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EDITORIAL

As selfishness grovels in darkuess, love walks in the light.

The soul is like a mirror in which selves. This is intuition.

Without the miracles of Jesus, or some body, in the past there would have been no Christianity. Without spirit phenomena in the present there would be no Spiritualism.

causes the unfortunate one to "look ther plans. through a glass darkly," thus bringing misfortune ou himself.

Spiritism is a science which proves the soul's immortality through the practical communication with those gone before. Spiritualism is what might be termed a religion and teaches the philosophy of Spiritism-mentally, morally and physically.

The difference between spirit and matter-if spirit has any existence apart other-spirit being subjective and matter objective nature.

Doubt and skepticism repell spirits while a desire to know and be convinced attract them. Thus the latter always ob. tain better results than the former, and,

The people who exert a happy influselves and due to the fact that they are

to others metaphorically.

There seems to be a general assent manifested to have Spiritualism represented at the World's Fair. Proposiit is to be, something practical must be therefore suggest that a special collection or subscription be solicted at every

society and camp meeting in the land, the thoughts of other souls reflect them- and the money be forwarded as rapidly as collected to Mr. Luther Colby, Editor of the Banner of Light, whom we nomi- brain, due to habit acquired from speak-

case-the originator of the scheme. Mr. Hudson Tuttle seems to be the man when the animal becomes active-comwanted, and we know of no better repre- bativeness, jealousy, selfishness or hasentative. But before any more theories tred. Those who habituate themselves Jealousy never reaps anything but sor- are advanced let us have the wherewith to the latter often find it difficult to forsow in the end. It dwarfs the soul and for execution. On this we can base fur- give or be broad and liberal in their

Elder Gerrard, a Presbyteriau divine,

was convicted in the United States Court at Seattle, Wash., of smuggling opium. He concealed uineteen cases of prepared opium in large flower pots, carefully covered them over with sod in which was planted a geranium, placed his flower pots on board the steamer North Pacific, at Victoria, on April 29th, and smuggled it across the line into the United States. His action excited suspicion of customs inspectors, at Port from matter-we believe to be in the Townsend, and search revealed the molecular or atomic nature of one and opium. Gerrard denied all knowledge the unatomic state or oneness of the and ownership of the opium. "Vengence is mine, saith the Lord," and he exposed the wrong doings of Christian mediums because an evangelical alliance endeavor-ed to "expose" the right doings of Spiritualist mediums.

too, become mediums more readily, if had a psychic drug injected into their and are sensed according to individual added to our societies, our literature has whom the spirits are attracted. Investi- brought on a night mare, reminiscent of of thinking--the higher the aspirations gators who take this hint might profit by the days of the Connecticut blue laws in and fancies of the thinker, the purer largely increased. We have had a mini-

to kiss his wife at parting at his own caught intuitively. ence on their surroundings are of the door. There is even a modicum of reorder that are constantly happy them- ligion in the offense of those days, as kissing was only forbidden on the Sabconstantly sending forth good thoughts bath, but now it means every day and is which react for a like influence. Even encroaching a little too near upon the personal rights of the individual to be lar circumstances, and is often not only endured at length. It had best be una curative but a life preserver-love be- derstood once and for all by councils, ing life itself-attracted through one's legislators, congresses, and minious of own mediumship as an effect of giving the law generally, that this is a people's government, not an autocrat's, and the sooner this is learned the longer they will be able to wear collars.

unbelief and tried to make it plausible or envious mood; permanently when naturally selfish or avaricious-the latter frequently being an effect of prosperity. Self-study is a curative, however, and is especially good for sensitive peotions without money will not do it. If ple, for it teaches them how to avoid suffering, and brings them into a more doue to that end, and doue quickly. We perfect harmony with spirit or subjective nature-God, so-called-and reflects intuitions and clairvoyant images truth-

fully and as they are in fact and not in theory.

Mediums mostly exercise the upper nate as the Treasurer e.r officio in this ing, writing or thinking inspirationally. The lower brain is only exercised in such ideas, while the first-named can only with effort be brought down to "think hard" of a fellow mortal. It is not the want of courage as some ascribe this condition to, but due to a physiological fact with a moral basis to it. Spirit impression is possible on the lower brain

spirit's thinking apparatus, and, of course, in that quarter. Pure inspiration, or that investigating character. The disclosure text of your lectures shall be Spiritual force of will, to control the spirit body in harmony with the impulses that arise impressed for something higher or of harmonious truth leads to devoutness lofty or spiritual, so to say, comes from of spirit. The wilful belief of a falsethe storehouse of spirituality, and, of course, seeks its medium or natural and content in the heart. avenue in the mortal acted upou-the highest intellectual impression being experienced directly over the forehead, as it comes from corresponding regions in the spirit acting. Intuition is an effect of the thought-waves coursing through the atmosphere and are connected with Philadelphia and Boston must have both worlds, the material and spiritual,

> REASON OR DOGMA, WHICH? Dr. Briggs and other advanced think-

THE BETTER WAY, existed who understood the causes for medium-temporarily when in a jealous fighting its own spiritual offspring. Dt. Briggs has already won his posi-

also are the old creeds. the Presbyterian fold.

creeds which will not square their teachings with ultimate truth must fall. Creedal scholars, like Dr. Briggs, are doing a good work for the world. The fes, are all passed. The cry of heresy

#### CAMP MEETINGS.

call a revival?

The general work throughout the country has progressed favorably during the year, lecturers and mediums have been gry hearts!

We have a glorious, inspiring, helpful, consentaneously; to a practical underspiritual gospel, one for which the heart standing of human needs, and to health. tion before the bar of an enlightened of humanity has long been crying and In it is included the knowledge how to Christian world. Men read, think, rea- sighing. It bridges the chasm between keep out of the hands of a physician; son, speak and publish. Neither church- the two worlds of conscious life, the thus avoiding the unnatural absorption es, popes, conventions or synods are present scene and the future unseen. It of vitality from the physical structure clothed with the power to prevent this dries tears, instils hopes, destroys fear, and preventing death before the ripening uatural outcome of an evoluted mentali- creates courage, harmonizes the nature of the soul-important truths to underty in the race. The book is being dis- to life as it is and is to be, and fills the stand; for on this depends man's hapcussed, analyzed, compared with itself soul with peace. There is no room in it piness in the future-in spirit. The and with the teachings of nature. So for pungent, acrimonious and destruc- soul at birth can be but a spark (if it is

The fear of sectaries is that the appli- and fish for the hungry stomach, which which is presumable the effect of coition calion of sound common-sense in rea- cannot and will not accept stones or -a meeting of positive and negative soning and analysis will disclose the er- scorpions as substitutes. Believing in elements as it is accepted to be the cause rors in the book. For Christianity's one universal brotherhood of the race, of life in the universe generally. Now, sake alone, these errors had better be ac- and enjoying the liberty wherewith we this soul must grow, thrive, learn, exknowledged and eliminated. The trou- have been made free, and the peace and perience, and gain strength, force or will ble is that the rejection of these errors harmony which have come into our lives enough to control its material nature or will lead to the rejection of the so-called through this knowledge and freedom animalistic inheritances. This cannot orthodox creeds, now confessedly based we naturally desire that all others shall be done in a day, as everyone knows by upon these errors. That is raising the share it. The end and aim of a true experience what is needed to build a cry of heresy in other quarters than in spiritual life is to aid and bless some one character, to acquire genuine wisdom, or Truth is what is desired. Books and of all platform service and the seance subjection. For spirit is calm, peaceroom also.

Are we encroaching upon your rights one can imagine to be gratifying or brethren and sisters of the platform, if beatic. Now, the spirit body, we may we most earnestly advise that your camp believe, must either be purified up to the but it too comes from that portion of the days of thumb-screws, tortures, auto de meeting work shall be specially directed standard of spiritual nature if it desires to the making of converts to our holy to be happy, or the soul must be sufeven, discloses no taint upon an honest cause, for their own sake, and that the ficiently powerful, whether in bulk or ism, and not social theories, governmental economics, occultism, theosophy, physical body when not overcome behood, because of bigotry, never creates Shakerism or Mormonism, or the use of fore shaking off this mortal coil. the savor of unquestioned satisfaction a free lance in attacking well-ordered so. The young may have the advant a free lance in attacking well-ordered society and its institutions. We repeat having a purer spirit body, but lack soul with all the emphasis we can invest in force and experience. The maturer Shall we have, during the coming language: Brethren and sisters of the may lack both; while the aged may be camp season, what our orthodox friends platform! the heart of the race is hungry great in soul and pure in spirit. But it for living spiritual bread. As you love all depends on individual effort, and humanity and the truth which will ele- salvation is thus only procurable through vate and bless humanity, feed these hun- purity or wisdom, and perhaps both, as

### A CHAPTER ON SPIRITS.

there are any medial powers in the one to respective arterial systems which mode of reasoning-according to habit been kept vigorous and the number of vitality from the physical by the spirit- an impure spirit body in the future canour periodicals, books and pamphlets ual body. The latter is therefore an out- not be fully happy, or is perhaps ungrowth of the former-magnetism being happy in comparison to the impurity it making it a criminal offense for a man and more spiritual are the thoughts mum number of simulators and frauds, the spirit essence of it and is the stuff of has attached to its spirit. And a purified detected and exposed,-this class, of which the spirit body is composed. spirit body will find itself lacking in soul course, are charged to the account of The soul is not the spirit, though allied force-will, determination, character, or

tive acids. It is like the old-time bread not accorded with a previous existence) else. This should be the ultimate aim to bring one's little weaknesses under

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ful, uplifting, joyful, and whatever else or its passions, which are those of the

The young may have the advantage in it is said "a pure spirit needs a pure

body." If so, then the spirit body is al-Death is due to the obsorption of so meant, and the soul that finds itself in Spiritualism by the creedists-and we to it as the spirit is allied to the physi- manhood, when controlled by a small

sick people may feel happy under simiout love.

A universal brotherhood on this mundane sphere will be established as we make our state and national laws con-

The critical Boston Globe arraigns all the colleges for failing to provide a comits three cardinal injunctions which are 1. Hold fast to that which has neither substance nor existence. 2. Listen only to the voice which is soundless. 3. Look only on that which is invisible alike to the inner and outer sense." We know estimation, who can elucidate these propositions to the perfect satisfaction of-infants.

sense it intuitively. Materialism and a materialistic education we may say stultisensing neither the sweet harmony of the spirit world as a whole-as an intelligent law-por the individual spirit able to return to or get into harmony with the spiritual of nature; or again become like children, figuratively speaking.

form with nature's law-equable, just in Jersey City "on suspicion" because he analyzing the position of Dr. Briggs. It at these great spiritual feasts. The phe- mentals as those of which the spirit govern surrounding conditions and enand intelligible to all. Spiritualists as a wore rubber boots. At the police station condemned him for using his reason in nomena are varied and new phases are body is made up, just as the material abling it to go and come at will, while whole are so closely allied to the latter the prisoner, who declared his arrest an the analysis of the book. And so the constantly being presented. Spiritual- world is composed of similar integrants earthbound are those who have not atthat they find it difficult to form a na- outrage, gave his name as Isaac P. S. heresy of Dr. Briggs was established in ists of experience, careful thought and as those of the material body of man; for tained this state. tional organization owing to material Oliver, and said his home was in Tomp- the minds of the convention, -- not by observation, are not only prepared for without this accord of conditions these environment and the influence it still ex kinsville, S. I. He was locked up. The some supra-natural or unreasoning man- these new phases of spirit manifestation respective bodies would be "out of their to manifest in man. Mediumship, erts on a large portion of their body next morning he told Police Justice Da- ifestations, but by argument founded through mortal media, but are expecting element" as a fish out of water, and whether inspirational or physical, is an When this has been overcome to some vis that he was on a walking tour when extent adjustment will begin to manifest. arrested. "Why did you wear rubber son.

boots?" asked the Justice. "I supposed I had a right to wear any kind of boots mencement day oration which shall or shoes I pleased," replied the prisoner. "grapple with theosophy or wrestle with "You are fined \$10," said the Justice. The man did not have the money and was remanded.

> Judges are becoming very autocratic tyrany. But we suppose when the Nebardly realize what lynched them.

Intuitions are the mirrored reflections flects perfect intuitions-absolute truth. -often producing just the reverse, see- of an all-intelligent deity. ing the past for the future or vice versa. than the present a philosopher must have In many cases the fault lies with the ed to create, or it is an unuatural mother, disciples.

ers and reasoners, apply their cultivated have suffered from one or two cranks cal body in earth life. Soul or intellianalysis of the Bible itself and the claims running a tilt against its established orlearned members of the late Presbyte- enjoyed general peace and prosperity. rian convention at Detroit, applied their reasoning powers to the analysis of the ings is approaching. The managers of

The ecclesiastical lawyers in the convention-and there were some very able reasoning powers to convince the major-

tent for enduring such conduct-such scholars in the sixteenth century is out holy cause from contamination. of place in this opening of the twentieth of several profound minds, in their own mises does come it will come with such century. The whole book is to be aca rush that many of the judges will cepted, believed, followed, without a murmur of dissent.

While the mind of the race in its presform of a law or a body of spiritual beings nature-whether pertaining to objects evidence and fact, yet before the book fies man's intuitive faculties or his Dissonance with the same brings forth controling faith must absorb unreasonaspiritual nature so as to render nature imperfect intuitions or causes them to ble, illogical myth, absurdity and contraand the spirit world dumb to him, thus deflect, as it were, and become distorted diction alike, as the direct act and voice or rejected by what they hear and see. What the latter is everyone must

But why debate this question if, in the Illogical theories are one of the results baldest terms, the dogma is "believe or of fact or reasoning will disgust them; What ever the individual knows of him friend who would guide him if condi- of this state, and the prophecies of some be damned?" Why join issue in argu- science, buried in large words and an self, spiritually, he knows of causation. tions permitted. The intellectual of people are but deflected reflections of ment over that which requires the avalanche of terms not comprehended Self-study is therefore the philosophy earth life therefore must study self to be the past, while the reading of the past closest application of intellectual analy- by the popular mind nor found in the that leads to it. Self culture elevates to which is known by the one read to be sis, when the use of the intellect is deincorrect may be regarded as a prophecy nied in determining the question? them into disgust, and wholesale abuse "Know thyself" thus becomes the highest for the future. Clairvoyance is subject- Either the Christian religious system is of others less favorably environed from philosophy that man can devote himself and as it is already hinted at in the bible, ed to like distortion, causing the seer to in harmony with the very civilization youth, will evoke a spirit of repugnance to; for it leads to truth-to knowledge of proving that at some remoter period see ugliness for beauty and vice versa. and mental elevation which it has help- to any fellowship with our cause or its both the known and unknown simul-

mental and reasoning powers to the with a mission to renovate society by gence-the life principle of the universe If such is not exactly death, as ortho--gives the whole consciousness, and in dox Christianity would have it, it is not of the book to divine authority. The der, but with these exceptions we have fact, constitutes the life of it, and with- real life, either. To enjoy real life we out which there would be no individuali- must be in accord with the element we The season of our annual camp meet- ty or self-consciousness.

teachings of Dr. Briggs, and pronounced these meetings have generally made up al entity. But without the action of soul means to attain this most desirable end him heretic in that he used reason as a their programs, keeping in view the no medium entities like those of which co-ordinate force in determining whether popular desire for the phenomena, or the spirit body and the spirit world are unfolding a pure spiritual body, and the whole book expresses the will of the facts of Spiritualism, and also the composed, would have been evolved love acts glorifying the soul and gives it A respectable young man was arrested God. The convention used its reason in mental wants of the masses who gather The spirit world must be of similar ele- the necessary influence or strength to

> upon reason against the use of the reast them. They know how to apply such could not sustain themselves nor exist. test conditions as will satisfy any fair. The soul of man is connected with the

minded critic of the genuineness of divine or God principle of existence, as ual condition of the medium, and is these phenomena, or of their fraudulent the roots of a tree to mother earth from frequently the cause of physical weakmen among them-used their cultivated character through the manipulations of which it draws its sustenance. The ness; for it absorbs vitality from the macharlatans and money-loving knaves. life spark in man is dependent on the terial body and often results in death at ity of that Presbyterian jury that reason Of course, the managers of the varied universal life principle for substance, an earlier period than the average. But bas no place in the study of the claims camps and their experienced attendants which is consciousness. Consciousness this is not unnatural; for an active soul of the book and that a bigher criticism will be alert to detect fraud and knavery, or intelligence is life, law, vitality, ripens or develops faster than an inin this country and the people very con- than that disclosed among monks and if for nothing else than to protect our growth and motion. It gives to the soul active one, and thus will find itself hap-We have an earnest word for all who imparted to the spirit body, which in tegration is not the result of an arbitrary shall occupy the camp meeting lecture turn is so closely allied to the physical platforms this year. We are more anx- body that the latter becomes sensibly con-

ious as to the character of these public scious of all that the spirit enjoys, sufteachings than we can express in type. fers, senses, wills, etc. But being disent highest state of development and Hundreds of thousands gather at these connected from mother earth, the physi-The innocent or guileless believe in a of intelligent or subjective nature in cultivation, is acknowledged master in festivals of our societies who know little cal body cannot imbibe its sustenance superior intelligence-whether in the the soul; clairvoyance those of objective all realms of nature, philosophy, law of Spiritualism either as phenomena or from it as a tree does, and must govern spirits-man in reality. as a philosophy, having been educated itself accordingly. Matter feeds matter; in harmonious vibration-because they in this or the spirit world. Perfect har and the claims which dogmatists and creedists, or having neither faith nor soul sustains soul. But everything mamony with subjective nature (spirit) re- creedists set up for it, the intellect must philosophy to guide them in ethical or terial that has individuality (form, sit in dumb, unquestioning silence. A religious matters. These classes come beauty, motion) has a soul principle, and to hear and see. By them the glorious like man is connected with the universal truths of our philosophy will be accepted life.

Cold, baseless speculations will repel fathom out for himself, the simplest them; visionary platitudes with no basis method being to ask, "what am I?"encyclopedias or dictionaries, will tire a higher comprehension of it constantly. taneously; to spiritual and material facts ces will grow from them.

soul or one minus experience.

inhabit. Temperance and charitable acts The spirit body is essentially a materi- therefore become the most practical -a temperate or moderate physical life

Spiritual life, however, already begins indication, and aids the individual. Sensitiveness is due to the soul or spiritstrength, will and sensation. These are py when released, provided the disinseparation. But such is the philosophy and cause of death, from a spiritual standpoint, and elucidated in its simplest guise. Those who run may read and comprehend; for it is but one little chapter on the many that may be written on

> Mr. Brown, chief of the Department of Public Safety in Pittsburg, has refused to allow Col. Ingersoll to lecture in that town on Sunday evening, unless he will lecture without charging for admission. 'We have freedom enough," says Mr. Brown, "on the Sunday question." The danger to the public, it appears, would not arise from the lecture, but from paying to hear it. The people of Pittsburg are free to hear the Colonel on Sunday, but not free to pay to hear him. And this is what Mr. Brown calls "freedom enough." How nice it is to have a "chief" decide for us when we have "freedom enough."-Twentieth Century.

Sow good services; sweet remembran-

# THE BETTER WAY.

### Written for The Better Way. THE INNER LAW. REV. SOLON LAUER.

The mistake of most religious is that it binds men like vines to a trellis and weakens their moral fibers. It teaches them to shun temptation when it should exhort them to seek and invite it. "Lead us into temptation," is ever the prayer of the brave, heroic soul. Much of our religion is effeminate and sickly, and seeks support in weakness, instead of toughening the moral fibers by conflict with antagonistic forces. If popular Christianity could prevail, it would make us a poor, flabby race of oysters-men and women, having no refuge but a shell. Let us rather be robust and sturdy sinners, than such weakly and flabby saints. A healthy man finds something nauseous and poisonous in the average sermon. It is no wonder that religion is left chiefly to women and children when its teachings are so effeminate and weak. Let us have a robust, sturdy morality, which shall not spoil a man's appetite for dinner, nor give him bad dreams at night. Christ's saying that he came not to those that were well, but to those that were sick, has evidently been taken to mean that religion is only for dyspeptics, and to be shunned by healthy mortals until they are seized by the haud of death. But we should grant no such interpretation. Let us not believe that the Law Giver of nature imposes any curse or restraint ou the health which it is everywhere nature's aim to establish. The resolute, brave soul will cry: "Away with the doctors of medicine and doctors of divinity! They are poor tinkers, both, of a system which exists in continual perfection. Pill-boxes and prayer books I henceforth eschew forever. I stoutly, henceforth, refuse to be doctored, by physiciaus earthly or celestial. I will eat what I please and take no physic, nor shall remorse gnaw my conscience, or hunger my stomach. I contain all revelations within myself. I shall make my own law and live thereby, though the heavens fall on me. I will not conceal my contempt for the ethical codes of men. I would break the tables received from the Most High if their precepts did not square with my best insight. Who are you that would put your old clothes on my back? They may fit you, but they chafe and hamper me. I will grow in my own place and feed on my own sop. You shall not pluck your leaves and put them on my branches. I am exogenous, and wish to add each year a layer of new experience to the old trunk."

> Only thus is life blessed, when it is true to its own nature. If the trees were as untrue as man to the great Order in which we live, the forest would turn to chaos. We should have oak trees with elm boughs, and elm trees with maple leaves, and all would be confusion and disorder. But there are yet some loyal subjects in the kingdom of nature. Perhaps when the trees begin to walk they will trade raiment. Man has but recently began to lie and cheat, and play the hypocrite. When he was rooted in the soil, and sucked the udders of mother na-

duct. We assume the attributes of atheist, for we think we still believe in the Intelligence which we aim continually to thwart and frustrate. Our schemes of philanthropy are mere fog which the sunshine of Law forever dispels. We strut and brag, and concoct our philanthropies and reforms; and meanwhile the silent Destiny works on, putting our plots and plans to shame, by the Order which she ever brings unaided out of seeming Chaos. We publish our codes

of ethics and claim the sanction of celestial origin for these vapory products of our own disease. We do not see that individual temperament and personal ty. bias. I do not like to roll in mud, hence

rolling in mud shall be deemed unlawful. If the swine choose to do as nature bids them, they shall be arrested and confined the significance of death; and of the in a dry localitity.

Every organism perceives nature and ciety to a picture or expression of the law of his own personality. The good conditions. But as to what constitutes ly perfect manhood and womanhood. goodness or badness, that we have yet to learn. None of the saints can tell us that.

A certain society of men is drawn together by the common fact that none of the period which preceded. hem likes mince pie. They assemble vote declare mince pie to be a hideous and infernal compound, and all who eat thereof, heretics and deadly sinners, worthy of the lowest pit. But if we inquire severally as to the reason of this judgment, we shall find that each one is afflicted with a disordered stomach, which renders him hostile to this particular article of diet. Perhaps it is not even suspected that there are men with healthy stomachs, who not only eat

mince pie with impunity, but even find it wholesome and nutritious. Or, here is a gathering of the gramniv-

orous animals, a vast assemblage, representing the larger portion of the world's animal life. They are all agreed that it is very wicked to kill; and that to eat from the ruins of ancient cities indicate one's neighbors is the very bottom of this. depravity. What so many agree upon

must of course be right-is not the maximum true, "vox populi, vox dei"-and most spiritual character lavished their hence a code of laws is made, which pro- worship and adoration on symbols and hibits the killing or eating of one ani-sun gods, fire gods, sculptured winged mal by another. Meanwhile another lions, with heads of humankind. Here section, the carnivorous beasts are as is strong evidence of divinity-nature in sembled to discuss the rights of animals. man, and it is equally strong evidence of

They adopt a moral or social code which exactly contradicts the code of the gram- then. nivorous animals. They decree that it whatever the Lord hath cleansed, they shall in nowise call unclean.

Which of these codes represents the truth? Both, or neither. The Master Spirit of nature speaks, and this is the

when the tangible evidences are sought tues. How much sweeter sentiment we find the most part in man.

The sorrows, sufferings, inharmonies, and religion produce? which annoy mankind, come for the most part from faulty processes, methods, of seeking happiness, harmonies.

It is the mission of social, religibus, organizations to aid mankind in the consummation of these essential results. The system of human development is a comprehensive one, and necessitates a large scope of thought and training to but not then apprehended. succeed well in the work. It brings to

the front the subjects of God, creation. most of our laws of morality are born of life, death, immortality, soul, love, chari-

An intelligent being should have some positive convictions as to God; as to creation; as to the object of life; as to the sense did not.

various virtues that should come from existence. The absence of rational conher laws as existing for its particular victions in these respects is the greatest good. Every man strives to reduce so- source from which comes inhumanity and wrong doing.

It is true that no set rule will govern men would punish the bad men. But if or direct the various phases of human we inquire as to who are the bad men, character; but there are rudimentary we learn that they are the ones who do principles from which all human charac not do as the good men do; who do not ter springs; which, if understood and see the same laws, nor abide in the same observed, would lead to an approximate-

The spirit of progression would not be true to itself did it not measure the past with the present, and find virtue in

each succeeding period, as the output of

The nature of all growth and developin solemn conclave, and by voice and ment is to multiply in blossoms of tomorrow, the elementary of yesterday, through the agencies and activities of to∙day.

> First principle, then power, then plenty. First germ, then development, then beauty, grace and strength.

Anyone observing the various stages of human development-Christian growth-must recognize the force of this statement as applicable to all growth; spiritual, mental and physical.

It is true when we penetrate the cloud that hung for centuries as a pall over morals and mind, we find evidences of a high state of civilization in the matter of sculpture, poetry, 'painting and in some of the mechanic's arts. Excavations

But those same evidences also testify that the most developed intellects; the its undeveloped, primitive character

The tendency or habit of every age is right to rise, and kill, and eat; that has been to perpetuate its superior genius, learning, aspirations in tablets of marble or monuments of some kind that should be evidence to succeeding ages.

There never yet has been found in the officers. ruins of ancient cities anything of the revelation given: "My order is so vast character of the monuments which reprethat to a limited vision it seems but sents Abraham Lincoln reading a procla-

multiplied evidences of kings being im-

mortalized in sculptured signaling stone

-signalizing success in subjugating

peoples-nations by war. War, not as a

means to a higher manhood, but to satis-

fy selfish kingly greed-war-perchance

-perhaps a flaming fire or a winged

Of course, God is the most potent, much more satisfactory must religion be tune; but wisdom greater than our own, selfish propensities generally, become deity, and do not acknowledge the title or the all in all of creative energies; but when reason stands guard over its vir- a law unchanged by us, moves on and over-developed, while ideality, spiritualiwhen born of the sense which reason the bars of circumstance, and when he tiousness and benevolence pine away

learns through his own prayer to grow To assert that this is an age of reason does not necessarily imply that the past and oneness with God, then the answer to prayer comes, and man grows happy. has been one of religion only, therefore of error, but it does imply that back of I am one who trusts in the tender, lov-

ing sympathy of human hearts, and if 1 the sentimental religion of the immediate past and back of the idolatry of the should go to some one to-night whom I believe to be my friend, and ask aid and earlier period there was in active operative cause and effect the same as now

Through the processes of thought power and action, with accumulated data, there is a greater virtue and beauty in the

THE BETTERWAY 6 MOS. FOR 50 CENTS VETERAN SPIRITUALIST UNION

To the Editor of The Better Wav In the Banner of Light, May 30th, I was glad to see the proceedings of a meeting to inaugurate a spiritual association in Boston, under the above title. It was a step in the right direction and I trust will be the means of waking sufficient interest in the near future to organize the National Association-to be more centrally located and more national and comprehensive in its character. Perhaps Washington or Cincinnati should be selected for a location.

As an auxiliary association, which all States ought to form as soon as the parent one is inaugurated, the Veteran Union of Massachusetts seems to have provided more officers, more machinery than will be required in any other State perhaps. But they are more numerous and better able to pay their officers than the smaller communities.

Their preamble and by-laws are framed to cover their peculiar views and situation of course. All other auxiliary associations will keep in view their own peculiar necessities in forming, without reference to the Veteran Union. Notably that section of their by-laws refering to membership, requires that all persons must have "been open, avowed and active adherents of Spiritualism for ten years" to be admitted to membership. That rule would deprive quite all Spiritualists in many places and sparsely settled neighborhoods from any participation in our organization.

There are many good things proposed not because God ceased to listen to man's in the Veteran Union, and many may be made practicable in the organization of a National Association. But it falls far knee we ask for that which if it should short of covering the whole ground, and come to us, would be the greatest buryet the machinery seems more than adequate for even the parent organization. It is evident that a resident secretary at a salary will be indispensable, and perhaps a president. Those two offices filled

with active, competent persons, with an while man changes here and there, while executive committee of three, without he asks this boon to-day and that one salary, ought to be sufficient, and would probably be more effective in national organization than a larger number of

While the duties will be constant and arduous, experience has shown that the far from wisdom that prayer may be, but smaller number is often more effective.

on, and when man ceases to beat against ty, veneration and most likely conscienfrom lack of exercise. How different into that altitude of peace with himself, such a man from the noble Agassiz who

"had no time to make money." But I believe nature will have a surer and deadlier revenge. So universal is the mania for riches, so fierce the excitement and rapid the whirl of business now-a-days, that the probability is we assistance in any important effort of my shall have a brain disease in the form of life, I would expect, I would naturally an epidemic that will bring men to their believe that assistance would be given senses and force them to maintain someme. I have friends, real true to me, that thing of a mental and physical are not visible in this physical form. We equilibriuim; just as the plague of 1665 sunlight of to-day than appeared to the call them spirits. They are spirits and forced the Londoners to adopt somesun worshippers in earlier periods. The so are we, only they wear garments of thing like sanitary measures. For Jussentiment of worship then existed, but another world, while we are dressed and tice carries the sword as well as the fashioned with the clay of this life. If I scales, and nature has a habit of accumuask their aid and assistance, if I pray to lating her stores of wrath until the presthem for their care and protection, I do sure becomes too great, the dam not feel that they would be so much breaks and destruction follows to all beless my friends than are my friends in low. this life that they would refuse my

But it is not only the business man, socalled, who is engaged in the game of was in wisdom and in love to give me grab, and indifferent to principles of what I ask for. Therefore I do believe justice. The average workingman is that every honest, sincere desire of the just as selfish. and just as little inclined heart, whether expressed in word or to look to ultimate results. If he can whisper, in the silence of the soul, re- force a little more wages out of his emceives its answer if we only learn to wait ployer for a given amount of labor the average laborer appears to be satisfied, Now in this special matter placed be- and the shameless sale of votes shows fore us, the laws of nature and the laws how little regard many of the "bone and of God are in perfect harmony. When- sinew of the Nation," have for principles ever those laws are interrupted, or when- of liberty and right. With such material to work on, the progress of the reformer ever some deviation expresses itself, as

in the misfortune that fell upon this seems slow and discouraging. The God that most men worship is Mammon, and their idea of existence to the way of a wiser knowledge a bles- seems to be that a man's life consisteth in the abundance of the things that he possesseth; in other words that men are sent on earth for the special purpose of "making money." Yet Mammon ,is a very juggernaut. He remorselessly after. Our prayers did not send him crushes thousands who have spent their lives in his service, who have prostrated themselves before him, yea, crawled on fect harmony with that law which had their bellies in the very dust to kiss his feet. Not only this; but his baleful influence reaches even many who are not his devotees, for these latter, in their with the law. The law could not be remorseless search for offerings at his warped and bent, but the individual shrine rob the widow and the fatherless could, and therefore this good life ended and deny food and shelter to the housein our physical way, regardless of man's less and starving. And ye who are of prayers and supplications. But it was his favored priesthood-to whom he has given his mysteries, and who wear his golden collar and are keepers of his pleading, but because the great and treasures-what is your reward? Mameternal principles were wiser and better mon laughs in his sleeve as he thinks of than we know. Sometimes on bended the time coming when the dreaded summons must be heard: "Thou fool! this night shall thy soul be required of thee." and after all thy gatherings and scrapings, thy robberies and heartlessness, den of our lives. Let us remember this, thy accumulations shall be left behind that in all our walks of life, in all the for other devotees of Mammon to scrammistakes we make, in all our changing ble for and go mad over.

thoughts and opinions, the great and "For like an ass whose back with ingots bows. Thou bears't thy heavy riches but a journey. And death unloads thee." eternal principles of truth move on, and

#### Mediumship Depends upon Organic Fitness.

to-morrow, every prayer he expresses in It is not true that everyone may besome manner is a benefit to him and a come a medium if he desires it ardently blessing. No one can retire to his quiet, enough. It is not wise that every person peaceful chamber and pour out his heart who is mediumistic should seek to dein earnest, honest prayer, no matter how velop those powers, nor should mediumship be exercised at the expense of the body or brain any more than people should devote themselves exclusively to trying to become spiritual. Education, spiritual culture, rational amusement, intellectual exercise, and healthful employment are all requisite. But the greyhound and the mastiff can never be alike; the carthorse and the racer will always differ. Some are mediums who wish they were not, some never become mediums who wish they were. When each one does the best that is possible to them, and strives to grow wiser by experience and stronger by temperate, virtuous, exercises of their powers, we shall not all be mediums, nor all singers, nor all saints, but we shall be able to each contribute, according to our gifts, to one another's happiness, and leave the world better than we found it -Two Worlds.

ture, he was loyal and pure. Oh, progress, but retreating. Is it then better to stand and purity, good and evil, love and hate, ple their birthright to freedom and manthat is retrogression! Advance that is on two legs and wag the tongue intelligibly, even though the feet wander in dark paths and the mouth send forth lies and profanity? Is it better to be a fallen god than a normal brute? No. That which is in its place is good. That which has wandered is bad. Who is he that would estimate position, and refer this and that, pronouncing one good, another bad, when each is where great nature placed it? Shall mortal man be more just than God? "Shall man be more pure than his maker?"

The ethical life for any individual is the life which is truest to the law of his own being. Our tables of commandments are the authors of much confusion. With so many guide boards pointing so many different ways, is it any wonder so many go astray? Let us henceforth make our own chart, and trust the compass of our own soul. None other can truly guide us. Our law makers are only cobblers, trying to patch the constitution of things, blind to the great laws that decree over their little heads. Let us ground our philosophy in nature, and thus escape the lame decrees of men. To the true soul law making is a form of atheism, and perhaps the most or only dangerous form. What is this prohibition we hear so much of but a vain attempt to substitute compulsory restraint \$1.00 A YEAR FOR THE BETTER WAY. for that rational self-government which it written for The Better Way. is the aim of nature to establish in every THINKING, DOING, WHAT AND individual? What, then, shall we shut men away from every temptation, lest they yield and fall? This is the logic if not the doctrine of prohibition. These people will have a large work to do if they ever become consistent. But nature will have no such makeshift. It is the prime duty of every man to antagonize all such attempts to forestall and thwart the educative methods of nature.

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they are. We shall soon be correcting entirely void of food for his fury. the earth's orbit and laying her a new track through space with our science causes leading to effects, and suggest and apparatus. We forget that we have but recently arrived upon this earthly from erroneously cherished causes. scene, and that in all probability the Intelligence which placed us here is abler to make conditions than are we, its pro- | concerned.

chaos. But I love all, embrace all. Filth mation which gave to four million peoall these with equal regard do I embrace. hood. But rather in its stead we find is near at hand when representative By all these are my ends served; by all these my will outworked. All things are good, judged in their final and universal relations. It is an evil mind which severs any fact from its ultimate relations and calls it evil."

We find it difficult to acquiesce in these that a whole nation should bow to and broad truths. We fear lest being cut worship a king and his diversity of gods loose from the leading strings of tradition and external authority, we may beast. The divinity in man was persewander from the path of safety. But it cuted for the symbolic divinity in beast. is the evident intent of nature to bring I make brief reference to these ex

every organism to a full reliance upon ponents of human development and prothe law of its own being. Only so can gress as denoting the gradual transferlife be at all preserved. If the lion were ence from symbol to science and sense. to listen to the argument of the lamb, he We see where one mighty stride was would die of starvation, and the end of made in this respect by the crucifixion his existence be thwarted. If the oak of the Nazarene. tree did not believe in its own law, but | Not as being sensible or scientific, but should admire and strive to adopt the as indicating the purpose of the people law of the maple, we know not what the to cease that continual sacrifice of chilresult would be. The great Laws reside dren, women &c., and let once suffice for

not in externals, but interiors. Organ- all, ization and growth proceed out of these laws, by strict obedience. Our social savior of the race succeeding him in life. state rests on a foundation of shifting All along the line of development the sand until these laws are known and contest has ever been between the later obeyed. The vision of these principles and more logical truths and conclusions ordains a man prophet and teacher; his authority not from above or without, but from within; and recognized by every and mystified formulas. sincere soul.

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BY W. WINES SARGENT .- NO. 3 In presenting this series of articles for or convictions of any one.

business and religious circles-thence it was one vast mass of immoralities. reaching beyond circles, into communities, states, nations-has forcibly im-

Our philanthropy aims to be better and pressed me that where there is great wiser than the inevitable order of things, hope and some real virtue in the claims which has made men and society such as of the optimist, still the pessimist is not

> The object is to review, in a degree, where various ill-effects possibly arise Man is the most important factor of creation, so far as his consciousness is

As I have before suggested through the

columns of THE BETTER WAY, the time members from all parts of the country will be drifting around at the different camp meetings spending their vacations, which will afford an excellent opportunity for delegates to assemble at some convenient point and take the initiatory steps for forming a national organization.

With the assistance of the Veterar Union and the larger experience of practical Spiritualists from different parts of the country, being familiar with the situation and the necessities everywhere, there need be no apprehension of a satisfactory result. Then Spiritualism will e placed upon a platform common to the whole country, national in its organization, with its principles spread upon its banners, freedom to all denominations with no religious tests except pure lives and loving hearts.

E. W. GOULD.

THE EFFICACY OF PRAYER. Jennie B. Hagan Before the First Society of Spiritualists, of Washington, D. C., Nov. 23rd, 1890. Reported for The Better Way by John C. Rowland.

In answer to the following question: Do you suppose that God listened when the civilized world prayed for the restoration of President Garfield?" Which was one of five questions presented from the audience. Miss Hagan said:

I do not suppose that the Infinite life and blessing became deaf and silent on the special occasion referred to. If God hears the prayer of humanity at any time he certainly heard it then. I am a limitation which places God in the position of an individual and man telling his desire to him, of His power omnipotent to turn and bend according to a

we can raise our soul on the wings of sire, until, through the very elevation of should any process of reasoning awaken our nature, we come into that perfect unused parts of the brain, chiefly the harmony with divine law which gives an moral powers, get into a state of atrophy answer to our prayer. If everything we nificance; of creation with its grand and according to our asking, we should might decide that the man was sane. freligion, we certainly that process with delight. For how fill the world with dilemma and misfor- Acquisitiveness, secretiveness and the benefit of our own cause.

what he is made better and nobler for i TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION 3 MON. 25 CENTS.

#### Written for The Better Way THE GAME OF GRAB. WALLACE YATES

heart's pleadings, my soul's desire, if it

great and noble man, according to our way

of looking at it a misfortune, according

sing in all probability. We asked that

something might be done here, you

asked that the life of President Garfield

should be saved. It was. His life is not

lost. He still is in the world of the here-

there. Our prayer was that he might

stay here, but our prayer was not in per-

been warped and bent by the circum-

stances around us, or rather that that in-

dividual had been placed out of harmony

earnestly, faithfully.

The game of grab is all the rage just now, or in politer terms, people are very busy "making hay while the sun shines," or laying by for a rainy day. It is not of much use to try to talk to the average man about first principles, or of the great

benefits to be derived from the general application of the golden rule, etc., etc. The "business man" is up to his eyes in work; maybe engaged in the pleasant and soulful occupation of working up the latest boom; his mind wholly engrossed with calculations of the shekels he will be able to rake in in the general scramble. He hasn't time to give a thought to the moral side of his nature or even the just demands of his physical body, and if he breaks down with paresis, or "slips off the hook" in the midst of his schemes, like the late Wm. H. Vanderbilt, very few will take warning and

xtract From an Address Delivered by Miss let up while there is still a chance for repairs, but still, as before, we shall see 'the solemn brood of care plod on, and each one, as before, shall chase his favorite phantom." The "vanity of riches" have been preached and sung since the earth was young, but as men will not heed homilies, nature plays the

part of Nemesis and has her sure revenge. How much a man loses in this life who gives his whole soul to the acquisition of source from which we have received all riches can never be known here, but the most seared and hardened of the devotces of Mommon has times when he sighs for rest from the cares of his chosen path, and dreams of the time believer in prayer, not in that special when he roamed the fields a happy boy free from the pangs of money-hunger. I spoke of the business man being "up to his eyes" in the toil of money-getting, but the truth is that the veil rises higher, little wish of little man, but I do believe and avarice covers with a film of dethat, through the earnest and sincere lusion the clear sight of the spirit. For prayer of our heart, our soul and spirit, it is a delusion, a mania, that makes a fluenced by spirits who loved their reman devote all his energies, and only a that aspiration, on the wings of that de- small portion of his mental faculties, to the accumulation of mammon. The

from disuse and the mind becomes asked for was given us in our own way, really uubalanced, even though a jury

Written for The Better Way, IMPRESSIONS. WALTER M HEATH

I was told a short time since that our friend, Dr. H. H. Brigham, was searching for a scientific basis on which to rest his religious thoughts. Do we not have it here? Hypnotism or mesmerism-s scientific demonstration-in some of its varied forms and phases proves Spiritualism, the higher teachings of which certainly furnish a "religion" good enough for anybody.

Let us censure evil wherever we may find it, or rather endeavor to throw light into the darkness, but when we give the Christian religion credit of doing nothing to benefit humanity, are we not even more bigoted than those whom we call bigots? That evil has been done in the name of religion, we all know; yet when we see the pure and noble lives of many around us that are led in the name of Christ; when we see the young snatched by the influence of the faith from the snares and pitfalls that are ruinous, can we say there is no good in it? Let us give honor where honor is due. No ligion, and certainly many of them are Spiritualists.

Let us be choice of our language. Nothing will prejudice the mind of a Christian or Spiritualist educated in that faith any quicker than the use of "profane" language. If we cannot refrain from it from respect to the Christian religion, we certainly should for the

as against the earlier more illogical Has there not been, is there not today, too much stress put by theologians,

In this way Christ did become the

writers, divinity teachers on the various incidents of history as being models for and essential to the development of man's higher, finer nature? Incidents of

the most ancient and of the less ancient the perusal and consideration of miscel- histories were merely the exponents of laneous readers, it is far from my desire the then conditions of human progress to purposely assault cherished creeds, and development. It is difficult to see

the fitness of our stomachs-the moral Observation and experience in social, food productions of those periods, where The actors in the drams of life at this time should not be slow in recognizing the potency of reason now, as compared with any period of the past. The great sim of the present should be to unite

reason with religion when surveying the premises on which men stand. And a mind to a keener appreciation of life and its purposes; of death and its significance; of creation with its grand

#### SPIRITS COMMUNICATE AT LONG RANGE. To the Editor of The Better Way.

A curious round about way of spirit communications through strangers at long distances, I will here relate. Undersigned, a native of Sweden, but

a citizen of Cincinnati, since 1852, for more than 6 years having been a subscriber for the French spiritual messenger of Liege, Belgium, read with astonishment in that journal of the 15th of January, 1891, Swedish sentenses and names of my son Emil, my own, and my fatherin-law, Otto Jacob Nattoch Dag, written on the inner side of a closed double slate around eleven faces produced by a spirit artist for a member of the Messenger through a private medium, Mrs. A M. Ivey, a stranger, of Dahlonega, Ga. Her husband Judge W. D. Ivey had the slate photographed and sent it, gratis, to the editor of the Messenger at Liege who did not know the language around the picture, and therefore, in a note asked any linguist to translated it for the company. I informed him that it was Swedish and translated it for him. As the sentenses were exactly the same as a Swedish spirit and a dear friend of mine, Madame Fredrika Ehrenborg had written for me in 1882, in my book of "Spirit Communications," I took the liberty to write to Judge Ivey, a stranger to me, informing him of this fact and suggested that the same lady perhaps wrote the sentences for the Belgium editor, and probably also that my fatherin-law, who was a natural artist, had drawn those faces. Judge Ivey became interested in this case and wrote me a very polite and friendly letter which, among other good and true things, had these generous expressions: "My wife will be pleased to sit or hold a seance for you at any time if you will send us your picture or that of your wife." In consequence of this unexpected kindness I sent him photographs of my father-in-law, my wife and myself, the 15 of Feb. 1891. The Judge wrote another letter to me with the information that he had sent me two slates by mail and among other things said: "Myself and wife apointed to sit for you on a Sunday evening at half past 3 o'clock; we took half a dozen small slates and thoroughly cleaned them by washing them and placed the slates one upon the other on the top of the small table (no covering or pencil or pencil dust being used) between us, putting our hands upon the slates, in a few moments after, the spirit Chief Justice R. B. Taney controled my wife and gave instructions how to arrange the slates. I was told to take the two top slates from the pile on the table before us and get a cord that lay on the mantelpiece and securely bind the two slates together and to put your photograph on one side of these bound slates and your wife's photo on the other side, (which was on the top of the slates.) These bound slates being placed again on top of the other slates, all of which I did as directed. Placing our hands on the slates we felt the work commence at once. During the sitting my wife was under spirit control most of the time, by our little cabinet control spirit Willie Taylor, spirit Phebe Carey and spirit Chief Justice R. B. Taney, (who explained that under the circumstances better results could be obtained by keeping my wife under control most of the

Editor of Spiritual Messenger, at Liege, Belgium, which has been photographed and sent to him. The 23d of March, after receiving the photographs, I put numbers on all the faces from 12 to 30, and we in a private seance again asked our father to be so kind and give us the went to bed, and awoke a few hours afnames answering to the numbers if pos-

sible. Now came on the slate the followiug: "These sketches were not intended for true likenesses, I was permitted to undertaken."

practice, like the other artists, and was desirous to convince you that I could do such work. I am not satisfied with the Duff Gordon's daughter, Mrs. Ross, the work, it is too crowded and not as I following "Hallucination" is recorded: would like to do if I had the opportunity to control a medium as often as I would on a footstool I saw my mother's large like and practice." (I asked is the face eyes suddenly grow bigger still as she No. 12 once Carl the XII King of Sweexclaimed, "My dear Eothen, what, are den?) "Yes, the Swedes are all crowded vou back?" I had seen nothing, but my together and the other persons are mother declared that Kinglake had come most artists or those persons of which I into the back drawing-room, which was did give the names to you the 11th of divided by an archway with heavy red March. All I can say now is I have looped-up curtains from the room we given the correct impressions to the mewere in, and had walked across. The dium, look at the pictures and I will servant was summoned, and declared again tell the names I remember." We that the door bell had not rung, and that did as directed and the following was the no one had come in. No one could result: No. 12, Carl, the XII former King of Sweden; 13, Bernadotte, former knowledge, as he was laying the table for General under Napoleon the first and afterwards King of Sweden under the name of Carl the XIV; Yohan 14th, Knut was not satisfied, and lit the condles for Nottoch Dag, a Swedish sea captain and us to go into the next room, where relative; 15, Mrs. Anna Baumgratz, an there was no one. The hour and minute acquaintance of ours; 16, white Star, an Indian girl who often communicates with us: 17. Indian Tecumseh; 18, Harrison; 19, John Quincey Adams, former adventure to account for his wraith. President; 21, Abraham Lincoln; 22, medium Jennie McKee; 23, probably Chief Justice Taney, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 mostly artists. No. 27 is the celebrated Hollandish painter Rembraudt who was on elements the matter that it needs for an earth from 1607 to 1669 and painted 700 animal or vegetable being? It does, and most valuable pictures according to Encyyet it apparently does not. If life and clopedia Britannica and he has his name written on his breast on his picthe other-life must approach, for matture. After the names were filed as neat as we could get them the following came on the slate: "Is not the proof sufficent that spirits are around you all and desirous to prove their presence? Friends that have departed from earth life are not always the ones who return and manifest. Strangers to you are often attracted who wish to learn; so the spirits that come to Mrs. Ivey were not all known to her or me, they came for knowledge. Those few I recognized were attracted to me and they knew that you would get their names. I did not give the names the first time when you sat for that purpose, but they came and impressed the medium to write their names. All of them have been in your home at different times. I think I have explained as much as is nesessary for the present. ОТТО JACOB NATTOCH DAG." This artist manifestation came un solicted through a private medium and stranger hundreds of miles from us, to which I hereby testify as being the truth. Cincinnati, O., 177 Auburn

# avenue, the 27th of March 1891. C. G. HELLEBERG.

An infant Clairvoyant. LA HARPE, Ill. Little Dora, the 4-yearold daughter of Lincoln Hamlin, residing near here, is a prodigy. Her father and mother are foud of playing checkers, ed period, abandons its home, fully de- divers circumstances produce are found and the child has always watched them veloped to seek another sphere of exis- those who cultivate man's highest facul-

door, and asked for refreshment. After force is in the air, and that we take it into having rested for a few moments he re-

The "Double."

In "Early Days Recalled," by Lady

One evening when sitting motionless

LIFE.

DR. J. R. BUCHANAN.

Does life from the celestial world of

been organized by life. The life that en-

ters is a part of the organizing life of

It is beyond the range of our present

science to speak of the time when life

was not on earth, and when it began to

organize protoplasm for the reception of

the lowest forms of life, and to have the

continuous iuflux by which the lower

will all be understood in time, but at pre-

sent we simply perceive that life occupies,

at its origin, a speck of protoplasm, and

from this speck, holding in itself the in-

visible and incomprehensible life, all

ganism is nothing but a nidus, a start-

ing point, from which the creative pow-

er of the life proceeds to the production

of the man, the animal or the plant. And

potentiality of every possible living be-

turn to impress other human forms, he

VITAL FORCE.

In your paper of June 13th you have

au article quoted from "Therapeutic

Sarcognomy" by Dr. Buchanan, in which

he speaks of "vital force and physical

force." Why doesn't he tell us what vital

force is, and where it comes from, and

where we are to get it and use it best?

And then he speaks of physical force

when there is no such force. No

form of matter has any force of itself, but

must get its motion, sensation, instinct

and intelligence from something else.

Then he makes the nervous system the

seat of life, when they are only the con-

ductors of sensational life. The nerves

But what is the influx and where does it

it? Then, again, he sums up by saying,

To the Editor of The Better Way.

and spirit.

life, come to earth and summon from the

our lungs at every breath, and that the turned house, and, as it was still very oxygen of the air is its conductor, and that this vital spirit being conducted early in the morning he sat down on a into our lungs leaves the air and goes bench and waited until the people began to come out of their houses. He then through the tissue of the cells into our blood (while the non-lifeless air is exhaled). The now vitalized blood goes to terwards without feeling the least fatigue, the heart and sets it in motion. This though he had walked more than ten vital spirit being in the blood we have miles; nor had he the slightest rememlife, and all parts of the body receives brance of the expedition which he had

vital force through the blood-the red river of life, as its conductor. Then this vital force in the blood acts on the brain as well as the heart, and from the brain through the nervous system to all parts of the body, giving motion, sensa tion, instinct and intelligence.

But nutrition and the building up o the physical body is supplied by food, etc., through the blood. All matter is conveyed by the blood, and spirit-vital force is conveyed by the brain and nerves My book on "Vitapathy," just coming out of the press, makes all plain.

Yours for knowledge, JOHN BUNYAN CAMPBELL, M. D., V. D.

SCHWEINFURTH.

· Most of the great religious have come in, he added, without his bodies hold that Christ's spirit is still in the world and that divinity is still mandinner downstairs; and the dining-room itesting itself through human agencies. door into the hall was open. My mother If this be true, anybody who comes up to the standard of spiritual perfection, as laid down by the great teacher, can justly claim to be Christ-like. These were written down, and when Kinglake persons have been very scarce in the returned from the East he and my world, to date. Mr. Schweinfurth claims mother compared notes, but there was no that he has got it, though, and his purpose is to start a heaven here on earth; a scheme entirely practical, if Christ's teachings are true. Can you, bigot, deny this?

We are not defending Schweinfurth but we have a thousand evils in Kansas City a thousand times worse than this, which are borne with by this very ormatter stand apart, one must approach thodox people and press. We have the biggest kind of a hell in Kansas City, ter cannot. But we are not accustomed devils and imps innumerable, perjurers, to witness the process. We simply ob- gamblers, saloon dens, thieves, murserve that life enters a small portion of derers, houses of infamy, Sunday newsbioplasm, which is adapted to life by its papers, variety theatres; but no one has properties and which has previously yet offered to tar and feather the men who follow these things. Who are we, that we should set up a standard of parents which evolved both the matter truth and a path of virtue? Schweinfurth may be a fraud, and he may be the crystal of truth.

There is one thing certain however, that this world with its daily crimes' record, as a witness, is a terrible rebuke to our istandard of Christian attainments and in no fix to set up in business as a were elevated to the higher forms. This public censor. We look for revelations of wonders in the bright sky of truth in the few years yet remaining of this century, or an eclipse of darkness never before witnessed. Let us clothe ourselves with mantle of charity, and think .-- Kanforms of life originate. The physical or- sas City Progress.

## HOW THEY TESTIFY.

A work entitled "The Book of Nature,' by C. O. Groom Napier, F. C. S. (London: John Camden Hotten, 1870), has a prethus it becomes self-evident that an in- face by the late Lord Brougham, in which visible spiritual power contains the he says: "There is but one question I would ask the author: Is the Spiritualing. It builds up the structure, grows ism of this work foreign to our materialwith its growth, fills it at maturity with stic, manufacturing, age? No; for all the powers of life, and within a limit- amidst the varieties of mind which time while the work was going on) which with great interest. Dora is possessed tence, where the vision of the materialist ties; to these the author addresses himlasted 30 or 40 minutes (I did not note of the wonderful faculty which is refuses to follow it. He will follow the self. But even in the most cloudless

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the time exactly.)

While little cabinet control Willie was present and would make the picture on present. When the work was announced finished, she said spirit Dore pronounced the work well done. I asked the name she said his name was Otto Jacob Nat name well. I asked her for the name he took and she spelled out the name than from their faces. Franks. She said he was the father of

after. You will notice one corner of work was done we unbound the slates, tery .- St. Louis Republic. and found nineteen faces on one of the slates besides a message all around the picture, also the second slate was written full by spirit Madam Ehrenborg. Your spirit band have been frequent visitors to our circles before. Madam Ehrenborg has been described to me by my wife (who is clairvoyant and clairaudient) as a small lady that wore a black cap and black dress. I sent the slates to you."

We received the slates and concluded to have them photographed. The 11th of March, when the slates were at the through a private medium at home, some names belonging to the spirits on the Eugen Sue, Thiers, Dr. Wahu and Lamar. tion. He arrived without misadventure slate sent to us and four other names.

variously claimed to be mind reading,

or second sight. This consists in being controling my wife, she notified me that able to readily name the spots on any Mrs. Anna E. Helleberg's father was set of dominoes which may be produced from looking at the backs of them, or vironment; but he will not follow the the slate for you, she also said our she will select from the set any number vital forces when they leave the body. spirit artist of our band, Gustave Dore, asked for, all the dominoes being turned nor will he listen to any testimony that face downward and thoroughly shifted they have been perceived, felt, heard, about. If one be slipped out of the set and understood after this departure. He without her knowledge and it is called is willing to perceive that caloric, after of this artist who drew the picture and for she will quickly reply that the numits departure from steam or iron, may ber is missing. The child cannot count again appear and enter other water or toch Dag, but said when he came to this from one to six, but will answer the iron, but that human vitality can recountry he took another name as our spots as thus: "Five and a six," "six people here could not speak or write his and a four," or any other number more will not admit, though, so far as it can readily from the backs of the dominoes be established by scientific testimony, it

is as well established as any fact in The child has been subjected to over chemistry .- Alcyone. Mrs. Anna E. Helleberg. All your spirit one hundred tests and has never failed band was present this evening, many of to call the right number. White paper their names were called, but I can re- has been pasted over the backs of the collect but few; I heard the names, Emil, dominoes to prevent any chance of her Ids. Mary, Jennie McKee, Madame baving learned the backs and in every Ehrenborg and many others I can not instance she has successfully indicated call to mind. During the sitting I heard the number on the opposite, Dora is a siate break and at once the control equally proficient in naming the spots told us to take our hands from the slates on playing cards, but calls them by at once, as the battery was too strong and colors, not knowing the terms "spade," we did not again touch the slates to the "king," "queen," "ace," "knave," "heart," end of the sitting which lasted some time or "diamond."

There is absolutely no deception practhe slate broken that has the picture on. ticed in the matter and the child's power When the control announced that the developed during last month is a mys-

#### A Paralytic Somnambullst.

have no power of their own. He also The Paris correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" writes: "An extraordinary says the manifestations of life are decase of somnambulism is reported from pendent on the influx from the nervous one of the rural districts. According to system. the account which has reached Paris the patient is a young man whose legs have come from, and how do the nerves get been completely paralyzed for some time. In his usual state he is unable to move If, then, life emanates from the nervous without the help of crutches; but when the fit is on him he can walk long distances without the slightest assistance. photographers, I received on the slate A few nights ago he got up and started for a neighbouring village, followed by some of his relatives, who never lose sight of him when he is in this coudi- water, etc.

Now, Vita Pathy teaches and demontine which belonged to the slate for the at the house of a friend, knocked at the strates that vital spirit-(vita) life-vital n half long.

caloric which gives to steam its skies of scepticism I see a rain-cloud, if enormous power, when it has left the it be no bigger than a man's hand; it is steam as powerless water, and find that modern Spiritualism." it still exists as caloric in a different en-

The late Mr. Serjeaut Cox, an Assis-The late Mr. Serjeant Cox, an Assis-tant Judge of the Middlesex Sessions, President of the Psychological Society of Great Britain, got satisfactory proofs of independent writing through Henry Slade, and wrote of it, August 8th, 1876 "I can only say that I was in the full pos-session of my senses; that I was wide awake; that it was in broad daylight; that Dr. Stade was under my observation the whole time, and could not have moved hand or foot without being detected by me." Dr. Lockhart Robertson, long one of the editors of the Journal of Mental tant Judge of the Middlesex Sessions.

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As fully as I believe that there are per sons controled by unseen intelligences that there are many who suppose thema lady who received several "communications," from her supposed dead mother; obtained. They feel they cannot go the "mother" on several occasions ma- without getting something for that poor terialized, and beside, was perfectly described by two clairvoyant mediums- upon me, and takes possession of my honest mediums. After all this the mother almost upset her daughter's to hear their spirit friends say: We can't faith in Spiritualism by marching in upon do anything to day, but do give these her, alive and well wearing the same ter's faintest recollection.

The world is full of such facts as these, our duty is not to deny them, but to acthe explanation is beyond us, let us not it into health and happiness, so I somebe afraid or ashamed to acknowledge times find it hard to resist the temptathat there are many things in beaven and tion, to cheat the people out of their earth that we do not yet understand. darkness and sorrow." We are not yet fully grown either as This medium did not say he did demediums or philosophers. If our medi- ceive, he said he had often been tempted

BEntered the Post-Office at Cincinnati, Ohio, as years were untrue; and perhaps not from It is done on the principle which our Second-Class Matter. any departed human spirit. Yet upon mothers used when they fooled us for mature reflection I think my statement our good, by inducing us under false was not far from correct. For these mis- claims to take "naughty medicine." My takes I never for a moment thought of mother used to try to make me believe blaming mediums or spirits; I was prob- there were terribly dangerous monstrosi- its behalf, passed to spirit life on Wedably the innocent cause of nearly all of ties shut up in the large box of maple them. I did not go to mediums with a sugar she always kept up stairs. She set determination that they should tell did it not so much to save the sugar as me certain things, but I did go to them to save my health. As her motives were with certain things in my mind-things pure and her "white lies" served to keep

which must be accomplished. In my the monstrosities I imagined were in estimation certain things could not and that box out of my stomach; I forgive must not be any other way then just as I her. But I am now led to ask, may it had fixed them. When I got there the not be among the possibilities that, that enterprising agriculturalist. Several years same mother may have as great a desire medium always saw the importance of that which seemed to me all important, now to save me from the despair of Ma-They almost universally started out in terialism as she once had to save me that strain, and said just what I thought, from attacks of billiousness. I do not that such and such things would surely say this is so; I only ask if it may not be

among the possibilities. While, individually I hold in utter con-After this thing had gone on for sev eral years I changed my mind; I began to tempt those who would impose upon our most sacred feelings by pretending to resee that it would not, because it could not come to pass. Then every medium produce or to represent our arisen friends I wouder if I am not myself sometimes to whom I went told me the same thing. About this time I began to see that I, my- inclined to misunderstand, mis-judge or self was making the communications I misrepresent the weight of an opponent's was receiving-that I carried into the argument. I confess I find myself inpresence of the medium a more positive clined to make all I can out of the facts influence than decarnated spirits had; which can be turned to account on my and, that mediums were but reflectors; side of any question I may be discuss-

and in these instances were reflectors of ing. my own thoughts. The better the med-I notice it sometimes seems easier to ium the more thorough the reflection, give an evasive or a wrong answer to a and therefore, when it reflects the wrong question than to confess one's inability to answer it correctly. While condemn-Now, permit me to say that many of ing fraudulent mediums let us remember the frauds committed by mediums-good that with what measure we meet in judg-

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on the part of the sitters, for communianything here said, to a justification of One of the oldest and best mediums his or her unrighteous conduct. I would in the world once said to me: "You can justify horse-stealing or gambling as never know the temptations which ocquick as I would this "stealing the livery casionally come to me to cheat in my of heaven," for mercenary purposes. mediumship," and he added,"by compar-I fully believe the connection between ing notes with other mediums I find they this and the other world is becoming have the same temptations, and I am more apparent-more papable every day afraid the temptations are more than -that we are here and now growing a some of them can bear. I sometimes sit spirituality, which will lead the world to down to give communications or manisomewhat throw aside the curiosity phase festations and I cannot get them. I pass of Spiritualism and seek to come in closer en rapport with the sitters, and feel them rapport with the world of spirituality earnestly calling far something from the not for tests; not to prostitute angel comdeparted; I soon find myself joining with munion to mercenary purposes, either them in that call. The feeling comes on the part of sitters or mediums; but over us, we must have something. Ocfor a holy communion with the world of cassionally a sitter who has had some thought; of wisdom; of love; of spirituwithout knowing it, so fully do I believe thing good brings a friend who has ality; for the development of spirituality, heard wonderful things of Spiritualism and for the company and the society of selves mediums used by departed human and of my mediumship. Beside that, the unseen, while we journey in this vale beings who have only caught the thought the friend wants consultation because of of tears. That such may be the case, is of some one in earth life-generally, some dear ones gone before; or they may have the constant and unceasing prayer of one in their immediate presence. I know brought friends whom they want to con- one who is in love with every thing which can assist in the development vert to the glorious knowledge we have here and now, of a grander spirituality-

"THERE IS NO DEATH."

mourner. Soon that feeling is thrown The editor of a prominent materialistic weekly recently lost a near and dear whole being. Sometimes I even seem relative by death and devotes the follow ing beautiful, but to us sadly pathetic, eulogy to her:

poor, hungry people something; if you "Laura's disposition was altogether lovable form she had worn ever since the daugh- even cheat them you are only deceiving as was her life sinless. She was never known to speak ill of anybody. Her home was the em them into the truth-into happinessnire which she brautified and adorned and please if possible cheat these people out which her presence made a heaven for the little of their tears and sorrows; they will feel family circle, consisting of herself, her husknowledge and explain them. They are better and so will you. As you deceive a band and their little boy, Jay, nearly ten years on the shadow side of mediumship. If child to make it take medicine, and cheat old. The little family is now broken-broken never to be reunited. As we write these and lines tender hands are preparing the gentle form of the pure being whose presence supplied the light of that home for her dark and

cold abode in the city of the dead. She leaves a home as dark as that to which she goes. The light is out. The tendrils of affection uniting happy hearts are rudely torn. Rest and forge

DR. N. B. WOLFE. Dr. N. B. Wolfe, of Cincinnati, a gentlecause of Spiritualism through his writings and often outspoken demeanor in nesday, June 17th, at his residence, Smith street, in the 69th year of his age. The remains were shipped to Lancaster, Pa., for cremation. Dr. Wolfe was private secretary to the late President Buchanan, and author of "Startling Facts in

Modern Spiritualism," a good physician. a successful business manager and an ago Dr. Wolfe visited the West Indies in company with General Simon Cameron, a bosom friend; and on one of his Euro pean trips he was entertained by General Arthur Ellis, Equerry to the Prince of Wales. On a recent visit to London he was given several grand receptions by Spiritualists, and his last act in behalf of Spiritualism was his article entitled "In the Spirit Land," published in the Cin-

cinnati Enquirer and reproduced in THE BETTER WAY in November, 1890. Personally Dr. Wolfe was a remarkable man. He possessed a wonderful memory, had fascinating conversational powers and a strong individuality with a pleasing humor running through it-the latter probably owing to his genuine appreciation of wit. In stature he was short, but well rounded out, with a fine head, indicating a spirituality that was alive to a higher comprehension of things than ordinarily accorded to physicians. He was an

originality in every respect.

Angel Visitors. H. D. BARRETT. One evening in October,

When leaves were crisp and sere. When earth looked brown and sober, And all my days seemed drear;

When thoughts of sadness thrailed me. And mem'ry came with pain When life-long friends turned from me And hope began to wane;

when doubt obscured the heaven With sombre clouds that day, Where the joy of love's pure leaven. Took wings and fled away:

wandered forth at midnight, To the arbor in the glade, Where Autumn's mellow moonlight Made golden all the shade.

There in the mellow gloaming, There, in that beauteous spot, My soul did cease its roaming, And sorrow chained it not.

knew that minist'ring angels-A myriad in the throng-Were there, God's sweet evangels,

Singing a holy soug. My soul forgot its sadness, In rapture of that lay,

And a sense of joy and gladness Shone in as bright as day. So sacred that revealing,

Like mantle round me cast, felt with grateful feeling, That angel friends will last .-- Cassadagan.

NEWS ITEMS. A religious fight is feared at the elec tion of the next Canadian premier.

The supreme court of Pennsylvania has decided that Sunday shaving is illegal in that State.

The natives of Matonga have massacred, roasted and devoured a French expedition from Loango, under M. Crampel.

In a murder trial in Texas recently the jury was composed of four colored men three Chinamen, a Maori and four Mexi cans.

An earthquake was felt last week in the Tyrol, Switzerland, in Rendena Thal and Sued Thal, at the foot of the Admello glacier.

It is said that Henry M. Stanley has other year. The annual statement of discharged his valet because some one the Secretary showed a marked improveman prominently identified with the suspected him of stealing. Apparently he made no attempt to discover whether the charge was true or false. He merely joicing and the Board considerable en. said: "I will keep no one in my employ on whom any suspicion of dishonesty has unrequited labors in behalf of THE BET. fallen." Does Mr. Stanley forget that he has been suspected of a number of acts which he stoutly denies having committed?-Twentieth Century.

> When the flood swept over Johnstown the taxable value of her property was \$2,000,000. Now that Johnstown is rebuilt her property stands on the tax list at \$9,000,000. What is the old adage about "an ill wind?" In the Johnstown case "it's an ill tide that sweeps nobody good."-N. Y. Press.-It is said that Charleston was also benefitted by the earthquake, so we may extend the quotation to "its an ill earthquake that shakes nobody good."

Guatemala will send its national band to the Exposition. This band is the third largest in the world, that of Austria being first, and the Mexican National band second. It is noted for its fine music, and will take to Chicago its full complement of 200 instruments. The government of Guatemala has also arranged as a feature of its representation at Chicago, to send a group of natives, who will on the Exposition grounds as they live at home; carry on their industries, bringing their materials from Guatemala with them, and give exhibitions of their music, games, etc.

ROME. Advices from Badia Calavena and Tragnanzo, two of the towns in northern Italy that were visited by the earthquakes yesterday, show that the inhabitants are terror-striken and that they have taken to the fields for safety. The subterranean rumblings continue, and occasionally slighter shocks than of yesterday are felt. The damage done at these two places is much greater than was indicated in the first reports. The towns were practically destroyed. A commission appointed to examine the houses still standing have made a hasty investigation and reported that at least three-quarters of the houses are in such a condition that public safty demands that they be pulled down entirely.

ST. LOUIS. Under the heading of 'Creeds Crumbling," an evening paper quotes Rev. F.G.Tyrell, pastor of the Central Christian Church of this city, as saying that all signs pointed to a dissolution of orthodox creeds. Mr. Tyrell, in sermonizing, pointed out forcibly the dissentions in regard to matters of belief and faith which have shaken the protestant Church, and from this drew conclusions that the creeds are crumbling, and will ere long disappear. He can not, he says, accept the belief of the Trinity of Jesus. Asked as to why he believed that the Protestant creeds are falling, he replied that one had but to notice how the teachers of the Gospel are demanding the right to make their own deductions, provided that they acknowledge the divinity of Christ. The effect of Dr. Tyrell's statement is as if a bombshell had exploded in the midst of the orthodox ministers, and every body is discussing the stand taken by the reverend gentleman.

#### PERSONALS.

Contributions received: J. D. C., F. H., W. D., M. F. P.

Mrs. Leua Bible will be pleased to see her friends at 1431/4 Richmond st.

ment in the receipts of the past way and gave the assembly cause for recouragement and hopes to continue their TER WAY. The unusual increase in circulation since the reduction of the price to \$1 a year added a double pleasure in assuming the responsibility for

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

another term.

You're not a true Democrat, Maclave, You declined to recognize your barber just now. Thas a snobbish. Why? The beggar cut me himself this morn. ing.-Puck.

THE DOY AND THE PREACHER.

Bobby-Are you the man who preached this

Monister-Yes, little boy. Minister-Yes, little boy. Bobby-I guess everybody didn't just like your sermon, did they? Minister-I don't know. I preached as well Bobby-Yes; papa said you tried to do your darndest.

Dr. John Hall, the noted Presbyterian minister of New York, is paid \$20,000 a year to tell a lot of millionaires that a poor man named Jesus, who hadn't a nickle in his vest pocket, was their Savior .- Investigator.

"Patrick," said the priest, "how much hay did you steal?" "Well, I may an well confess to your riverence for the whole stack, as I'm going after the rest to-night."

It is now claimed that the garden of Eden was situated on a little island in the Indian Ocean. It is possible, however, that Adam and Eve were sent to the island after the fall.—Ex.

Foreign Visitor proudly -- In my country we we have only one law for prince and pauper. American Host-Same way here. It doesn't matter whether a man is a beggar or a mil-liouaire; he's got to obey the law, unless he's got a pull,-New York Weekly.

The range and penetrating power of the modern rifles are tremendous. The six-inch rifle will hurl its projectile through ten and a half inches of wrought iron a thousand yards from the muzzle. The eight-inch rifle will pierce sixteen and six-tenths inches of iron at the same distance. The ten-inch rifle that the rejuvenated "Miantonomah" will carry will send its missile through twenty-one inches of iron a thousand yards away. The twelve-inch rife, of which we are to have a supply in the future, will penetrate twenty-eight inches of iron at a range of three thousand feet .- New York Mail and Express.

# A successful heresy hunt simply brings its

victim down. It does not prove truth a lie, nor enslave any except a willing conscience.-N. Y. World.

#### CUT RIS TRETH.

A colored brother who was moving down to the city from Albany, was asked by a passenger on the train if he intended to keep chickens when he got settled. "No doubt I shell her mo or less to do wid

chickens sch." was the reply. "but you kin bet yo' life I hain't gwine to leave no fedders scat-tered around de back doah.-Exchange. When the mind reaches the comprehension of the confine of the fourth dimension, it ceases

to be agnostic or materialistic. It comes intoor is born into the science of spiritual phenomena. -Exchange.

A Chinese diplomat who swindled his creditors when abroad, was promptly condemned to death when he reached home. If China ever has a modern banking system the bank cashier will have to walk straight.

#### EDITORIAL TRIAL.

A man came to me lately of very plain mean, But his looks spoke of wrath, and the deepest

chagrin; A woman he brought-such as often are seen-He said: "Here's my wife-here is Mrs. Green-"Now, please, Sir, to tell us, just what 'tis you

"In printing those verses, you hit us I ween." Then we raised up our eyes, which were calm

and serene. And we bowed very low unto each human Grees. And said: Now, my friends, will you keep

And we howed very low dates will you keep And said: "Now, my friends, will you keep down your spleen, "I cannot just think of the verses you've sees; "But if you feel sure that 'tis you that I mean," "Why then you know better than I do, I ween." --G. H. Horr.

That policeman is very faithful. You always nd hlm an his beat Yes; it is lined with saloons.—The Epoch.

"Let your light shine," is a scriptural inju tion that cannot be too strongly impressed on the mind of every intelligent Spiritualist He who stands up for his houest convictions. even though he he in error, is entitled to respectful consideration, and he is most certain to receive it from all fair-minded persons. It is not at all necessary that a believer in our truths should be forever thrusting his opinions and convictions upon others, especially upon those who can not appreciate or understand spiritual truths. But he should ever hold him self ready to defend his bellef, when assailed, and to give information to all honest and hungry souls seeking knowledge upon this, the most momentous subject within the range of human understanding .-- Extract.

Southwest Cor. Plum and McFarland Sts.,

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thing the greater the mistake.

umship has not yet out grown such in that way. things as that, let us hope that our philosophy may yet explain them.

A gentleman, once upon a time, in reccommending a medium to me said: "Go to her; she is honest, she never tells a lie or makes a mistake; go to her and you will sure and get the genuine." Now hair, or a mole, or a wen, or a wort, or a wrinkle; I conclude at once that that are misunderstandings; while there are the spirit world, mediums must if they are honest, reflect them.

> No one can be a medium without becomes to them; whether that influence at it and I am tired of iL" comes from a mundane or a spiritual in this sea than we are with what floats Spiritualism.

It was a long time after I learned the theory before I learned the fact that, ]

He asked me if I ever was tempted to

shade or to embellish a truth, or to sometimes paint the devil a little blacker than he really is, for the sake of moving my argument a few points nearer the front. Of course I confess that I had on many occasions yealed so such temptations. permit me to ask, as I then did, is there He added, that in giving his experience any where on earth, such a medium as in that respect, he knew he was giving that? I seriously doubt whether there that of many other good mediums. I is. You tell me of an honest mirror that have often related this and have heard laden with the perfume of flowers. And thus never reflected a black or a soiled face, dozens of mediums confirm it as their thus, dear Laura, your little life story is writor a distorted countenance, or unkempt experience. Hundreds of others deceive, with other and baser motives.

Oue man who shall be nameless, one I particular mirror either has very little to know to be a good medium but one who do or it is not honest. So a medium is I think had rather palm of an immense but a reflector of the thoughts and fraud on the world than to give the images thrown upon his or her spirit; world a gennine small manifestation, an honest medium will as honestly reflect said to me in answer so a question, the falschoods as truths. Thus while there first time I ever saw him: "Well, I am en-bloomed into a brighter, higher life liars and deformities and mistakes in lyinclined to quit the business." I asked

but that they are correct; I know they ing negative; if negative they pass en have sometimes proved it. I dont like rapport with whatever positive influence to trick, but I know I have been caught

This was said with an air of such apsource. We are now in the bottom of a parent honesty that I really for the time leaves and vines are ever green; where deep atmospheric sea, we live in this sea thought him sincere. Even to-day I flowers are always full blown; where the as fish live in the water, and we are more cannot say that the man is conscious of apt to come in contact with what flosts all the tricks he plays in the name of of brooks are ever making sweet music:

equal chances, more liable to came into | idiosyncrasics that attach to them here the sphere of the minds of the sitters they may have more to do with the dis- eulogy a description of her spirit home.

say that such is not the case.

Possibly not a few of our arisen friends by far the greater proportion of sitters, | may argue as the medium did, from whom who go to mediums and make their own I quoted. Some may think, if we can ploded beneath the Capitoline monucommunciations. I have been taken to by inducing mediums to wear false faces ment, Rome, inscribed to Victor task and reprimanded in terms more and woolen whiskers, cheat somebody Emsnuel, Garibaldi, Cavour and Mazzini, forceful than elegant for saying that into Spiritualism, we have only cheated The monument was not seriously ninety-seven per cent of the communica- them into truth and joys, and out of damaged. The outrage is attributed to tour wite, Jennie Lorish, Henry Bris-tions I have received in the last five sorrows and grief, and so it is well. extremists of the Clerical party.

fulness are the inheritance of the dead. Of

World.

this we may be assured: the dead do not suffer But this assurance takes but little of the edge from the keenness of grief. Poor Laura was cut down in the early morning of young wo manhood. Her brief career was of but twenty seven years duration. It was fitting that being so blameless, so gentle and of so pure a life labor. should leave the scenes of earth in June, when nature is dressed in her holiday attire-when leaves and vines are green, when flowers ar full blown; when the songs of birds and the nurmuring of brooks are making sweet music; when the sunshine is bright and the sir is ten and printed in the type your fingers have a thousand times handled.

"Adieu, dear heart! Your gentle nature made you precious to all of us, and we all and will not be comforted." mourr

Ah, how much more consoling is the Spiritualists' belief-aye, their knowl edge of those but gone before. They would say "Laura is not dead, but aris a materializing medium, but I am strong. and destined to await the coming of her dear ones." We do not weep for those why. "Why," said he, "they accuse me called dead, but for those whose hearts turbances generally stop when an erup-

> -saddened, sorrowed by the thought that the lava stream dangerous. "the light is out." Nay, it is not out, but burning all the brighter, and breathing the purer atmosphere where nature is al-

ways dressed in her holiday attire; where songs of birds and the murmuring where the sunshine is ever bright and above it. Mediums are therefore, under If spirits retain in the other world the the air laden with the perfume of flowers. Yes, brother, you have written in your than they are to reach those from other spheres of existence. It was a long time after I learned the the thought and the soul feel comforted.

A zinc box full of dynamite was ex

Washer women of London are on a strike, having inaugurated it with a

parade. Following it they made an assault on those who would not participate. They demand 84 cents a day for 8 hours

When George III. was King no Engish barrister would have dared make the speech that Sir Edward Clarke uttered in the baccarat case. To denounce

the Prince of Wales as possibly guilty of so shameful an act that he ought to be ment for which was hanging .- N. Y.

NAPLES. A large stream of lava is is-

suing from a new crater of Mount Vesuvius at the base of the central cone. Signor Palmieri, the Director of the Observatory, states that the flow is directly connected with yesterday's earthquake in Lombardy, and that the seismic disof fraud and trickery, and I am not sure are bereaved like this good brother's is tion commences. He does not consider

> TORONTO, Ont. The Methodist Conference recently suspended Rev. James Thompson for one year for preaching the heresy that "there is no material hell." Mr. Thompson, in his sermons, expressed the belief that there was no punishment unsupported by scriptural testimony. BUFFALO, N. Y. When Henry Bristol died his daughter took possession of his property and was sued by jennie Lorish, who claimed to be Bristol's wife. Today she produced in court a document that reads: "This certifies that Henry Bristol, State of New York, and Jennie Lorish, State of New York, were, at her residence, joined together, before God,

in holy matrimony, on August 29, 1889.

The Anthropologist of Bosto suspended publication for the present.

Lake Sunapee camp meeting begins August 2d and closes on the 30th. More anon.

Mrs. Lena Bible entertained a cozy circle at G. A. R. hall on last Wednesday evening with psychometric readings and spirit tests. The latter were highly appreciated by the recipients in view of their excellency.

DO Old subscribers must now watch the tag on the wrapper, as THE BETTER dropped from the army list would have WAY will be stopped promptly at exbeen constructive treason, the punish- piration of subscription if not renewed in time. The increase in business leaves us no time to notify our patrons by pos tal as heretofore.

> An interesting article from Mrs. M. T. (Shelhamer) Longley, the medium of our good old Banner of Light, will appear in next issue of THE BETTER WAY, Mrs. Longley is not only an interesting writer, but an intuitive one-a medium who sees the spiritual of things without effort, for she lives it and in it, and thus reliable as a source of information con-

cerning the beyond. We are pleased to have her appear (in spirit) in THE BET-TER WAY and are sure many of our readers, if not all, are equally so.

The Editor of a popular magazine writes that a communication costing for wrong doers but aunihilation, and \$1.25 to set up was sent by a reader who that the idea that they would be punish- promises to take an extra copy of the ed with perpetual fire was illogical and magazine worth 20 cents if accepted and printed. It was declined, of course. But it is simply due to thoughtlessness that some people act thus, forgetting that a favor should not cost the recipient more than the favor is worth. But courtesy sometimes demands an acceptance even if compelled to give a dollar's notice for a twenty five cents subscription. Self culture is sadly lacking in such people.

At the annual meeting of the Way Publishing Company on the 20th inst. the old Board was re-elected to serve an- by sli Druggists.

THE WHIRLGIG OF TIME.

His first love was full twenty-five: He eighteen when he sought her. When he at forty-five did arrive. He asked for her daughter!---Puck.

"All the energy in the world," said Dr. C. F. handler, in a recent lecture before the Columbis School of Mines, "comes from sunshine. Even the energy in the electric battery that rings the door bells of our homes, has its origin n the, light of the great solar system. The force in the copper wire that sets the bell to ringing comes from the zinc plate in the battery jar. The energy in the zinc plate come from the anthracite coal with which it was burned when taken from the mines and finally, the energy in the anthracite coal was put there by the sunlight that fed and nourished it when it existed, ages ago, as trees and plants."

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# Correspondence.

### Vicksburg, Mich.

The eighth annual camp meeting of Vicks burg, will be held at Frazer's Grove, commencing Thursday, August 6, 1891, and continuing over three Sundays. Good speakers will be in attendance.

All mediums intending visiting this camp, and desire to be advertised please send their JEANETTE FRAZER. names at once to

#### Norman, Ind. Ter.

I lectured in Oklahoma City May 31, June 2, 5, flectured in Oximication a City (vay 3), june 2, 3, 1.11. At the end of the first week's work we organized a society with twenty-six members, In the center of Indian Territorry, surrounded by 75,000 Indians, are about the same number of white men. The latter are a lively people, I assure you; and the former are "limble" to be; ret I feel considerably safer here than in New York or Chicago. I commence a course of lec-tures here in the opera house to-morrow evening. Fraternally, J. MADISON ALLEN.

Parkland, Pa. The National Spiritualist Camp Meeting takes place here from June 14th to September 20th, therefore now open to the public. Among the speakers and medlums are Dr. Willis, Mrs. Glading, Sidney Dean (who speaks on the and, 4th, 5th and 7th of July', Mrs. Lake, R. W. Emerson, A. B. Richmond, Mrs. E. Cutler, J. F. Baxter, Jennie B. Hagan, Mrs. Kates, Mrs. Car rie Twing, Mrs. Allyn and Miss Maggle Gaule. Holel and tent accommodations on the grounds. Ask at any Reading Railway Station in Philadelphia for Spiritualist Camp Meeting tickets.

#### Liberal, Mo.

Your readers have not heard enough about the new camp meeting in this beautiful part of the South.

The North was the first in spiritualistic campmeeting entertainment, but it is not the last. I was surprised to find so lovely a climate, such cool nights, and an entire freedom from all pestiferous little annoyances.

I believe this camp is destined to rank among the very first in the whole land. The junction of the railroads makes it easily reached from every direction, and the grove, right at the depot, is one of the very finest for camp meeting purposes. It is a Catalpa grove, and is so dense that scarcely a ray of sunlight can penetrate it. The octagon-shaped pavilion is a model. There is plenty of good well water and a beautiful little lake on the grounds. Besides a well-appointed dining hall and restaurant, there will be a grocery on the ground to furnish all necessary supplies to such as prefer boarding themselves in their cottages or tents. Another important feature of the camp is a

testy bath house. The management has secured the best of

speaking and mediumistic talent, and a most hearty and enjoyable time is anticipated.

continues until September 15th. E. W. BALDWIN.

### Lily Dale, N. Y.

Our extra course of lectures began June sist we had a goodly number of listeners to both until fall. Yours for the truth, morning and afternoon session in the auditorium. The chairman of the occasion was H. D. Barrett, the gentleman who presides so acceptably for the regular camp meeting, and we were also honored by the presence of the president, Hon. A. Gaston. Both of these gentlemen made a few remarks approving of this new departure in the line of meetings, which have been undertaken or projected by Mr. Stearns Powell with the hearty approval and co-operation of the Association, and yesterday's attendance shows that it meeus the approval of the people who are residents of the grounds at this time, as all such efforts for general good and improvement should.

The lectures were given by my spirit guides and I will only say of them that the people seemed to enjoy them. Music was furnished by Mr. J. T. Lillie, and all feel that we had an auspicious beginning, and we only wish that all the readers of THE BETTER WAY were here with us to enjoy the quiet restful spirit of the place during the week and our little visits from cottage to cottage as the spirit of good will and love prompts us.

#### R. SHEPARD LILLIR. North Jackson, O.

The Mahoning Valley Spiritual Society met at North Jackson on June 14th, and had a suc- viz., call out the people in numbers to listen to

plich, and it was in a valley likewise, where it Chelses, Mass. vas much easier to go up and down than else where, and where I had been up and down prob-ably a hundred times with the greatest case, programs: Morning at 10:45; 1. Singing, Nearalways having been sure-footed on buildings er to Thee; J. Poem, Many Mausions as well as on the ground. But now, when near 3. Song, Love at heart; 4. Lecture, Heaven. the top of the roof, I felt my feet alipping, and What and Where is it, and Who are There? 5. in altempting to turn around in order to slide Song, The Best we Can. Evening at 7:30; down to the gutter, my feet felt as if they were held tightly down to the roof so that I could Song, Who will Guide? 4. Lecture, The Spirit held tightly down to the roof so that I could Song, Who will Guide? 4. Lecture, The Spirit not move them, and I fell with my head and and its Emancipation; 5. Only a Thin Vell; 6. shoulders much lower than my feet, breaking my arm just below the shoulder. We are told albie. This gives the public some idea of the there are no accidents. What was this then? Was it deliberately plauned and carried out? It was heard and repeated by many, but with-held from the party most interested. Whilat I have no doubt that in the end it may prove for the best in a general way, yet these strange inscrutable things seem a menance to everything orderly, and one is led to wonder by what law, by what philosophy, shall we account for these

#### Fraternally, K. HOVEV. Watertown, N. Y.

things?

Spiritualiam in this busy city more than holds its own, and, judging from the marked intelligence and carnest seal of the officers and members of the Literary Club, and the harmony that prevails at the gatherings, the public work is likely to be productive of great and with fostering care and cultivation good. This society has not reached a very place her abreast with the most noted in mature age, but it already exhibits signs of line. At a small circle in my own home, she strength and stability frequently lacking in gave to total strangers some marvelous tests, older societies. Possibly this may be partly proving the identity and continued existence due to the labors of our friend Lyman C. Howe, of their loved ones "gone before." The last whose praise is in everyoue's mouth, as is also Sunday of her engagement Prof. Cadwell gave a the case with Bishop Beals; and it is refreshing benefit to follow the labors of such workers who have left nothing but tender aud affectionate memorics behind them. But I was speaking of the Watertown Literary Club and its prospects, and these are somewhat unique, for the club though young is mainly composed of veteran Spiritual ists who seem determined, as far as humar reason can foresee, to avoid the straits and quicksands of petty jealousles, that all too frequently prove disastrous to many similar undertakings, and have evidently taken for their motto, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, charity, in all things liberty." This club has a good hall, music; kind feelings and brains to appreciate a good thing as is evident by their gift of improvisation, happily exercised, ex-cited the wonder and admiration of all present. warm appreciation of Bros. Howe and Beals. I spoke for them last Sunday, and speak again on Sunday next in the morning and evening.

R. H. KNEESHAW. The attendance at our meetings this month have been very good; composed of intelligent men and women who came as strangers but returned better acquainted with the philosophy of Spiritualism. People here are beginning to realize the fact that it is something better than of the devil, consequently there is a widening interest felt here in Spiritualism. We have had some strong talent with us. Bishop Beals The meeting commences August 15th and has closed his engagement with us for the present. His lectures and tests were excellent, but his inspirational playing and singing is considered by all as superior to any ever heard in this . Mr. Deals leaves for Londonderry, Vt., to fill an engagement there for this month. with pouring rains, but it was needed so much For the next two weeks we have engaged Mr. in the surrounding country that every one R. H. Kneeshaw, of Saratoga, N. Y., to lecture rejoiced, and even under these circumstances for us. This will close our course of lectures

#### C. H. MATTISON, Secretary.

The Spiritual Literary Club of this city for whom I am engaged, have re-engaged me throughout the month of June. We are having good meetiags and what is still better, attentive audiences. At the close of my engagement here I shall answer a call to my old residence, Montreal, Canada.

After my engagement at Montreal I have a few spare dates prior to the Queen City Park camp meeting, where I am engaged for the fourth year in succession. Would like to open correspondence with secretaries and others with a view to engagements in the fall and winter months. Hoping that an enlarged subscription list may amply compensate your enterprise. I am yours fraternally,

R. H. KNEESHAW, c o James Lawrie, 11 Closse st., Montreal, Can-

J. Frank Baxter in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. J. Frank Baxter's labor in St. Louis, Mo. this month, is in every sense of the word, to be reported a success, and a grand success at that. June is a hot month in this city, and it was a matter of great doubt whether could be done in St. Louis what cannot be done in most cities.

#### THE BETTER WAY

REPORTER.

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An exercise in Mediumship, as desired, if pos-

versatility, scope and attractiveness of Mr. Baz-

New York, N. Y.

cessful engagement with the First Bociety of

New York City. I was privileged to listen to the morning lecture, and am proud to know

that added to our long array of talented speak-

gave us words of loving wisdom, is a manner most acceptable, as her delivery is fine and her

innguage choice. Her enruestness and fearless-

ness, coupled with her tender womanliness

forms a winning combination. She should be kept busy. Her abilities as a test mediums

both on the platform and in private are good

place her abreast with the most noted in that

of their loved ones "gone before." The last

benefit entertainment for the society, which relieved Mrs. Stiles from occupying the whole

evening. This meeting closed the season The meetings will be resumed the third Sun-

On Sunday, 7th inst., at the request of Rev.

C. McInery, Mrs. Helen T. Brigham ad-

dressed a large congregation in the Universal-

int Church here, while the pastor 'Rev. McIn-ery preached most acceptably to her Society,

"Spirituatism," defining, illustrating and ex-

pounding in her inimitable manner, holding

her hearers in rapt attention for an hour. Her

Too much credit cannot be given to this fear-

less Universalist minister who has the courage

to invite to his pulpit a well-known advocate

of Spiritualism, because he earnestly desired

to enlighten those ignorant of our cause and

Mrs. Brigham is soon to come to answe

questions by the same congregation, thus the

good seed is being sown, not upon stony soil,

but in a field where some minds are already

The clipping sent herewith from the New

York Tribune is probably in reference to W. S. Davis. The New York Herald made a

silly attack on him some days ago, which cre-

Yours,

"An esteemed cotemporary recently made the

assertion that a certain Brooklyn medium re-

sorted entirely to trickery for the accomplish-

ment of his many feats, but as the accuser neg-

lected to explain how the tricks were done the

statement is of course not substantiated and

therefore unworthy of much notice. It is

rather singular that a newspaper of any stand-

ing should invariably refuse to publish spirit-

ualistic protests on the ground that "they

time print all the rot brought in by mallclous

and incompetent reporters. The first article

claimed that the medium's object in giving se-

ances was not known. The very next issue of

the paper set up the claim that the medium's

object had been known for a number of days.

These contradictory statements make a first-

class falsehood. If any tell-tale letters exist

they were possibly manufactured in a certain

Center street beer saloon where a few journal-

istic mud-slingers are wont to congregate. The

persecuted medium deserves credit for refus-

ing to "fix things right" with a "certain par-

Chicago, III.

It has been our good fortune to spend a few

days among the friends of Spiritualism in this

great city, and we find great interest mani-

are fimsy and uninteresting," and at the same

WM. KING,

to correct erroneous opinions of it.

anxious for the soul food Spiritualism.

ated some sensation here.

which meets regularly in New York City.

ers, Mrs. Stiles stands high on the list.

Mrs Kate R. Stiles has closed a short but suc-

ter and his work.

day in September.

not steep, being but little more than a quarter power in the cause stands J. Frank Baxter, of Bunday, a jubilee meeting in honor of the de feat of that infamous measure known as the For Sunday, June sist, in St. Louis, Mr. Bax Thomas Bill, which was designed to crush out

medlumship in the State of Illinois. The evening found us again listening to the inspired utterences of Mrs. Richmond, who gave a splendid address upon "Mediumship and Legislation." It should have been heard by every legislator and by every Christian bigot in the United States. It was a scathing rebuke of the methods pursued by the enemies of pro-gress, whether in church or state, and was lis-tened to with undivided attention from the first word uttered until the close of the lecture. The hand of Harmony is one of the most in

teresting meetings held in the city, and it is to Spiritualism what the Thursday night prayer meeting is to the Christian Church, with this difference; there is more evidence of im mortality given in any one of these meetings than has been given by the church in morthan fifteen hundred years. One of the most interesting features of these meetings are the poetical readings given by Ouina, through her instrument.

In the absence of Mrs. Richmond the meeting is presided over by Mrs. Anus Orvis, who, under control of Mincouts, is very successful in giving readings and in the interpretation of tongues. No person who has the least harmony tongues. No person who has the least harmony in his soul can fail to be benefitted by at tending the Band of Harmony. As we expect to remain here until the open-ing of Mt. Pleasant Park Catup Meeting we will endeavor to give your readers such items of in-terent as come within our observations from week to week. With C. HODGE.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

The indies of the independent Club held meeting and ice cream festival op Friday evening, June 5th. Miss Weilder playing a plane solo as an opening of the services, and both str. and Mrs. Fletcher having favored us with their presence. Mr. Fletcher was called for ward and made a very pleasant address in his usual manner culogistic of the work, attend auces, etc. Mr. Samuel D. Green read a comic negto prayer, and the ladies served the refresh ments, after which there was some daucing and Mrs. Fletcher closed the evening's entertalument with an address; everyone present By request Mrs Brigham took for her subject feeling glad to have been one of the merry par ty present

The club meetings are largely given over to oclability, and the welcoming of strangers from out of the city and everywhere to our new hall, at 290 Fulton street, where all of the services are held, except the Sunday services which are held at Conservatory Hall, corner Bedford avenue and Fulton street.

Mr. George Deleree opened the Brooklyn Spiritual Conference on Saturday, June 6th Being unprepared his remarks were from the inspiration of the moment and were happily received by the large audience present. The speaker claimed that in speaking with contempt of spirit communion, while all are here in the mortal, we are only closing the doors o our friends when we pass to spirit life our selves, as you cannot expect your friends to be more lenient than you are; hence you may be denied the very privilege that you are now denying to your friends who have proceeded you to the spirit realms. Mr. Deleree was followed by Dr. Van Horn

with a reference to the Thomas bill now before the Illinois Legislature. The doctor read synopsis of the bill and also some newspape comments, of the Chicago local press condemnatory: also made some remarks in the same strain, and some remarks were made by Mrs Ruggles, Mr. Haslam and Dr. Baker. Mrs. Olmstead was then called to the platform and gave a number of good tests, all of which were well received. Mr. Sherk then explained a se ance he had attended during the week where musical instruments were played while being held by some of the ladies of the circle. The president, Mr. S. B. Bogert, closed the services with an exhortation to all present to come to the meeting of the new Lyceum which was to

be started at 3 p. m., on Sunday, June 7th. There has been no children's Lyceum or Sunday-school for the children of Spiritualists in this city for a number of years, and the Brooklyn Spiritual Association having secured the hall with the floor above, at 290 Fulton street an opportunity is now afforded and the ladies have taken advantage of it, and it was com menced on Sunday, June 7th, with a goodly attendance. We will not be able to give the complete organization in this report but hope to a week hence. In the meantime the committee will thankfully receive all books suitable for a Thursday evening, for the first time, we had children's Lyceum from whatever source. Any the pleasure of meeting with the Band of Har- thing of the kind may be sent by mail or exmony, which is an auxiliary to the First So. press, addressed to the Children's Lyceum of the Brooklyn Spiritual Association at Bradbur



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cessful meeting in spite of adverse circumstances which were thrown into our way. It almost brings the blush of shame to us to let the readers of THE BETTER WAY know what a Christian-like people are about here, and again we think your readers should know what kindhearted and Christian-like spirits our people have should say our orthodox friends. On our arrival at the place of meeting, we were surprised to find the gate closed and barred, when, upon inquiring we found that at six o'clock on the evening previous the grove had been posltively refused, having been previously promised in good faith, when, upon further inquiry, we found that our orthodox friends had called upon the lady who possesses the grove, and that at six o'clock on Sunday morning on the same accoupt the town hall was refused us. We could not help but think, poor ignorant souls, they know not what they do. Still, with all these adverse circumstances we had a rousing and successful meeting: for at the residence of Jessie Flaugher we found at least one place which our Christian friends could not block for 126.

The meeting was well attended, and through the mediumship of F. G. Wilson, of Mantus Station, we received a very beautiful and instructive lecture, both in the forenoon and afnoon. Mrs. Wilson was also present and furnished poem and music.

A meeting was appointed for two weeks June 28th, at B O. Barber's Grove in Newton. M F. G. Wilson will lecture on that occasion. Mrs. Wilson will furnish music and poem. There will also be a circle in the evening for the benefit of those who wish to reap those J. W. REICHARD, Sec'y. benefits.

#### Springfield, Mo.

Through some inadvertance there has been no report from our society of Mrs. Klbby's lectures at this place. She was engaged for May and June, and has been giving us some grand lectures, accompanied with platform tests, all of which have been very acceptable, many of the tests being simply astounding. It is this phase which excites the most interest spent in giving these tests than is generally done by our public speakers. At the very commencement of her course she gave me some excellent tests and at the close, warned me of a fall she saw for me in the near future. By some means, and I have never been able to to workmen repairing the roof. The roof was the friends, a favorite before the public, a

xter include even the ciety, or unless it be in grove or openair. While the Mrs. Richmond. audiences here at this season are not those of

the winter, yet what with the heat, and the raised door-fee-asets., it is a surprise, even to the most sanguine, to see the large audiences that assemble, especially in the evening of of interest and delight.

On Sunday, June 14th, Mr. Baxter gave two and appropriate selections in both music and poesy.

The morning lecture embodied telling experiences of the speaker, and that of the evening was in answer to the flippant and thoughtless question as pertains to Spiritualism among the prejudiced or indifferent: "Well, what does it amount to, anyway?" This lecture on "The practical benefits of Modern Spiritualism" was a masterpiece, and replete with facts, solid in argument, and seemingly exhaustive in treatment. The very large assembly showed decided appreciation and freely applauded. It ought to be said, too, that the audience was,

in many respects, a representative one, Mr. Baxter having called out noticeably many from the best society-lawyers, doctors, teachers, solid and business-capacitated men-who, after listening, showed their interest and gave countenance by seeking Mr. Baxter at the close, taking his hand in congratulation, and extending cordial invitations to him to their homes. to lunch or dine, to drive and for social converse.

Never was a more remarkable public seance of its nature given from a St. Louis platform at least, if anywhere, than that by Mr. Baxter, as medium, on this Sunday in report at the close of the evening address. Mr. Baxter,

says that rarely is it that he is able to offer such remarkable evidence as on this occasion. Name after name, circumstance after circumstance, detail after detail were accurately given by the spirits, as Mr. Baxter said, of their names and events in their mortal lives. The internal evidence portrayed, the ready recognitions and acknowledgements on the part of with her audiences, consequently more time is strangers present, who freely and publicly spoke out, all point to the truthfulness of Mr. Baxter's claims.

In this report we would not flatter Mr. Baxter, we would disparage no other medium or worker; but certainly, even though there may be superior lecturers, singers that can excel, understand why I did not hear it or did not get mediums who may surpass, yet we do no the slightest influation of it, my two daugh- know of the combination of all these enviable ters who were present likewise failed to hear it. gifts in one person as in Mr. Baxter, and here-This warning was repeated in the presence of in-in this versatility, for he is a host in himseveral friends who heard and understood it, self-is possibly, probably the gentleman's and this just before it happened. Yet to this great success. There surely is but one Baxter, warning were my cars also dumb. I think it and he is s power on the spiritual platform, was the next day after this last warulug was and most fortunate is the association or socie given that I had occasion to go upon the roof of ty which finds him on its slate secured for pubmy daughter's house to give some instructions lie work in its interests. A gentleman among

who have for their speaker the note

fested in the various meetings.

ty.

On Sunday morning, this lady, by the insplration of her guides, gave an admirable discourse upon the topic, "The Perfect Day." Her guides pictured in glowing colors the beauties and harmonies of the perfect day when humaneach Sunday, and to witness the manifestation ity should become one harmonious brotherhood; when all should seek the good of all and

selfishness be dethroned; when humanity excellent discourses, accompanied by beautiful everywhere should live the life of the spirit. and thus furnish conditions for the spirit world to mingle freely with earths's inhabitants, and death, so-called, should no longer mean the separation of loved ones, but friend should

mingle freely with friend though one had crossed the border land and the other still remained an inhabitant of the earth plane. The afternoon found us at Bricklayer's Hall,

Peoria street. This meeting, presided over by Brother Jenlfer, always proves an attraction, and is usually well attended. After singing, the president called upon Dr. J. H. Randall, who gave a forceable address upon the "Practical in Spiritualism," declaring that the spirit world intended to establish the reign of justice and brotherhood, and they would not cease their efforts until this had been accomplished. He was loudly applauded at the conclusion of his die? It is because we have not solved death, remarks, and was followed by Will C. Hodge, and what our friends are doing after they have who heartily seconded the doctor's remarks, declaring that Spiritualism meant a radical change in the affairs of men, politically, socially and financially. That it does not mean the establishment of another sect for human-

ity to quarrel over, but its purpose is to spirit ualize the human family everywhere, and to is best for us, inaugurate the reign of justice, fraternity and love.

Mrs. G. F. Perkins, of San Francisco, then took the floor and after a few carnest words, passed under control of her guides and gave numerous tests and descriptions of spirit friends to persons in the audience.

Mrs. Maud Lord Drake being in the audience was carnestly called for and cheerfully responded, saying she had lost none of her interest in the cause, but on the contrary Spiritualism was ever new and the cause still dearest to her. She closed with some grand tests of spirit presence and power.

Remarks and tests were given by others whose names we did not learn, and the meeting closed with a slate-writing scance by Mrs. De Wolf and her guides, which was perfectly satisfactory to the audience.

A number of communications were received that were gladly responded to by the reciplents.

F. N. Foster, the spirit photographer, wa present with many beautiful specimens of his art. This gentleman is located here for the month; is receiving generous patronage and giving satisfaction. Some of his pictures are, to say the least, wonderful.

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The services at Conservatory Hall Sunday evening, June 7th, were memorial to the friends who have passed to spirit life, the platform and tables being decorated with boquets of flowers. Mr. Fletcher devoted most of the eve ning to tests of the presence of the spirit from a lock of hair or photograph. Letters of friends who presented themselves. Opening the services with a few remarks, explanatory of the service, the speaker saying there was a time when their lives were a part of your life

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you they are lost. You know your lost one was

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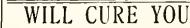
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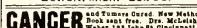
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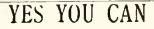




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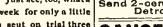
in accordance with your proposed standard Heaven would be no heaven to one accustonied to a life in the slums unless there was a locality of slums in heaven. Your enjoyments here

will be your enjoyments there; hence the importance of a life of purity and love now. After the opening remark Mr. Fletcher gave numerous tests of spirit presence, every one of which

were more than ordinary pointed and all were recognized. Praternally, DOCTOR.

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Naught but doubt for all our pains: Unravel the riddle, its meaning scan-This wonderful being whom we call man.

In papyrus rolls, Egyptiau lore, Long-hidden the pent-up secrets store, And prophecy alone shall make it plain, Of whither going, and whence he came. The lengthening years but add to misty doubt To searching minds it seems past finding out Yet mouldering tomes contain the knowledge TATE-

In Cleopatra's time, the queen so false and fair. In secret runes, by divination sage, Was told the tale of future heritage; But age on age has colled away, Since runic wisdom saw the light of day. A stronger race, in greed of lust and power. Suppressed the root from which should spring

the flower-The light, to groping man a beacon, For which the hoping world is seeking.

Murmurs faint and sweet upon the breezes ride;

Fair Isis ismiles; in vain, ye priests to sten the tide.

Again shall be unveiled the knowledge rare, Once hoarded with such conscious care-To drearvigloom, in ancient times immured Man's heritage is now again assured. From out the mist a twilight gleam appears. Dispelling all man's shrinking doubt and feats

Written for The Better Way TRANSLATIONS. ROSETTE KLEIN.

We can penetrate into the depths be low us until we arrive at inert matter, but how far above us may not be the summit of the holy pyramid of the Great All, where ]the highest unfolding and magnificence of nature is concentrated into one grand whole. Astronomers can calculate the lyast course of the comet through the heavens, from a small portion of the same, but by calculating the distance from inert matter to the spirit's knowledge of its own existence, or from the lower plane of thought to the highest inspiration of man, who can form an idea of the Most High, the last, from whom everything concentrates and becomes unity.

How numerous may not be the grades of beings between ourselves and Him whom we spirits on earth call God; God in All, All in God, All and One!

A pious awe, but at the same time i God-like ecstacy overcomes me at the thought of the Unutterable. Yes, I, even I, am a ray of God-am his-and God is also in me.-Zschokke's Selbstschau.

The earth life is but a state of probation and preparation in which every thing has reference to another world, we sow here, to reap in a mysterious future; the actions of every hour of our life here, will affect our good or evil destiny in eternity. Here must we decide what shall become of us there. Here must we accustom ourselves to think heavenly, in order that we may there be able to appreciate the joys and occupations of heaven's inhabitants. Here must our souls be freed from every impurity and

has hushed everything to repose, excepting only the unwearled crows who caw in the congenial and mating darkness and the alert and vigilant watch-dog which sentinels, unpaid policeman though he be, the family dwelling. Daylight awakes the sound and re freshed slumberers to the daily recurr

ing places, while the brooding darkness

ing duties which await each day. Thus the darkness is now behind, and the activities of life begin anew their censeless round.

Teacher.

THOUGHTS. ALUE LINDSAY LYNCH

Perusing a friend's letter, who gave as her opinion: "I think after we have been in a disembodied condition from two their own chambers many bitter tears hundred to two thousand years, we will had been shed. be glad to come to this earth as one of its inhabitants again, and that our most exalted desires and aspirations are but the assurance from the wise invisible out of the flesh have as many theories as Spiritualism and reform, that as the mortals. Reflecting on this thought leads me to believe that the truest thing all who first essay the lecture field must sion every one learned, and is also evidence that progression must go forward with each soul as long as immortality cal conditions. lasts-which, of course, should be forever to constitute immortality. Spiritualism proves continued life after the your columns, and shall be understood change we call death, but I think each as not disdaining true sympathy accordhow things move on in eternity. Yet I not from mere pity. And as appreciaan able to look forward with a degree of tive of the spirit which no doubt anisatisfaction to what I may find beyond, mated the writer of the article in ques for I will meet loved ones. But I can tion. endure what they pronounce as "a better

Still I cannot accept at present the disembodied and re-embodied theories, although I have read "The soul in human embodiments." And one thing seemed tolerably certain-from replies received from spirits to the question: "Do you wish you could be back in the flesh,"and that is that it requires some years to bring spirits to a desire for the next human embodiment. Why is this if it benefits the soul?

condition."

I have also read, but now, Frederick F. Cook's "Soulism" in Progressive Thinker. I felt to exclaim, O, I wish I knew! But I do not know. I do not even know that I see much sense in that which he knows. I seem unable to conclude anything but that if Mr. Cook and others have the matter down fine, it must be because he and they have passed through more-how many who can affirm-"human embodiments" than I or the vast majority of beings or souls, therefore, that number ahead and near the angel state of existence. And I think this being the case, the "Soulismites" cannot help knowing, nor can I and the vast majority help our not knowing that which they know. I conclude that I have progressed in "human embodiones.

Since entering public life I can so well FOR SALEappreciate the feeling of others; those who have had some physical peculiarity or deformity which induced public comment and curiosity. Which has been in the experience of such as Rev. Anua Shaw, Susan B. Anthony and others. I once attended a reception given Miss Shaw by the E. S. A., where she gave some incidents of her own life and other illustrious women with whom she has been intimately connected.

She mentioned her own physical con Surely, "in the sweat of his brow man dition which barely escaped being that shall cat his bread." - Learner and of a dwarf, and how Susan B. Authony's crooked eye and long fingers had been commented upon in public print. And while apparently these cruel shafts hurled at them from the public press were by them ignored, yet in the privacy of

However, my own constitution is such as time will greatly obviate, for I have

prophecies of what will be in the sweet ones who employ my organism to assist by and bye," led me to think that spirits in disseminating the grand truths of great struggle which I in common with spirits can vouch for is that by progres- undergo ceases, thus relieving the strain upon the nervous system, I shall in a great measure throw off present physi

Trusting I may be pardoned for intruding so much of a personal nature in soul will have to live an eternity to know ed me as to all humanity's children, and LENA BIBLE.

Written for The Better Way.

My Kingdom, LISLE R. SANTON

was worried and disgusted with humanity; With mortal pride, with confidence betrayed So, to the bright realms of fancy's immensity For solace and pleasure of thought I strayed. First, I made a grand world, ever temperately heated.

Then peopled it with folks of perfection; Lastly, drove chauge from my kingdom, and completed

By making a tour of the whole for inspection Ah, me' I met one-not of my invention sure

ly-Who queried, "what will you do with your kingdom?"

'Oh' it was created to suit my fancy, purely, 'Tis nought but thought, 'twill dissipate like

--ringdom-Ah! but thought is something, your ideals must remain

As statutes men may make on earth-soulless things-

like them, to be disintegrated as laws ordnin And you must abide the consequence it brings.

Attracted to other parts-still children of your brain-

To many, as lifeless shells, they may have no merit; 'ou may study a long time, before this ideal

Irain Be disintegrated by law, in the realms of

spirit." And Yet She Can't Vote ! The wretch who would deny woman the ballot on the ground that she is not ments" as fast as my soul has been able shrewd and steadfast enough to vote the to "shut back doors and open front unscratched ticket without qualm or question-let him read this from the



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selfishness which would be cast off as froth by the pure ethereal streams of that life.

flere may we commence a life of bliss. which will there become perfected; even here may our spirits, like that of Euoch, dwell with God, whom we are destined to comprehend more clearly in eternity. -Wieland.

#### AFTER DARK. 1. D. SHERWOOD

How gently and mercifully every evening do the fingers of God draw the cool, unfolding curtains of darkness over and around the weary and toil-exhausted laborers of the earth and their co-workers, the hard-worked animals. As the shadows of the trees lengthen and stretch themselves out eastward as the sun sinks away in the west, and its great lamp is extinguished, the gaslamps in cities and villages are lighted, and the domestic lamp in ten thousand homes welcoming with the cheerful light the weary toilers from field, shop, counting room and desks. Glad wives and daughters, themselves working indoors all day at the various domestic duties involved in house-keeping, greet with welcoming lips and voices husband, sons and brothers. The evening meal-the teathe best of all the feasts of the day-is soon prepared, and around the well-filled table all the family gather, grace is reverently asked and thanksgivings rendered, when with plenteous talk, accounts of the incidents of the day and neighborhood news interjected with hearty laughter, the much-enjoyed meal is partaken. Around the evening lamp books, papers and magazines are read, games played by the juniors of the household, songs are sung to accompaniment of the piano, banjo or violin. Visitors are greeted and entertained, and all too quickly bed-time comes, and family worship-that "divine bolt of the family door," as some one has justly described it-is reverently performed by the entire household, parents, children and servants, and "good nights" dismiss the tired group to their respective chambers | tellectual powers I may possess. to seek

"Tired nature's sweet restorer, baimy sleep."

Early in the evening in the country with me owing to said physical weakand country villages the cows were ness. True, I do require her assistance driven in from the fields and milked, the but were it otherwise should desire a young and feeble stock housed for the chaperon, and besides we could not and night; the fowls seek their lodgings in would not be separated as my traveling over a sent. The paper is seut on trial three the trees, on the fences or in their rest. without her would necessitate.

and to grasp these possible truths, hang himself:

Doesn't it seem hard that all do not pro gress evenly and alike. It's not quite pleasant to think that possibly I may be thousands of years striving for their present light before I attain their present state of knowledge and perfection, and all the while these friends, for some of them are dear ones, will be sweeping onward, nearing angelbood.

And I question: Will I, some day, be able to wield a pen in wisdom to these Soulismites? I do not know, Who does But I seem to know, what I said at first, eternity alone can demonstrate all truths.

NOT AILING IN SPIRIT. To the Editor of The Better Way

In the issue of June 13th, appears a re port referring to my "physical ailment," and soliciting sympathy for me on that score, a thing which I positively object to, only wishing justice accorded me in the kind, meek, gentle, tender, humble, amisame ratio that other speakers and mediums receive it-according to the merit of work,

Indeed am unable to understand why I am more an object of sympathy than are others. Certainly those who have witnessed my public work have observed nothing on the rostrum even approaching the appearance in me of a "cripple" which, bowever, I am not; my difficulty being only weakness of those muscles brought into requisition in arising from a chair, ascending steps, etc., induced by nervous fevers, and my medial labors I believe are accomplished with as little inconvenience or fatigue as most others experience. Therefore, since I hold this ability and power, am 1 not fairly equipped in the great struggle for existence; aud to engage in the glorious labor of striving to assist humanity to a higher and more spiritual plane? It is not sympathy on the score of physical condition that will assist me to become a better instrument for the spirit world, but opportunity to exercise and bring into practice the inherent, spiritual and in-

In the objectionable paragraph it is

also mentioned that my mother travels

I try so to know. I want so to learn | Helena (Mont.) Journal, and then go and

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### TIMELY TOPICS. L BUCKSHOR

The recent elevation of the Earl of clancarty to the peerage shows the ridiculousness of applying hereditary principles to politics. With no qualifiand dissolute life be such, England has placed a man in a body of legislature to essist it in into a position that is exthan one-tenth are in constant sttendance, save last week when curiosity seeks prey for gossip, the lords temporal and spiritual made their appearance in great strongly opposed to innovation as the an effective barrier against measures feeling that this body is an unnecessary relic of the past, has been intensified by make the system which honors an accithan the merit and genius of true worth, take its last step on the road of democracy by sbolishing the throne and the House of Lords. .

One of the best contributions to the magazine literature of the current month, is a paper by Carl Schurz on Abraham Lincoln in the Atlantic Monthly; a story, told therein, of Lincoln, affording a conceit of some of his cabinet members. Chicago convention had soured the temper of these two men. This was greatly increased, says Mr. Schurz, when they saw this western man in the White House clinging to him, meeting his fellowdeportment, and dealing with the great They knew thee not, who set thy bounds business of State in an easy-going, unmethodical, and an apparently irreverent way. It was impossible for Seward, who considered himself as Secretary of State Abhorred the baseness of such servitude next to the executive, to understand a Blindness saw thee spurn the hith of lucre man who would clinch all his arguments by a story "about a man in Sangamon County." At the end of the first month Seward thought it was necessary to res- Save by a kindred soul whose greatness kne cue the direction of public affairs from No thong of purse e er yet to blad such unskillful hands, and submitted a "memorandom" of demands to Lincoln. In it he told him that the government was still without a foreign and domestic policy; that the slavery question should be eliminated from the struggle about the Union; that an explanation should be demanded from Spain, France, Great Britain and Russia, and if no satisfactory replies were had, war declared against them; etc., and that this policy should be directed and incessantly pursued by somebody; and if the President could not do it himself he should devolve the direction of the same upoh some cabinet member; all debate on this policy prohibited.

The interpretation of this "memorandom" was the demand that the President should acknowledge his own incompetency to perform his duties, and content himself with the amusement of distributing post office positions, says Mr. Schurz. It is incomprehensible to him how Seward could fail to see that this demand was an insult, and that by placing it on paper he put himself into the of the man he had insulted; and had Lincoln dismissed him, giving the reason, it would have possibly ended his political career. But Lincoln did what not many of the noblest and greatest men would have been noble and great enough to do. He ignored the insult, pointed out his domestic policy as outlined in his inaugural address; his foreign as contained in the Government's dispatches. The demand for foreign war he ignored entirely, but thus firmly established his supremacy and superiority. Seward, says Mr. Shurz, "must have felt that he was at the mercy of a superior man; that his offensive proposition had been generously pardoned as the temporary aberration of a great mind, and that he could atone for it only by devoted personal duty." This he did; and when strong pressure was brought to secure his removal, Lincoln stood up loyally for his Secretary of State. The concluding estimate of Abraham Lincoln in the paper is worthy of reproduction and preservation: To the younger generation Abraham Lincoln has already become a half-mythical figure which, in the haze of historic distance, grows to more and more heroic proportions, but also loses in distinctness of outline and feature. This is indeed the common lot of popular he roes: but the Lincoln legend will be more than ordinarily apt to become fanciful, as his individuality, assembling seemingly incongruous qualities and forces in a character at the same time grand and most lovable, was so unique, and his career so abounding in startling contrasts. As the state of society in which Abraham Lincoln grew up passes away, the world will read with increasing wonder of the man who, not only of the humblest origin, but remaining the simplest and most unpretending of citizens, was raised to a position of power upprecedented in our history; who was the gentlest and most peace-loving of mortals, unable to see any creature suffer without a pang in his own breast, and suddenly found himself called to conduct the greatest and blocdiest of our wars; who wielded the power of government when stern resolution and relentless foice were the order of the day, and then won and ruled the popular mind and heart by the tender sympathies of his nature; who was a

weeping social revolution of our time; who preserving his hemely speech and rustic manner even in the most conspicuous position of that period, drew upon himself the scoffs of tion of the planet itself, and all the active polite society, and then thrilled the soul of powers of the elements had been harnessed to mankind with utterances of wonderful beauty the engines of these wonderful people. • • mankind with utterances of wonderful beauty ations whatever, except a weak mind and grandeur; who, in his heart the best friend of the defeated South, was murdered because a crazy fanatic took him for its most cruel enemy; who, while in power, was beyond measure lampooned and maligned by sectional passion tremely farsical. Of the 600 members of and an excited party spirit, and around whose the English House of Lords rarely more ther bare along a gather to praise him-which the greatest of Americans and the best of men

Some of our daily papers are much incensed at the failure of the English numbers. Strictly conservative and papers to recognise in the marriage of an American girl to Sir W. G. Cummings majority are, they seldom are able to put elements of the heroic and noble. In the face of his degration and the verdict coming from the Commons. The strong of being guilty of dishonesty, she refused to cast him off. We will not deny it. It is to be regretted that these qualthe unsavory revelations of the circles of ities should have been expended on title the beir-presumptive, which may soon and dishonesty and not on the dignity and nobility of manhood. The condemdent of birth as of higher distinction nation of the English press should be in less unmeasured terms, as it too well knows that senseless distinctions and meaningless titles are the aims of many un-American women. An alliance of this nature is seldom productive of true hap-

piness. It is a bargain of time; not a bond of eternity. Far too many divorce proceedings plead for a purer, higher conception and application of marital duties. When less heed is given to purse beautiful illustration of the kindness and and more to manhood; when toil and magnanimity of him under the trying temperance and thrift are exalted into circumstances of the dictatorial zeal and virtues of happiness, our divorce court will cease to be a catch-basin for the In overlooking Seward and Chase, the unhappy currents of ill-made marriages. There is no standing higher than an honest man. A pure man is the strong man. Blessed be the woman whose noble heart and strong mind recognizes the abjectwith his rustic manner and speech still ness of being tethered to an unloving nature by purse strings. Rich in the citizens, high and low, on a footing of strength of the sympathy of the universe, equality with the simplicity of his good no poverty of love and unhappiness shall nature, devoid of conventional dignity of mar her duty of life-the labor of love: Within the narrow realm of purse, And marked Life's lapse by girt of gold; Nor knew how the pure, strong soul, Free from the greed and creed of gold, From the purer precincts of thy heart And bade it cringe in shame;-But still they knew thee not.

Misunderstood, condemned, But basely bound a slave to lave a slave.

Amos K. Fiske,' author of "Talks at the Midnight Club," has just issued a and was one of the Club under whose mah, where his body lies buried. In volume bearing the title, "Beyond the Bourn." The author purports to have Kausas City, the meeting was especially was celebrated by the Baptist churches received the manuscript from a friend, pleasant and gratifying to me. I made at Malden, Mass., his birthplace. In the who in a mood of confidence one day imparted to him the history of it and also gave his consent to its publication. This friend's life had been one of uncommon felicity until in very rapid succession death robbed his household of the physical presence of father, mother, wife to four years ago. Schweinfurth, the new and child. The calamity of such weighed Christ, was making a small sensation, down the strong hope and buoyant and some good Christians were threatmood: and in this abstract, melancholy ening to mob him. They want to mostate of mind, he is injured by a railroad accident, picked up for dead, though furth gets a following of women as Jesus really in a conscious trance condition, in did, and the modern remedy for such which he remains for several days. While "blasphemy" is not the cross, but "tar in this condition his soul has access to and feathers" for the glory of God! the realms of the dear departed. Here he again is embraced in the loving circle

cautious conservative by temperament and had been pressed into service to supply the mental habit, and led the most sudden and most effective motive power. Not only elec-Colfax is a romantic place, with a noted tricity but also the expansive force of many solid, liquid and gaseous substances, the force of gravitation, power of the solar light, the mo

> There was but one language spoken, and that was penned and perfected in the process of the ages from the choicest elements of all the tongues that had originally come into use in various regions and therefore was the mosconsummate medium for expressing though that thought itself could devise. No one cared longer for great accumulations. Everyone had all he needed or desired, and used it to secure the means of real happiness by promoting the development of his own character and gratifying his noblest tastes, while finding it essential to his happiness also to see that others had an opportunity of doing the same thing. There are no longer any costly faues specially devoted to worship, and there is scarcely suy-thing that can be called uublic worship. • • thing that can be called public worship. There is no dread of death, for all know that it

is not a calamity. The function of the fleshly has been fulfilled. The soul is prepared to live without it, and puts it off most gladly." Where Mr. Fiske received his descrip tions of spirit realms it might not be impossible to state, as there are occasional flashes from between the lines suggesting that he has not told all he knows. Yet what fantastic garb truth doth often wear.

### Written for The Better Way. ITINERANT ETCHINGS, LYMAN C. HOWE

Skipping from St. Louis to Kausas City, I met a few of the old friends and some new ones at the pleasant home of A. E. Beggs, 922 Cherry street, where music and social interchange made the hours light and swift, and brought the echoes of four years ago fresh and tangible to memory. The sweet good will that always pervades the lives of true and introduction describing her method Spiritualists made the occasion restful of passing under spirit influence when and bracing. Small souls rankling with about to write, and twelve exceedingly petty prejudices and jealous suspicions do not represent the spiritual light, and do not gravitate to such places on such occasions. Music exalts, and those who share and appreciate it are attuned to the superior sentiments and feel the glow of fraternal harmony and spiritual tional, and was educated at Bradford emancipation. On the evening of my arrival I was reminded that it was just three years to an hour since I took my leave of these faithful friends for other fields of labor.

As I had not thought of the day or Burmah, Dr. Judson and wife both being the hour of my going this return on the missionaries to the Burniese Empire. same day and hour was something of a She has a brother buried at Serampore coincidence. By another pleasant coin- near Calcutta. Her mother passed to cidence, on the evening of my arrival, spirit life while in the harbor of St. Dr. Granville and wife spent the even- Helena, and the body was interred in ing with us, though not aware of my that illustrious island, where the remains presence until they arrived. As Dr. of Napoleon Bonaparte once rested. Dr. Granville is brilliant, social and spiritual, Judson, her father, passed over in Bur-

auspices I served for thirteen months in August, '88, the centennial of his birth an effort to find Col. Vanhorn, but he fall of 1887 Miss Judson became a Spirit eluded me-not intentionally, however, ualist, having been induced to attend a as he did not know I was in town. The heavy rains prevented my seeing all I at the first three or four sittings, but acwould had it been pleasant. But Kansas cepting the testimony of others present City is very quiet now, in great contrast nopolize the Christ business and Schwein-

was eighteen hundred years ago. Bigots livered a series of lectures which are of his family; old friendships renewed against brains. Stupidity generates compiled in this book. They are a and new ones formed. Mr. Fiske's strife. Ignorance, the mother of sin, lucid, clear exposition of not only her friend remembered some of the details fills weak natures with prejudice and reasons for embracing Spiritualism, but of the accident and sufferings, and then judges all by its darkness. Jealousy and of Spiritualism itself, and is a book which by the aid and in the light of the accident and sufferings, and then judges all by its darkness.

mineral well and about 1,200 citizens, and a good spiritual society. Mr. Rothermel did some good work here and left a good impression so far as I learn. J. H. Randall has spoken here

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that they got something gratifying, she continued her visits and was at one of the seances suddenly confronted by a friend whom she supposed dead-buried. This led to further tests and in a short time she found herself writing under spirit dictation. Taking active part in the spiritualistic cause she soon found herself speaking at meetings. She then organized a society in Minneapolis which Human nature is about the same it is now in a flourishing condition and de-

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the realm of spirit. Here is his descripimmortality:

I had no body, and yet felt my identity, my personal presence with a completeness and intensity that was not altogether new. I saw no and heard not in the earthly sense; and yet my knowledge of my surroundings and of the presence of others was far more distinct than bodily sight or hearing could make it. We spake not with tongues of fiesh, we heard not with ears of flesh, and yet our communication was so perfect that I marveled as at a new birth. The soul was freed from the impediment of the flesh, it acted without the cumbersome instrumentality of physical organs, and its action was full and free. \* " I found that the unlimited expanse of the universe was the home of the disembodied spirit, which could range at will in the wide, free spaces of the heavens. It could indeed visit any of the roll ing worlds, which without number peopled the

boundless region, but with their actual substance occupied so small a portion of its im mensity.

It is Robert Ellis, a boyhood friend with a friendship that proved stronger than the dissolving power of death, who conducts the newly-arrived soul through the beauties of the spirit realms. Here is no conception of time as it delights in the higher state. Life's earth experience is supplemented by grander truths and greater wisdom. Happiness neither on earth nor heaven consists of eternal idleness, but in "the constant activity of the spirit in a realm which affords it unlimited scope and inexhaustible fields." No hell is here; but a soul whose earth-life has been marred is an object of pity and tenderly cared for by loving spirits. With no other effort than the exercise of volition they glided through space as fast or slow as the spirit willed:

I learned from my friend, who had often visited this world, that all the forces of Nature

a time, of what duration he could not spite breed in perverted minds and pedtell, "which might have been moments dle poison for the greedy appetite of both interesting to Spiritualists and to and might have been ages," he became professional scandal mongers, and hap- investigators, and is especially comconscious of renewed existence and the py Christians "roll it as a sweet morsel presence of other beings. As he looked under their tongues." But this moral initiates into Spiritualism. Miss Abby around he saw he was surrounded by his disease is not limited to Christians. It Judson and her book are a gem and an beloved ones-he then knew he was in "is no respecter of persons," except that honor to our cause.

it always attacks those who have the evil tion of the dawn of the reality of the soul's taint in their mental temperament. With people of good moral constitution it is

not contagious. Bigots are born, not made. Cynics and social scavengers inherit their moral appetites and putrid their attention in the recent death of sentiments from the old ferment in the jeweller in Bucyrus, O. For many years cesspools of spiritual debauchery. Spir- it has been the office of a skilful German itualists are not always exempt from the watchman, named Frank Kehrer, to atcontagion. But all who are truly inspired with its divine light and love rise superior to all the blasting miasms generated in the desert of religious dark- his careful attention, has been keeping ness and distilled from animal instincts of primitive ages. Generous toleration ing recently the timepiece struck 5, and and charitable construction of human actions and motives, characterize all well developed Spiritualists. A large portion of church people have outgrown the persecutive spirit. Many nominal Spiritualists still illustrate it in their conduct. mented upon the subject and its aged

A liberal church man is preferable to a bigoted Spiritualist.

Leaving Kansas City Saturday morning, June 6th, I reached Colfax, Iowa. about 10:15 p. m., and on Sunday spoke to a fine audience of intelligent people. At the close of the meeting a fine looking gentleman said he had never been time. The hands pointed to 12.02 When able to get satisfactory evidence of post- S. G. Smith, son of the late Senator, bemortem life through spiritual phenome- gan housekeeping in Wheeling, his ua. But last winter he was thoroughly father gave him a family clock which he converted by listening to a sermon from had always attended to himself. After a Presbyterian minister in Cincinnati. That minister has much to answer for. He has converted a skeptic to the truth Mr. Smith turned to his mother and of Modern Spiritualism!

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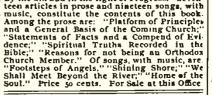
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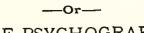
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are given to tracing the laws of coincideuces will find an interesting subject for tend to the town clock. During the past few months the health of Mr. Kehrer has been poor and the clock, deprived of indifferent time. One Monday morn-Wilbram's Wealth a few moments it stopped. Early risers who heard the chime affirm that there was something indescribably weird and peculiar about it. Late risers, noticing the clock hands pointing to 5.05 comguardian. Later in the day the news spread that Mr. Kehrer's condition had suddenly become worse and that he had died at 5.05 that morning.

When the late State Senator B. J. Smith of Hancock County, W. Va., passed away, his family looked at his watch to see the the funeral Mr. Smith returned to Wheeling. As soon as he saw the clock sister and asked them if anything in the We have allies in the church. Let us room had attracted their attention.



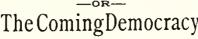
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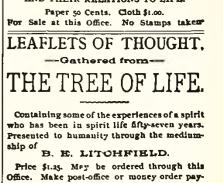


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PREFACE-The present issue is a contribution to the literature of the social and economi questious dealt with, and which are appealing with ever increasing force to the intellect and emotion of man to-day. Education, justic and honor are the foundations of progress. In the end industry and worth will win their just reward. Some day Welgood Wilbram's drean may become a sober fact. As for the rest-the pages tell the tale.

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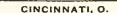


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Owing to the unpleasant heat on Sunday las church-goers were scarce generally; and G. A. R. Hall, where the Union Society of Spiritual-ists hold services, was no exception to the rule of the day, though the morning services was us, considerably better attended than the evening service. This, however, did not prevent Mrs. Lens Bible, the efficient speaker for the month, from carrying out her usual program, and interesting hearers with her inspirations, improvisations and select quotations, the latter be-

paragraphs and sections in her address which lent additional interest to it and bespoke of her wonderful memory, an enviable gift. Mrs. Bible's morning subject was a sort of a should have been heard by orthodox people as an eye-opener. The evening subject was a good

sequel to it, and equally interesting. Among the questions were "Is it your opintuition," and "Is Materialization true?"

"Certainly," answered Mrs. Bible with an emotion of good humor, to the first question; "it is not only our opinion that spirits com-municate and aid us, but we know it," and then gave a satisfactory dissertation on the Pleasant and from your friend, subject, which closed the morning lecture. Tests and psychometric readings followed later, which seemed to interest not only those receiving them but lookers-on as well.

The other two questions were answered at first question she answered, there are a great day, August 2d, and closing Sunday, August the close of the evening's discourse. To the many forms of materialization. There are many forms of materialization. Intere are those of thought; there are those in nature: and those of spirit. The latter she sup-posed was meant. But neither she nor her guides could speak absolutely on the subject, is they had never witnessed any; though there is no doubt that it is true, and as experience is the best teachers, every one should make himself acquainted with the fact personally. Intuition, she said, is spiritual perception, and an effect of the spiritual development of man. Sympathy is an aid to its unfoldment. Those who have the most sympathy, therefore, are the foremost in spiritual perception or dispensers of truth.

Mrs. Bible lectures for the last time next Sunday morning and evening, and it is hoped that a larger attendance will greet her on these oc' casions. After that the services of the Union Society will be closed for the summer; though the hall is open to other societies or parties who may have something to offer to the public. For terms apply to Mr. I. S. McCracken, corner Fifth and Walnut streets.

The Ladies Aid of the Union Society met June 19th, after the business meeting, when Mrs. Lena Bible addressed the ladies briefly and expressed sympathy with the work, and giving words of encouragement for its continuance, after which she was controled by her little spirit guide, "Claresia," who gave a a number of tests of a very convincing and entertaining nature. Some received descriptions who declared that never before had they been so fortunate since their attendance at our hall.

One old lady from the spirit world was described as showing her old-fashioned tes set, and in a quaint way inviting all to partake of the pointual tes she had come to "brew". The details of the descriptions were all accurately filled in and recognized with many exclamations of wonder by the recipient.

The writer has had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Lena Bible during her sojourn here. and finds her ever ready to give some token or message from loved ones gone before, for she has conducted a number of circles, both at my house and that of other friends which have elicited much praise for her, and been produc-tive of much benefit and enjoyment to those participating therein. Also her private readings give universal satisfaction. Indeed can only sum up the prevailing opinion of Mrs. Bible by saying that as an eloquent speaker on Spiritualism and reform topics of the day she ranks among the foremost on the spiritual rostrum. As a psychometric reader her equal has never been seen in our city, and as a spirit test and descriptive medium she has no superior. MRS. R. B. DECHANT.

#### Lake Pleasant.

Perhaps a few words from this little city of cottages by the lake might interest some of your many readers, so I will pen a few. The lake is indeed charming, a feature acknowl edged by all.

Some few new cottages have been er cted this season. There is room for all who may come this way, and a hearty welcome.

Many old, tried and true ones have gone to to their paradise of rest and will be missed by us all. We long for the good "old days" of the past, when our feast of things "superbly"

power to make it as near a gem as possible our friends from Utles, N. Y., will be missed if they do not come; our heavenly court looks expectantly for these dear friends of ours and friends of the cause. Come along and abide with

We are happy to say to the many readers that Mr. Waldo Mason, husband of that most excellent test and inspirational medium, Mrs. Haltie Mason, and a rising and successful magnetic physician, is improving in health. He is of our best here at Lake Pleasant, and can be ing well timed and introduced at the closing found always ready to bless suffering humanity. Mrs. Clara Field Conant is recovering her health, and is at her pretty cottage on Montague street.

Mrs. Barnes, of the Ladies' Aid, of Boston, philosophic review of Spiritualism, which Mass., is asked for here by hosts of friends. Mr. J. M. Young, secretary of our camp, is a favorite, and a gentleman ever courteous and ready to oblige all.

You will find, Mr. Editor, you have myriads Ion that our loved ones really do communicate of friends here who are waiting to shake you with us and ald us materially?" "What is in by the hand aud welcome you. I shall be in my by the hand aud welcome you. I shall be in my cottage on Winona street, Coburu square, Lake Pleasant, during August, and those wishing private sittings must make early application as but few dates remain to obtain a scance with me. A hearty welcome awaits you from Lake W. L. JACK, M. D.

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Clinton, la. The ninth annual Camp Meeting of the Mis sissippi Valley Association takes place at Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa, commencing Sun-

Clinton, Iowa is a beautiful city of 15,000 in habitants, situated on the banks of the Mississippi River, 146 miles west of Chicago. Mount Pleasant Park is within the city lim-

its, and was selected several years ago as a spot combining more natural advantages and attractions for a camp meeting and educational purposes than may other in the Mississippi Valley.

Single admission, to cents; weekly tickets so cents; season tickets, \$2.

Mr. Willet Perris, of Moline, Ill., will have charge of the dining hall this season, and will furnish table board for \$4 per week. Single meals 25 cents.

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riation Hoffman's orchestra will furnish the instru-

mental music. Prof. W. F. Peck will have charge of the vo al music

The Mediums are: Mrs. E. Moss. Mr. A. Willis and Dr. S. N. and Mrs. Bessie Aspinwall, materializing mediums; Mrs. S. F. De Wolf, slatewriting medium; Mrs. A. H. Sain, clairvoyant medium; Mrs. Olive A. Blodgett, inspirational medium; Frank N. Foster, spirit artist; Edgar W. Emerson, test medium; Dr. J. C. Phillips psychometrist, clairvoyant and magnetic healer: Dr. O. G. W. Adams: Mrs. Mary A. Tussey, clairvoyant and chlairaudient physicians; Prof. A. B. Severance, psychometrist.

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August 3d-Conference. August 3d-Conference. August 4th-Fact Meeting. Mrs. Adah Shee-han. August 5th-Conference, Mediums' Meeting, Camp Dance. August 6th-Fact Meeting. Mrs. Sheehan. Entertainment. August 7th-Conference.

August 5th-Fact Meeting, Business Meeting, W. F. Peck.

August 8th - Fact Meeting, Business Meeting, W. F. Peck.
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#### Married.

At the palatial partors of the bride's parents, on June 14th, 1891, Miss Cora N. Dobson was united in marriage by the writer to Mr. Frank Ringlep, a worthy young gentleman and machinist of this city. Miss Cora is the accomplished young daughter of Dr. A. B. Dobsor the world-famous clairvoyant physician and Mayor of the city of Maquoketa, Iowa.

JAMES RALSTON, J. P.

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During the month of July the Northwestern Spiritualist Camp Meeting will burning the month of July the Northwestern Spiritualist Camp Meeting wild be held on most beautifully selected grounds in the immediate vicinity of the hotel. Some of the most prominent speakers and mediums in the country have been engaged. Among them we notice the names of Mr. Moses Hull and Mrs. Mattie E. Hull, inspirational speakers, composers and authors; Mrs. Ada Sheehan, inspirational speaker and platform test medium; Mrs. Anna Orvis, inspirational speaker and psychometrist; Mrs. H. S. Slossen, the wonderful test and business medium; F. N. Foster, of Cincinnati, the spirit photographer; A. Willis and Mrs. Bessie Aspinwall, mediums for full form materialization; Hugh R. Moore, inde-nendent voice trumpet and etherializing medium; C. L. Barnes, trumpet: Dr. A. B. pendent voice trumpet and etherializing medium; C. J. Barnes, trumpet; Dr. A. B. Dobson, spirit physician of world-wide fame; and many test, business and healing mediums from St. Paul, Minneapolis and abroad. All will have an opportunity to investigate the peculiar claims of these peculiar people. A rate of one fare for the round trip has been made with the railroad companies by the Christian Endeavor Society, good for sixty days, giving all a chance to visit these beautiful cities and the Northwest, and attend the Christian Endeavor Convention and Spiritualists

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grand were free to one and all. Where have the departed days flown? Echo answers, where Consideration may reveal. Alas: Some of our oldest and best still remain with

us at the Lake, but too, are fading quickly from us to be no more in our midst. Questions are before us thus: Where is Mrs. Colby Luther Mr. A. B. French, Cora Richmond, Mrs. Wat son, Jennie Leys, Fanny A. Allen, Lyman C. Howe, Cephas B. Lynn and hosts of others I cannot now think of. Why not have our old workers occasionally?

Among our speakers here we hope to have S. Lillie, Dr. F. L. H. Willis, a host to hear again. Another fine speaker to be with us is Rev. John Chadwick, Unitarian, of Brooklyn, a fine speaker, poet, scholar and friend. All should endeavor to hear this instructive soul.

A. H. Daily, of Brooklyn, is to be one of our speakers. Mrs. Sarah Byrnes, one of our shin ing stars is to be one of our speakers also Mrs. Emma Harding Brittain would meet with a acoring success were she to come here.

We need the brave, the bold and true. These are times that demonstrate facts and who pos seas the love of the cause. Harmony is the keystone that holds the structure. Our struc ture should be founded upon it, should it not Spiritualists constantly preach harmony, but possess little of it. How can the thing go on when there are so many discrepancies? Mr. Editor answer us, answer

Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, of Bridgeport, are expected to be with us at their home-like and 13th of August. collage on Lyman avenue. A welcome awaits The new and elegant steamer, Edmund these blessed souls, as well as those of Mr. and Burke will run frequent excursions at low have lots of friends here waiting to greet them and their little chernb, Ethel, their sunshine daughter, a subbeam in our camp with the many other little children here. The Barber family and the Morril-Coburn-

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The readers of THE BETTER WAY have had the beauties of Sunapee so often presented to them that it is quite needless for me to say anything at this time in praise of its varied and mani fold charms as a healthful and delightful sum mer resting place. It grows in public favor within himself, whom all that heaf will want to hear again. Another fine speaker to be that the attendance at the camp meeting will be larger this season than ever before.

The ever genial and popular Dr. H. B. Storer is President of the Camp Meeting Association. and Eben Cobb, Esq., also well and favorably known as an enthusiastic worker in the cause

is Vice-president. Some of the best talent on the Spiritualistic

platform has been engaged for the coming season, including gifted and able speakers and noted public test medlums. Good materializ-

ing mediums will also be present. The music will be under control of an experienced leader, consequently a rich treat in that direction is assured. Other varied and artistic talent has been secured for the Saturday

evening entertainment. The Thursday evening dance is a pleasan and social occasion that all enjoy. Ladies' Aid Fair and entertainment will come on the 12th

The new and elegant steamer, Edmund Mrs. Chas. Moore, of Sommerville, Mass., who rates around the lake, thus giving the visitors at Sunapee a fine opportunity to enjoy the beautiful scenery with which the place abounds. The fishing through August is fine.

land blocked salmon, black bass, trout and other varieties are taken from the water daily Many a good string of fish h caught by the campera during the meeting, before and after the exercises of the day. Boating on the lake favorite here. The sanitary condition of is also a favorite pastime. Among the able the lake is hoped for and is prayed to be all it and neted speakers and test mediums who should, and every stiention should be directed will participate in the exercises this season and every attention should be directed with participate in the excitation in the factor is soon to be opened. What a superior beauty does not have its picuic lake, Eben Cobb, Esq., A. E. Tisdale. Mrs. A. S. Lake, Eben Cobb, Esq., A. E. Tisdale. Mrs. A. S. Stevens, Mr. Geo. A. Fuller. Miss Jennie B. Idgan, Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, Mrs. E. K. Morgan, Hagan, Mrs. Juliette Yeaw, Mrs. E. K. Stevens, Mrs. F. A. Wiggin, formerly Hawke ye who sleep. Lake Pleasant has centrations within itself, and should be JANE D. CHURCHILL, Sec'y.

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Moses Hull has one Sunday to spare in August. He and Mrs. Hull will be glad to hold a grove meeting or a camp meeting or he will go anywhere within reasonable distance and speak for a society that Sunday. Also his time is not yet filled up for September. Address Minneapolis, Minn., between July 4th and and July 25th.

Mrs. Adah Sheehan's engagements are follow Minnetonka Lake July 19th and 26th and in-tervening week; Clinton Park, Iowa, August and and oth and intervening week; Hastet Park, Mich., August 15th to 20th; Ashley, Ohio August 23rd, 10th intervening week; Hicksville, Ohio, September 6th; Cinneinnati, Ohio, the' remaining Sundays in September; Indianapo-lis, October; Cincinnati, Navember; St. Louis, December.