once again have put our shoulders to the wheel. We must keep the hall rolling, which we started at Hydesville on the 31st of March, 1848. The First Spiritualist Church of Louisville holds morning services at to;30 every Sunday, and evening services at 7:30. The last morning service was well attended. The subject was, "Selfishness will be the ruin of this American Republic." Brother Heinson our worthy president, did justice to the subject by handling it without gloves. Several soulknowledge.

The evening service was better attended. The subject was, "Life and Labor in the Spirit World," through the controlls of Brother Hein son. It was a very eloquent discourse and well received. We have a very nice and large hall, and fine music by Miss Lizzie Folsom, organist. If any of our Cincinnati brothers and sisters chance to come our way, they shall be well received. And if the Ohio Valley Spiritual Mis-sionary Soclety is still in existence, they will find a good field here in Kentucky, as there are many souls hungering for spiritual food.

1 am sorry to say. Mr. Editor, a great many of

the subscribers to THE BETTER WAY in Louisville, fail to see the improvement in THE BET TER WAY, so far as the head is concerned. They also miss the solid editorials. But may the angels bless you all, and hoping to see this little announcement in our guiding star. THE BETTER WAY. Fraternally,

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Delphos, Kas.

The eleventh annual Camp Meeting of the first Society of Spiritualists, Delphos, Kansas, closed its meeting August 24th, after a series of seventeen days' successful meetings. Much interest was made manifest from the beginning to the close of the meeting, which developed a wonderful real for investigation and knowledge. Mrs. Flora A. Brown, of Portland, Oregon, had been engaged by the society one year prior to the meeting, and in company with her estimable husband, were in attendance at the beginning and remained till after the second Sunday. Mrs. Brown is a most genial spirit true and loyal to the cause. Her self devotion and willingness to sacrifice personal interes from her countenance, the embodiment of a soul made pure by spiritual refinement.

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circle man is surrounded by three divisious of statutory laws, in addition to his ecclesinstical bondage. Here again the people are drained to keep up a useless lot of machinery-how uscless 2,000

years have proven. What can our Christian civilization boast of when its power to curb the passions of men and its measure of education have been so fruitless that it must needs be assisted by these various divisions of statutory law, and all combined are powerless to stop theft and murder, powerless to empty our jails and prisons, and powerless because no attempt is made to prevent want and starvation. Why, if you were trying a system of work on your farms or in your shops that bore such results, you would have abandoned it long ago, yet the people are robbed of their earnings to perpetuate a system of law upon which every year has stamped the word failure. You know that municipal governments are usually founded on pillage and fraud, and the rotton disclosures every year in the various cities of the land prove this assertion. And how much better are state governments? Take any decade you choose and you cannot find ten enactments in this state that have been for the good of the people, and I might almost say not one in a decade.

Look, as an example, at the legislative work in this state the last session, and every page is stamped with attempted the people are going to submit to these conditions no one can guess, for so reason, the most devoted loyalty to self, and the deepest courage can break the bonds that hold them.

Christian influence that we are told has done such wonders for the race, and land, is so powerless to keep Christians from robbing and killing each other. that they must needs have a bigger government to help on the work of protection, as we are taxed to support another law making establishment, viz: the United States government.

This has proven the greatest robber and has drained the people of their earnings to the fullest extent. Governments protect each one in his "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," and yet these very things are guaranteed by a higher law than man ever made, and all help on, assist this higher diviner law to a fulfillment, but with what a lamentable failure the history of the past fully shows. Man can only help the action of lines, by using the same implements, the same powers, and this can only be accomplished by moral pressure, by intelthe pathway of human progress, that that man will surely break over, for the instant you try to enfore a statutory law law impenetrating and filling every human soul. You let a reality go for a haos is the result. Man blood, toiling over mountains stained lesson that all enactments based in hu- the hands that forged their chains. man selfishness are fruitless, and only bear the crimson leaves of bitterness and

What it costs to support ecclesiastical but the countless spires pointing towards heaven, topping edifices that are many times regal in splendor, the whole costing untold millions are their own sad monuments of uselessness and failure for the singing hosts of humanity hourly passing their marble steps are clothed in rags, homeless, and these so-called sacred places can give no shelter, feed and clothe no cold and hungry forms, and the gentle spirit of Christ still weeps over Jerusalem, the Jerusalem of the day, so did with worship of mammon.

The cost to the people to support statutory laws can be measurably computed. porated villages of the country, add to this the town, county, state and United States expenses, and \$1,000,000,000 would mot aggregate the amount that the people of this country pay yearly for suplay. But change this into days of labor-The people of this country do not earn on an average a dollar per day, but sup-Think of it! Here is a vast army of peothe very nature of things guarantee to buildings, behind walls thirty feet high,

and destruction in its arms.

days can never come until they are cast the ministration of the skies. aside as useless things. In every counevery principle, in every instinct and false as hell. purpose they are firmly married.

a thing or two in political jugglery, and inequalities, viz, human selfishness percould run things as well as he, so while petuated by law. nominally living apart an outside partnership was soon struck up and you help Simply the merging of individual seekrobbery of the inhabitants. How long me, and I'll help you is the bargain they ing into universal good. And will this work under to-day.

closely woven and interlaced are the classes, and devil take the masses so selfishness is a thread of pure gold. chains that bind them, that only the best that she early converted her statutory Blended with this darkness is a light of iasticism said you must not tax any of blackness for it is genmed with stars of my property, and further you must hope. But as though there were not money let the homes of my law givers It is good to live in any age, but it is enough expended for law, this surpassing escape to the sum of \$1500 each, and I will help in your election the truth, when their eyes are beholding We all know that this means that mil- the dawn breaking in glory on the hills. spread its wings of piety over all the lions of dollars of useless property goes The age of prophecy is not dead for the untaxed while the poor man's home heralds are upon the mountain tops of resting in the shadow of lofty temples life calling to those in the valley, fortellpays its yearly dues.

divine law administrator escapes taxa- songs of triumph. Aside from those tion to the amount of \$1,500, but when brave workers who breathe forth the meshe dies and the widow is left the priceless heritage of a good, fat mortgage on the plains telling of the hour of new joy her home the assessors immediately put at hand. it on the roll, and she can wash and sew are, as stated before, merely founded to to pay taxes the balance of her days. This is exactly the manner in which the church cares for its widows and orphans. solve the next step in the land and in-While the pastor is alive he can ride for dustrial problems and foretell the merghalf fare on railroads for he will be usehis legislative attempts are merely to ful in turning the vote of the church to brotherhood that shall make poverty. a man who will help on the vast railroad crime and physical sorrow flee like the corporation, but the widow can pay full mists before the sun's bright rays. fare as she cannot vote. The party that And the twilight gleams of that wonwill legislate for monopolists only can drous land, that land redeemed from the moral law by working along the same be sure of the hearty support of the church and state are already in our worst half of the partnership and all midst. Already the heavens are tremtheir presidential nominee has to do is bling with the rapturous breath of the to affect great piety and issue a little new dawn. Already the wavering lines of lectual and spiritual culture. Hence the biography stating that early in youth he light shoot up the eastern sky, and the moment you place a statutory law across embraced Christianity, and that he consecrated his powers to the services of ness. Already the flowers of human moment you are building weak barriers the church and the pious dames will sympathy are opening their sleepy petals weep a little and the sires smile a little, to drink in the new light. Already the and the church joins hands with the just earth blossoms with the fruitage of that moment you let go of all the power discovered saint and a little more class seeds of thought scattered by the proin the universe to stay crime,—the divine legislation is enacted and God is one phets of the age. Already those who

shadow, a thing eternal for a measure mon people, that has placed the wealth the songs of gladness. So midst the of the country in the pockets of the few, blackness there is light. Midst the needs no law outside of himself, and these dual knaves have had their greedy chaos and confusion there are the growslowly humanity wading through seas of hands, and only as reduced to abject ing lines of order. Midst the clamor of poverty, only as the weary tramp begins despair the notes that herald freedom. with crime, through fields filled with and freedom gives place to serfdom, will starvation and want, are learning the the masses awaken to a realization of and pain, take heart, for the dawn is

having obstructed the highway of commerce so that overproduction is on the one hand and starvation on the other, more prisons; dedicate more churches and spread the knowledge of the precious Bible until these applications shall steep Take the tax of the municipal and incor- the land with blood and fill the air with lamentations. These two institutions are the promoters of crime, for they so that poverty, tempted by the sight of man blessed with overabundance calls of glory. on the law to protect him, and the criminal is shut up. If his theft amounts to posing that they did receive five hundred a few dollars in value he is liable to get dollars per year, then it would take ten years, but the appropriation of a 2,000,000 men to produce this amount, hundred thousand dollars only receives a sentence of five years, and the man is Home Soap and fine Toilet Soaps and the ple robbed of every dollar of their earn-looked upon a martyr and treated like a ings to protect people in the rights that saint. But shutting men up in stone the advertisement, but also a set of Solid

the citizens the sky held no promise, and nishing him with employment and thus the earth no bounty, and that a loud lessening the temptation to crime, they discontent was abroad in the land, that simply scoff at him, refuse to give him poor houses and prisons were filled, and work, and when driven to desperation that all society was seething and rocking and forced to steal, shut him up again, in throes of passion that were threaten- remarking that he is a natural born ing each day to burst and carry death thief and better off in prison than out, and sometimes I think that stone cells When we consider the rottenness of and barred windows are not half so pitithese two systems that have cradled less as the hearts of humanity, and that America and every other nation in their in the gloomy prison, wrapped in darkarms, we can readily account for the expuess and sorrow the angel world can isting conditions, and know that better bend nearer and the poor convict receive

But back of all this the cause of crime try but this, they are inseparably linked is, primarily, want, and when you have together, and when you attack one you solved the problem of feeding all, clothstrike both, and church and state are the ing all and giving employment to all. enemies of all freedom, the foe of all have you reduced crime to a minimum. liberty, and the institution of all inequal- I have lived for nearly a year where ity. In the United States we partially crime is supposed to be punished and escaped for a time, and popularly they criminals reformed, and have watched are supposed to have no connection, but the treatment they receive on going into it is as impossible to divorce them as it the world, and the whole system foundis to separate rapine and plunder, for in ed by our Christian civilization is as

I have told of some of the conditions Scan closely the history of this connec- of humanity as seen to-day the world tion and you will see how they are bound over, and of questions that must be met to help one another. The church was irrespective of religious belief or politijustly angry that her spouse should dis- cal faith, and issues which the Spiritcard her in the early days of this govern- unlists of this country as the advance ment and think that he could rule and guard of all reforms are called upon to plunder alone, so that very soon she solve, and have further stated what I showed her lawful partner that she knew | believe to be the cause of their glaring

Now what remedy is there for this? time ever come? Oh, yes! for inter-The church has always behind it the woven with this warp of human spouse to her way of thinking. Eccles- surpassing beauty. The sky is not all

glorious to live when men are perceiving ing the new day that should come, send-But more than this. The home of a ing forth the notes of gladness and the sages of the skies, there are scouts upon

> Henry George, Edward Bellamy, names I speak with exultation and with reverence, breathe a hope for the age,ing of the hosts of men into one great

can seperate the light of freedom from In every law that has robbed the com- the darkness of slavery, are sending forth

So, my brother, toiling on in poverty here. My sister, bearing the load of sor-Having brought about our present row, breaking beneath the burdens of monetary condition; having sanctioned want, toiling for the pittance the master the seizure of public domain for private allows, look up, for the day is breaking. use; having robbed the people by direct My precious child, wandering through law there are no means of computing, taxes and plundered the masses by indirect taxation that is levied to enrich the by the selfish crowd, hungry, barefooted few at the expense of the many; and alone, lift that tear-stained face those mouruful eyes, for the star of hope is rising over the hills! Ye, who stand starving by the minds, or by the silent and as a result of these enactments a factory, or whose hands can no longer mighty harvest of criminals is yearly swing the hammer, have cheer, for the gleaned, what do they propose to do to day of bounty is at hand! Ye, who relieve the conditions staring at us on shrink back in horror from the tomb, every hand. Why simply apply the cause knowing that the dependent ones are left to the disease and give us more of the to starvation and cruelty, change that same laws. Arm more policemen; build look of pain to smiles of joy, for the day of charity is passing away, and the hour of justice is at hand!

And so this age, dark and gloomy with human selfishness, is full of promise; and you, whose hearts are charged with tender sympathy for all the sorrows of place want and abundance side by side, your struggling race, thank God that your eyes are ready for he light that is that which wealth cannot use, turns breaking in sprays of beauty around you, posed protection, and its attendant out thief so-called. The result is that the and will soon bathe the earth in a flood

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