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Written for The Better Way HYPNOTISM AND LEGISLATION.

PROF. J. RHODES BUCHANAN, M. D. The suggestion of prohibiting or restraining the practice of hypnotism by ject and taking advantage of it to control

on. The strong-willed man by the glance of his eye and the persuasive power of his voice is everywhere the mas-

ions. In the famous case of Dr. Jennings, of Derby, Conn., his entire practice was conducted on that plan with great success and even after he confessed the truth his patients stuck to him and preferred him to any other doctor. The 'mind-cure" method occupies a large and increasing share and will never be hindered by legislation.

Written for The Better Way. SPIRITUAL POLITICS. W. C. WARNER

While some people are clamorous for free silver, and others for free trade, while one party shouts for free and honest elections, and the other that it cannot be attained by bayonet rule, the honest man is sometimes led astray in his search for the right path in which to walk.

Political economy is a mighty study which no man has mastered, when viewed from present governmental standpoints, and only as a man strips away the false covering from false systems can he hope for a proper understanding of the troubles that affect the people in their political and social lives. The lack of understanding is due largely to the fact that humanity always begins at the wrong end to correct an evil-invariably tinkers away at the effect instead of eradicating the cause, and thus years of thought, years of energy, are sacrificed, while poverty grows more gaunt, and thousands of lives are wasted by the wayside.

A politician understands that there are grave irregularities in the distribution of profits; that while one of his conlegislation is not the offspring of a sound stituents is living in luxury, thousands judgment or a tolerant spirit. What is are unable to meet their taxes or pay now improperly called hypnotism is sim- the interest on their debts. He sees that ply developing a passive state in a sub the monopolist is getting a firmer grasp on the productive power of the country, him by words of command or suggestion. and that the toiler is struggling in his Anyone has a right to submit himself grasp. He sees the farming industry to experiment, or to accept such an offer growing more fruitless day by day, and and make the experiment on the subject. realizes, if he is half a man, that some-The control of the passive by the active thing ought to be done in legislative mind is a matter in which legislation halls to correct these abuses. I said but think that before I proceed farther. to control. In this there is nothing new him to do anything, or, rather, try to do masses of humanity are lost in the or alarming. It is the course of nature anything, is the press and clamor of his everywhere. If there are any dangers in constituents, who, struggling in poverty, it they cannot be diminished except by oppressed by a thousand wrongs, are educating and developing the minds of demanding relief. If the aforesaid polit- swallow it, only to be thrown by the anthose who are liable to imposition and ical light concludes that a re-election deteaching them to resist improper influ- peuds upon his official action, he will listic greed and gain and left there to die. ing. Here is the secret of the majority freight to get it there. That cheese and panorama, the lurid fireworks of the sky, Mesmer had so great a success, have as. the voters in his district, or for that mat-

putant to a respectful hearing. But right cousider it as money simply. If it is angels and unselfish as martyrs they we have been building up aristocracy at here I want to say that when you are pet measure, you want to sift the motive he is talking from pocket or soul convic-If a man makes a trip to Washington in entertains like a king, and the Congress-

man from that district is found advocat-money, and was not allowed to exing a high protective tariff for the benefit change it for goods, but was compelled tion of this probably paid supporter. If then all his dollars, as money, would not another representative is equally in- have the slightest value. Viewed rightly terested in silver, owns a mine or silver a man desires money only because he stock &c., and talks hour after hour upon can exchange it for houses, lands, cattle, the blessings that will flow from unlimited coinage, how the earth will blossom with plenty, and poverty take wings cattle, a thousand sheep, &c., possesses and fly away; how tattered garments shall be turned to silken robes, and and dollars virtually has none. When mortgages changed to bank stock, you must of necessity separate what I call readily see that goods pay for goods and his pocket and soul convictions, if you desire to arrive at the truth.

The farmers of this country have felt their burdens increasing for the last decade with astonishing rapidity, and the unrest pervades this class of toilers. They have been told that the demonstization of silver in 1873 was the cause of all seized the silver bait thrown out by silver mine owners as the panacea of all his stock of goods. Remember, then, their ills, and almost unanimously demand the unlimited coinage of that commercial transaction, that goods pay melal, and think that measure will settle ine goode, and money is , simply the all trouble. On the other hand, the representat ve of those commodities. Eastern money lender knows that scarcity of money means wealth to him. That a we can safely anchor to, he glibly argues, pointing to old time statistics to prove that gold will leave the country at the approach of a flood of newly coined silver dollars, and wreck and ruin be the result. Here again if we wish to get at what would be futile, for it is always going that the politician sees these wrougs, his sayings, we must weigh his every word in the scales of pocket and soul a grower, and may never possess any. the statement better be corrected, as a conviction. No wonder that in followwell trained politician sees nothing of ing the glittering generalities of all these and perhaps has to secure the lender by

> maclstrom! plausible bait thrown out and eagerly agrees to pay in money, something en-determines the price of the bulk left at the sky, and then are lost in darkness, gler upon the barren shore of monopo- which he must run the risk of ever gain- wheat here is the Liverpool price less the succession, and while witnessing the

composed of a metal, then it has listening to the appeal of a man for his its value as a metal depending upon its use in the arts. If stamped on paper for his interest closely and see whether and non-redeemable its value apart from its official stamp is the same as old paper tion. See what his private interests are, I wish to consider it simply in its use as and find out whether personally he will money. A man supposes that a million be affected only as the bulk of humanity. dollars is great wealth, but wealth truly consists in goods, meaning by goods all a private car and lives in lavish style and things of use to the material body. If a man possessed unlimited stores of

&c. Throwing money out of the consideration a man who possesses a thousand

wealth, while the man who has a thouswe throw money out of the problem, we money has nothing to do with it. For instance, I sell two bushels of potatoes for \$1, and take that and buy a hat, now the potatoes paid for the hat as much as hats to replace the one let go, and is the

wealth arises from the power to increase that from the smallest to the largest

Now money has superceded this function for years simply from the fact proper place. For instance, here is a cheese, pork, &c. He is not a raiser of and seed for his land, or some boards. shingles, nails or paint to repair his He has gained goods, borrowed goods, document does he agree to pay the loan

could never regulate the amount of the expense of labor. Have legislated money in circulation and keep it at a par with supply and demand.

In 1873 and for a few years back of that demand was brisk and money more plentiful and therefore prices good. In that year silver was demonetized and the circulating fluid contracted, and prices have fallen off. The silver maniac says that alone caused all the trouble, and that the farmers can regain their footing by a return to the old channel-never stopping to see whether demaud has of this plutocrat of a manufacturer, you to gain some kind of goods by labor, and fallen offalso and thereby lowered prices. have a right to mistrust the soul convic- then exchange them for the ones desired, But supposing that increased circulation would prove a blessing, it would only be temporary. The next set of plunderers sent to Washington would doubtless contract it and the farmer would be left

in a worse plight than before. So you see that the only safe footing for the farmer is to pay in goods, deal in jucreased crime, misery and want. That goods and not money. The former he wealth becomes more dazzling each year, has while the latter may not come his and poverty more gaunt, and they are way. But how much will prices be in- surging against the chains that hold creased by inflation, even temporarily? them. Naturally, as they groan and Supposing, first, that the United States sweat under the years of accumulated consumed all that it produced and that anguish, they attribute to the party in in farm produce especially there was power the cause of all their sorrow, and nothing left to export. Then the amount spurn them with overwhelming defeat, though I had taken them to the merchant of money which you could acquire for a organization of various farmers alliances, and exchanged. Now the gain to the certain quantity of goods would depend about as beneficial as a change from the leagues, &c., show that a great spirit of merchant does not come from the fact on the total amount of money as comthat he made fifty cents, but that he can pared with all goods, or, in other words, take the potatoes (or \$1) and get two if a thousand bushels of wheat offset and pain until they realize that the hard \$2,000, each bushel would be represented hand which the government places upon their hardships, and so have eagerly gainer therefor of a hat. His increased by \$2, whereas if \$1,000 was equivalent to them was not forged in a day, or a year. one thousand bushels each bushel would or a decade, but is the result of human be represented by \$1. Now, if you could selfishness using the reins of power to maintain the ratio of 1 to 2 or any other ratio the farmer could safely deal in lowing in the wake of party leaders. Fad money, but money remaining the same after fad is held up to dazzle the eyes of supply may change, or supply remains the people, and who holds them up? The nearly the same our misrepresentatives same old leaders that have lied to you a at Washington are liable at any time to thousand times. Who over and over gold basis is the only financial rock that of man's lack of understanding of its change the circulating medium, and al- again have told you that each measure ways so that the farmer is euchered in was for you, tired, weary brother, for you farmer who is a grower of corn, wheat, the end. This increase of price will alone, and that 'twould prove your salvacome when our market is strictly a home tion. Again and again you have believed money, but when he wants some fertilizer market and our home supply and demand them, again and again have tasted the are on a par. But is that the case with waters of bitter disappointment, and yet agricultural products? Not at all, for whenever a new measure is held up truth there may, unconsciously, be in house and barn, he agrees to pay at some after every man, woman and child have bearing the same, old, lying banner, hufuture time in money, of which he is not eaten all they can, or, at least, all they manity yells itself hoarse, builds bonfires, can get, there yet remains between six carries torches, and votes for the wonand seven hundred million dollars worth drous scheme, only to have it turn to that must be shipped abroad, and the dust and ashes on the hearth o' a mortter of those whose feebler wills he seeks the kind. The only thing that urges self-interested talkers, that the tired note or mortgage, but in that written price of which is determined where sold, gaged home. These schemes are only Now, every one knows who is familiar concocted to keep your eyes from seeing in so many bushels of wheat or corn, or with the markets that the price at which the real cause of distress. They dazzle No wonder that they seize the first so many pounds of cheese or pork? No, he the exported product is sold for abroad, you for a time as a meteor flashes across

in the interest of the few at the expense of the many, until the evil cannot be removed without digging out every false foundation. The base which our fathers laid more than a century ago was their best conception, and grand and glorious and true, compared with the false structure that man has built upon it. If we let the foundation rest, we must tear down everything that has been built upon it, destroying what little good has been outwrought, if need be, in demolishing class legislation that marks every page of our statute books. Begin again in simplicity, honesty and truth.

The last election shows that there is a mighty unrest among the people. That they are beginning to realize the poverty of their lot. That increased civilization, so-called, is everywhere followed with not realizing that the leap will prove embrace of a lion to that of a tiger.

But humanity will travel on in anguish satisfy itself, and the masses blindly foltirely foreign to the transaction, and of home. For instance, the market price of Another follows, and others, in quick

ences.

who are not aware that the same thing said bill has come from the committee, great abuses are apt to occur.

sonsenting subject which results in any father would not know it. Still that wise into intrigues or marriage.

The passive condition of what are called hypnotic experiments (though the medicines, by the power of faith or mind than they.

oure, by prayer, by the sympathy of friends and by the confident encourageis therefore a form of benevolence of

has been in progress in this country for it is even more wonderfully constructed hibitions, without anything occurring to been tacked to it in the House, and it alarm the prudent or show that any has been reconstructed in the Senate committee and as many more amend-It is not the scientific mode of prac- ments added to it by that body, and sent lems, ticing what is called hypnotism upon a back to the original committee, its own

evil unless it be continued too long, but and conscientious father feels that he has the unscientific method of playing upon done his duty, and goes smilingly home is practiced by the common swindlers his earnest and untiring efforts in the his constituents; and nine times out of

magnetism, but by very small doses of because originated by a smarter man

But this year there has been a widement of physician-and in some cases to overcome the pressure felt on every side, ver question is not based upon silver tion? The price of goods in a meneved endure severe surgical and dental opera- and especially in the rural districts, and stock or Wall street gold, but upon a sense depends upon three things, viz.; there is a network of laws that only tions without pain. Hypnotic practice this demand was not confined to any rather tough farmer's experience. Now supply, demand and the amount of waits to catch up whatever is thrown particular locality, but covers nearly the great value to the sick, which should be whole of the United States. It has been honored and encouraged, and will in met by three measures that are of nationtime be adopted by physicians generally al importance, besides thousands of bills in cases to which it is appropriate. that will never see the light, but die in There are many with whom mental in- incubation, and these are the McKinley fuence is potent to heal their mental Bill, the Force Bill and the Silver Bill. and physical troubles, and the medical Each have their adherents and opponents profession have long practiced upon this and both sides are entitled to a fair con- money. Money has no intrinsic value regulate the latter. Were our legislators theory with success, by giving bread sideration and the views of the dis except in its exchanging power when we solons of wisdom; were they as pure as all over this land? For a half century

ome forward with a wonderfully con- I find that statements of men who are of the farmer's ills.

more impressible population with whom fully made" to the extent that not one of carefully weigh and measure all sides, borrow the things wanted directly from What regulates the price abroad? The and bloodshed are daily lessened. who have no other interest at stake but the producer, but he borrows some same law that regulates them here, viz., To satisfy the farmers' rising wrath tonished and perhaps alarmed some who ter not one common voter in the land the good of the human race, are the only money to make the purchase, and fool- supply, demand and money in circulation. for a time, the silver bill was concocted, have not kept up with the progress of could understand it if it were read to ones that can be relied upon, realizing, ishly agrees to pay in money. Man can All the silver legislation in the world and it is doing its work. But no pacifythe psycho-physiological sciences and him a thousand times. After the afore of course, that they may be led after only lawfully exchange that which he is cannot increase the foreign demand, nor ing measure was ever built that did not "strange and unknown gods." My convictions may not be of the slightest valfifty years both in private and public ex- and when a hundred amendments have ue, but I have given much time to the products, the manufacturer his stock in our money, and that market will regulate populace, and so the silver bill will add subject and certainly cannot be accused trade. Bushels never change, pounds our prices just so long as we are large millions to the mine owner, while calmof having a self-interest separate from never change. When the farmer says "I exporters of the things sought to be ing the farmer. The only remedy is a will give you so many bushels of wheat raised in value. the general interest in any of these prob-

Take first the remonetization of silver it. I will give you so many pounds of coined silver will tend to slightly inthat is now agitating the country, and pork for a thousand feet of lumber, crease the volume of the world's money, present crisis? It certainly is not to upon which the farmer looks as a savior. as soon as I can produce it. I and thus very slightly tend to raise train with parties that have lied to and My only financial experience has been a weak subjects against their will, which and seeks re-election on the strength of struggle to pay debts, and if wisdom comes that way then I am entitled to a and the knaves who mislead weak women cause of true reform and the interest of fair share, Coupled with the struggle problem of the future be more nearly lantic ocean. has been a desire to understand the subsolved for him. Currency can be inflated ten these same poverty stricken con- ject, and am just beginning to see light. or depressed. Stocks go up or down; gold fit that can possibly accrue to the farmer stituents will heartily endorse him on I simply make this statement so that if or silver be the coin basis and he will from unlimited coinage of silver, and priesthood and still pay tribute to a hord subject is wide awake) is a condition of the ground, I suppose, that because they any of my former brothers read these great value to patients when they seek cannot understand one word or line of lines, they may know that I understand wrong conception of the use of money, relief from pain or disease, for it enables that noble bill, that it must be wise and their lot in life from experience, not a wrong system of exchange, is the cause whem to be relieved, not only by animal generous and just and far above them, theory; that I have tasted every harship of a great deal of his financial trouble, lions annually to our circulating medi- terference with the rights of humanity, that they have met, and know how few and all the silver legislation in the world are the hours of their prosperity and can never remedy it. But with the pres-

how rare the sunshine that glints across ent system of barter, how much will prices spread demand for some legislation to their way. My understanding of the sil- be enhanced by an increased circulathe first hope of the farmer is that in- money in circulation. All three remaincreased circulation will increase prices, ing stable, prices would never fluctuate. and those who know that the theory is A change in one will not let the others thought and hope, hoping thereby to de- Could they be kept stable, farmers tract attention from the real cause. The would be safe in running into debt on a first error arises in this thought from moneyed basis. Nature alone can fix

all other exported farm products are sold the feet sink deeper in the mire, and The experiments in France among a structed bill, aye! "wonderfully and fear- only seekers after truth, and who will To make matters worse he does not at Liverpool price less transportation. chances of freedom without revolution a producer of. A laborer for others can in any way affect the part exported, for have a back-acting attachment that enonly exchange his labor, the farmer his it is sold outside the general reach of riched the builders while it soothed the

for that horse as soon as I can produce It is true that the increase in our demolition and reconstruction. will give you so many pounds of general prices, but it would be just as robbed the people for years. That have cheese for a quantity of fertilizer always imperceptible as the effect that a rise in given specious promise for every vote, with the same proviso," will the money the Hudson river would have on the At-

Consequently, where is the great benewalk through it all undisturbed. A which he so confidently expects will of robber law makers? Do we believe in crown his hopes? But supposing we add social equality and political inequality? a hundred millions or five hundred milum, after one term through arteries and veins, it will land where nearly all the majority, wrong, or do we hold that the rest have found a resting place, in the pockets of the plutocracy of this country. Underneath all free coinage talk upon the swift revolving carrier, and political ring. See to it that class legiswhirl it to the feet of mammon. Our tion shall cease, and that all laws shall system of government, as administered very fallacious, still fan the flames of remain the same-all will be disturbed. by the slaves and devotees of aristocracy, This revolution can be brought about by is as rotten and false as hell.

Will tinkering with a little surface the wrong conception of the uses of the first two, circumstances and man grown for a century, or strike the chains and wrong. By returning to a rigid from thousands of labor slaves scattered

thorough understanding and a thorough

What is the duty of Spiritualists in the and smote the hands that lifted them to power. Do we believe in religious free-

dom and political serfdom? Do we believe in stopping the salaries of a useless Do we believe that all governmental inthat is not intended for the good of the many are made to support the few, and thus sink into the worst state of ecclesiasticism? It seems to me that we have a work to do here and now. To band ourselves together and manfully fight every be simple, just, and few in number. peaceful, enlightened methods, by the best thought of the age being brought measure uproot the evils that have to bear upon the problems of injustice

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Written for The Better Way. EDUCATED PHYSICIANS. HUDSON TUTTLE

It is presumable that physicians are always liberally educated, and an argument is made against the quacks that they are ignorant. The qualifications of certainty of science. physicians have been more and more exacting, and the difficulties of obtaining a diploma been greater with each successive year. Most practitioners have at least a fair common school education, aside from the training of the medical college. Yet there are too many physicians who proudly point to their diplomas, quite as ignorant as the quacks they despise.

The Commercial Advertiser gives the following specimens of examination papers of students who were granted diplomas from the Michigan College of Medicine and Surgery, of Detroit:

"One student, in telling what he know about croup, refers to 'deficult sepera tion,' spells partially 'parciley,' and uses the word 'apperantly

"This gen is an extract from anothe paper:

"Arise of tempaturee quickening of the pulse emacipation rest impared loss of apitite dry tung thursty wanting to drink cold warer diarohoe or constipation, sweeting hot feal on the body, treatment quinnine in large doses of anything to lower the tempeture."

"A third student discoursed thusly or diabetes:

"The teory is on eretation (irritation upon the floor of the 4th vintrecle, may be due to violence or High living experience on lower anemils will show that the cretation on the floor of the fourth vintrecle will cause sugar to be Present interest."

Two of the students from whose papers quotations are made are practicing medicine in Detroit, and the other is located at another point of the state.

If a medium should write prescriptions in such a manner, fraud would be a weak term of contempt, and yet these very doctors, who break down in spelling "theory" and "diarrhoe" are first to demand laws discriminating in their favor; laws which shall give their school the exclusive right to heal the sick, and compel the people to employ none other.

In the diagnosis of disease a remarkable proficiency has been attained, yet too often the physician is wholly at fault and unable to determine the nature of the disease or its cause. The clearest diagnosis by no means carries with it the ability to prescribe appropriate remedies. So complex are the vital forces that the action of a remedy in any particular case can only be approximately foreknown.

The action of medicines in the human system is virtually unknown. It is true, the learned professors explain it all to their eager students, but when their theories are divested of jargon, the high sounding phrases, which are used not to convey but to conceal thought, little remains. The most eminent physicians in the world can, no more explain why strychine, morphine or nicotine destroy life, or why quinine stimulates, than the "Independent" doctor in the West could explain the activity of his one remedy. When asked, he replied: "It is entirely in the preparation. I gather it myself from one tree. The 'low-cockey-hirams' I peal the bark to the left, and it is a terrible cathartic; I peal to the right for my 'high-cockey-lowrem,' which is a powerful emetic, and when I peel all round I get my 'high low-bustem,' which

will knock disease all to pieces." This quack was ignorant, but compare is sta ent with the daily

tense of demonstration, may we not be certain that this will be the case? The eagerness with which the "Elixir

of Life" was seized, and Dr. Koch's 'Lymph" is experimented with, indicates the unrest of ignorance rather than the

"WHAT IS SPIRITUALISM?" To the Editor of The Better Way

I read your editorial in a recent issue under the heading of "What is Spiritualism?" with mixed feelings, regretting that you should have cause for such remarks, but more than rejoicing because of the remarks themselves, for, with you, sir, I cannot see why the fact of one be-

spiritual paper should be tantamount to at a lecture delivered a few weeks before political disenfranchisement. On the her hypnosis; the lecture was of a characcontrary, I think that Spiritualists ter above her literary comprehension should give to every important question their intelligent consideration, and make terest her, and under such conditions their influence felt upon all sides always. as you say, from "a spiritual standpoint," and he must be a very thin-skinned partisan who cannot calmly read the consistently impartial columns of THF BETTER WAV.

So much for the personal aspect of the question, which is of little importance compared to the principles involved which (including freedom of speech, etc.) are the mainsprings of all human advancement, but which I would for the present limit down to one point, viz., political representation, for, as a body Spiritualists to-day have no political standing whatever, and the result is evident. It possibly may be objected that it is unwise to seek class legislation. would willingly concede the point were it not for the fact that such legislation by it." It was determined to try another talking and assured him that he would to-day exists, and is being used against us as a class, as is witnessed by the state enactments against magnetic healing, etc., or by the late verdict in the Reid case, ad lib. Therefore I maintain, sir, that the sauce that suits the goose should also suit the gander, and we shall never gain the esteem of others until we least important of these is the right of legislation.

I welcome your nomination of Robert Ingersoll for the Presidency of the ed, halted confused, and said she could United States as a step in the right not remember any more. This example ceptible persons can be surrounded by direction, and trust that liberal thinkers strengthen your proposal, for man's and the sooner this fact is recognized, upon such answer.

I saw this definition in an "Analysis of the Bible:" Spiritualism is a belief in the return of spirits. Well, this is something, but the main question for us is, how shall they return, and what shall be the manner of our greetings? for the return of spirits and the possession of spiritual gifts is not confined to Spirit- whatever of all that has taken place dur- lieve what you tell them. When they ualists. The Greeks had their sacred ing the sleep, whereas if again put to wake up in mature life they do so under Oracle of Delphi; the Malays have their sleep they then very clearly remember the spell that you have woven around Khalifa; the Negroes their Obi; the Singalese Buddhists their Devil Dance; and a meaning peculiar to each sect of devertecall what transpired in his sleep state, false belief imposed upon him during otees, running the whole range of ocult the converse of this is not at all true; for his unconscious sleep. If you had taught mysticism, from the lowest kind of in his hypnosis his entire past is an them and enforced the impression by of the medical superintendents of the

quent testimony to the evils consequent during hypnosis can show an incredible defend the hallucination with their lives. on the perverted use of his spiritual gifts, and it is our duty to awaken from sions received long ago, which otherthe lethargy which indifference alone "healthy pus," "pus cavities," "vigors," may tolerate, and determine that the brought to consciousness even with in the mind it lodges there like weed from causes attributed to Spiritualism. spiritual philosophy shall be a genuine exposition of the laws of human thought, the memory the ability of the hypnotic based on the whole range of science, and to recite poetry or any thing he has appealing to ascertained knowledge for previously heard can be explained. But the substantiation of its fundamental as shown in the above example, if the truths

to be directed by the active, independent the declaration. When he is restored to Talmage periodically revive the contag- at and sound of mind than the me mind of his operator. He lives under command or request, he will do what he is ordered to do; he does not care to do anything of himself, he has lost the pow er of independently originating anything. If he is in intimate rapport with his operator, he feels the same sensations, sees the same things, tastes the same substances or smells the same odors. The medium is in a relation of extreme obedience to the will of his leader and will go to any extent to carry out the slightest wish, and in doing so will show the most unexpected and wonderful power of mind. To illustrate this I cite a case of a hypnotised subject of one of the ing a Spiritualist, or even editor of a Paris physicians. B. had been present and on themes not likely to greatly inshe would not be likely to remember it. Being passed into the somnambulistic state she was told by S., "You were present at such a lecture of mine." "Yes!" "I wish you to repeat that lecture just as you heard it." Thereupon she not only but with all the inflections and original emphasis, and even every gesture that the speaker employed was faithfully reproduced. When she was awakened no allusion was immediately made to this astonishing feat, but after a time she was asked: "You know you were at a lecture of mine some weeks ago?" B. "Yes; I would recall as much of it as you can recollect." B. "Indeed I do not remember a word of it. 1 was not interested experiment with her, and she was again

hypnotised. The lecture was then called tion would be pure and manly. The to her mind, and she was ordered to fix in her mind and remember the first caused much comment. The next day fourth of it and be prepared to recite the Sometime after being restored to consciousness the lecture was alluded to and him when he would forget himself and could of it. She began and followed it pointed; with the freest conversation through correctly for about a fourth of there was no profanity, and the man the matter when she suddenly stammer-

has significance in other directions, for good influences they will remain steadthroughout the land will unite to it proves conclusively that the brain re- fast, but they are liable to be hypuotized in the suicidal folly of exposing himcords every impression that falls upon again and turned the other way about; natural and social rights are, or should it as faithfully as does the sensitized just as some of our best mediums have ridicule and contempt of all honest, inbe, commensurate with his inward worth, photographic plates; and although we may not be able to reproduce these upon the more subject is he to be influenced the better for all, Spiritualists and non- demand when in our ordinary conscious Spiritualists alike, and the more compe- state, they nevertheless are stored away tent we shall be to satisfactorily answer in the vaults of the memory, and though agement and sympathy of straight peothe query propounded in your heading, they may be forgotten like some of the and great are the results depending old relics up in the garret, they can be impressions indelible, to the extent that hunted up and again brought to mind.

feats of memory can be performed with | tory for the right. Here let me impress out any apparent fatigue. It is the the reader with the fact that children are faculty that masters the whole scene of very susceptible subjects. They bear the somnambulistic drama. It is a genbeing awakened remembers nothing subject does to his operator. They bethe Roman Catholics have had, and still were two forms of life, each with its own hold these with the same fidelity and after Mr. Tahmage preached his sermon have, for aught I know, genuine mani experience and memory. But if in the drop them with as much reluctance as festations of spirit return, and conveying normal state the hypnotic is not able to the hypnotic subject does who has had a Fetish worship to the penitential form illuminated volume, any page of which repeated itteration, that it takes seven and confessional of modern ascetic idol- he can read with electric quickness. As persons to make a God instead of three, States. He received answers from 66 atry. We know the result the ignorance long-forgotten things can return during they would have believed you just as

consciousness he is surprised to find his ailment gone. This is the manner in which Mrs. Woodworth cures her converts. In all cases they must first be hypnotized by the singing and shouting. She then tells them that the Lord has cured them, that he has healed them, and people are surprised to see that this is so. For mind, these are really valid cures though there is nothing

miraculous in them. They are in strict conformity to a universal law, the charac ter and value of which should be better onderstood and applied. In this way also the sudden and wonderful conver sions can be accounted for. For it is a fact that has likely come under the observation of nearly every one that some remarkably wicked people have at times been suddenly faced about and their con duct revolutionized in a single evening. Now, hypnotism applies (as 1 shall show before I get through) to mental and moral as well as physical conditions. If a man who is suffering physical pain can have it abolished by impressions made on his mind while in the hypnotic state, why should not his morals be equally recited every word of the lecture verbatim affected or his habits inverted? 1 remember a case of this kind that came under my observation many years ago. In a little town where they were holding revival meetings there was a grocer who, although not a bad man generally, was He could not talk with men without sandwiching his words with the most remember that I was," S. "I wish you profane and vile oaths. He attended the meetings for several evenings and was finally caught by the conversion current. The minister (operator) gave him a good

not swear any more, but that his coversaman's conversion was unexpected and some of his former acquaintances, bent maintained his integrity and became an exemplary citizen. As long as such susbeen. The more sensitive a person is, by environments or associations, and to keep him straight requires the encourple. If you succeed in making the good they cannot be obliterated by the attri-With the hypnotic the most difficent tion of evil, you have a permanent vicvery much the same relation to their

what they have thought or experienced them. If they have been taught lies and stale charges, a few facts of figures reduring previous hypnoses, as if there burdened with superstitions they will peated may be useful just now. Soon Much error that we never question has subjective state, and having settled down active growth, after which it may cause painful effort to extirpate it.

ion and reassert the stale assumption of thirty and forty years ago. This spiritphobia originates in the depths of ignorance; and is propagated and circulated by a sort of co-operative stupidity, hypocrisy and pious fraud.

The presumption of some of these clerical attacks supported by such wild creased as the number of Spiritualing and easily exposed misstatements is something amazing. We naturally expeet a man in a public position, representing a great body of religious followers, in whose word and honor they trust, to feel a responsibility that should guard ism. Why not? Spiritualism is the all his utterances against successful criticism or refutation. For his own and lights up the old dungeons of & reputation, if for no higher motive, we look for candor and truthfulness, especi- glow of infinite love. It robs death of illy in his published statements, which its sting and tears the mask from the are open to inspection by friend and foe myths of endless woe. The awful one When learned men in Europe centilate their ignorance of American life, we can excuse them on the score of their foreign birth, education, affiliations presence of the loved one whose cold and prejudice, and their lack of opportunity to verify the statements based on rumor or supposed reliable testimony. Thus when Dr. L. Forbes Winslow, of London, stated that "This form of delusion (Spiritualism) is very prevalent in America and the asylums contain many of its victims; nearly ten thousand per sons having gone insane on the subject, are confined in public asylums in the exceedingly profane in his conversation. United States," we may wonder, weep and forgive, feeling sure that he "knew not what he did." When a member of Parliament talks learnedly of "the United States of New York," we may smile and wonder when and where he studied geography.

But when Rev. T. De Witt Talmage states in a Sunday sermon which by his authority is printed and sent around the world, that "there is not an insane asylum from Maine to Texas which does not contain victims of Spiritualism," and same on request after she was waked up, on mischief, repaired to his store to get then after his statement has been pub-John E. talking, to have the laugh on licly corrected and refuted repeats the same charge in periodical attacks of his assert and maintain our rights, and not she was requested to recite what she begin to swear. But they were disap- mania, thus re-impressing thousands and perhaps millions with a falsehood which he must know to be such, we are left to wonder and doubt, not that he should illustrate the immoral tendencies of his theology, for that is natural and to be expected, but that he should indulge self and his friends and followers to the telligent people who have taken pains to investigate the facts, and therefore know his pulpit utterances regarding Spiritualism are totally unreliable, and it un trustworthy on this subject of which he assumes to know so much, will they not infer that on other matters of which he at least can know no more, he may be equally unreliable? While these baseless charges against Spiritualism may do much mischief and mislead many, and in some dark corners of the world make his name famous, it is evident that the eral fact that the deeply hypnotized upon superiors or parents that the hypnotized influence must react against him among intelligent people everywhere.

But, as many readers may not have given the subject attention enough to enable them to judge and answer these against Spiritualism in 1876, in which the statement heretofore quoted occurred, Dr. Fugene Crowell, of Brooklyn, N. Y. addressed a series of questions to each institutions for the insane in the United

of the 87 then in existence-public and and brutality of man bears awful yet elo- natural sleep in dreams, so the memory readily and would grow up prepared to private. Eight of them did not contain more years? Perhaps it will be best, but the data required. The 58 asylums statistically reported show a total numbeen put upon us while we were in the ber of 23,328, and of these 412 were insane from religious excitement and 59 germs in a soil, ready to spring into Out of the 58 institutions there were reported 17 in which no religious lunatic vas found and in the same list there were thirty eight asylums that had not a single representative from Modern Spiritualism. To reverse the statement we error, ignorance, superstition, cowardice find in 58 asylums 41 that have patients from religious insanity and 20 who have cient paintings by a black spectre with patients whose insanity was attributed to Spiritualism. At that date-1876 the number of insane from religious causes were about 7 insane on religion to one insane from Spiritualism. There is another fact obtained from this report that is quite as significant and instructive as any other. As Dr. Crowell gives it, "In a of the published reports of institutions for the insane which have come to hand there are tables showing the previous occupation of the patients admitted or treated within one or more years. Spiritualism was predicated upon the and from these I find that out of a total of 32,313 male patients 215 are set down as clergymen, while in same reports the total number of male and female Spirit ualists is only 45." Thus the clergymen alone, representing only males of a at a premium. It was a fertile test for single profession, were almost as five to one of Spiritualists of any and all prohelpful to weak minded pulpiteers in fessions and both sexes. When we consider the tendency o religious and other prejudices against Spiritualism and the number of persons known to have been dragged off to asy lums for vile purposes, who were as same alarm from the very name of spirit or an easy matter to get certificates of in-Spiritualism, as the synonym for insanity, sanity from medical blockheads, for a pression left on the mind of the subject Even to this day there are many who bribe, we may reasonably infer that from gated to the waste lumber room of dead Notwithstanding these facts the hyp- the greater the assurance of success. It hold the same prejudice, and the fretful 25 to 50 per cent, of all those reported capable of doing, while others judge us theories? As there is not even a pre- up ist is a subject waiting and willing is even well to have the subject repeat fulminations of such cranks as Rev. T. D. insance on Spiritualism were more ration. by what we have already done,

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diseased and psychologically blind dup of pious prejudice whose machinati and perjury had secured their comes ment to the asylum for the insane. As other significant fact is reported by h Crowell at that date - 1876-the number of Spiritualists in the asylums had 4 the United States increased. There we also a comparative decrease in the num bers insane on religious subjects. The Dr. Crowell thinks, at least in part, das to the civilizing influences of Spiritus science of religion. It appeals to reason vine wrath and sacred horror with pense that held captive the trembling mourner as he gazed upon the cold face of the dead is settled now, and the sweet form sleeps in the grave has become conscious reality, and the morbid ex. citement and harrowing fear that was such a fruitful source of insanity has been greatly modified even among professed believers in endless misery.

Of all the remedies for iusanity that the century has developed, Modern Spiritualism is the most perfect and as it evolves the potencies of life and become known in all its practical bearings and benign influences, we may reasonably hope that it will become a specific for the prevention and perfect cure of all forms of insanity, not even excepting those periodical attacks of Spiritphobia that so obfuscate and bewilder the moral sense and distracts the spiritual sensibility of Rev. T. De Witt Talmage.

LETTER FROM C. W. KATES. To the Editor of The Better Way.

My pen has been silent, but my brain has kept up a deal of thinking, whils hands have been so active as to absorb all other products that resulted from mercantile barter. Our little store in Philadelphia furnished a tremendous amount of holiday goods to Santa Claus for his dispensing amongst the children. No doubt, they made many little hearts bound with rapturous delight.

We are preaching of humanitariauism -perhaps we have not learned the first principle of its production. Surely, works are far more potent than words, I have wondered much whether the ecoflomical philosophers could possibly do a little more for humanity should they urn producers. And in spiritual matters a little less prating and formulating, with more creating and doing, would bring about the era so longed for. That would possibly obliterate the

eligion of the gods, and institute the religion of man, of which Hudson Tuttle is writing. Add to this the ethics of science, and we will soon see formulated the philosophy of Spiritualism.

Brother Tuttle has added to literature valuable work by his late treatise of The Religion of Man and Ethics of Science." His treatise is philosophically and historically excellent. The religious student will find it a valuable reference, just the one I have long sought in religious libraries. And here it is under one cover. Such labor should be requitted, hence all should possess a copy.

Shall wife and self resume the lecture field? Pressure seems to demand it, but our inclination is to stay at home and do a local work.

Will the itinerating system of propaganda in Spiritualism continue many it has driven many good workers from the field. Perhaps organization would cause some stagnation, and yet it is usually life to other sects and enterprises. We are sort of "champing our bits" previous to the spring and summer trip, for which dates we ask early application. The work in Philadelphia is slow, and we cannot feel contented. A double pressure is upon us. Wherein does our duty lie? Our lives are pledged to the spirit world, but why can we not give our services and have a home? The beart cries of our platform workers ascend in silence more than are they sacrificed upon the altars of publicity. The recording angel will note each act of immolation imposed by duty. It is to be hoped that all shall be faithful. We have a death in our family to record, which many friends will be saddened to learn. Our sweet, little, singing canary bird (Fleetfoot) presented to us by a medium friend in Indianapolis, has joined his namesake in the spirit land. The latter did not enjoy his chirping here while the medium was giving personal sittings, but perhaps our fellow traveler of so many weary miles will be better appreciated in spirit life, as is the hope of so many mortals also. A taxidermist has prepared his little body, so that Mrs. Kates may have his continued presence, although she may not have the song. That is more than wives would do with their husbands. None would now want us mummified and stood in the corner. This is the day of cremation and quick obliteration. But we are not birds, and our songs are not prized when the singer has gone. as any of us, and condemned simply be-cause they are Spiritualists, and it was an easy matter to get certificates of in-G. W. KATES. dogs.

"bulletins sent forth by the physicians of Garfield, said to be among the most able in the country. Every country schoolboy who read the newspapers knew all about "malaria" and "healthy growth of tissue" -the doctors knew everything, but the essential thing, which was to distinguish between the track of the fatal ball and that of burrowing pus, aggravated by the thrusts of their probes. When Sumner employed the ablest physicians of America and of Europe, the tortures they subjected him to would have made the most cruel modoc stand aghast.

In the presence of such complicated forms of disease, the most educated physician is on a level with the quack, for he must, if he do anything at all, make his prescriptions experimentally and blindly.

But these doctors, if they cannot diagnose disease and give proper remedies, are determined that no one else shall. In many states they have importuned the legislature, until the people are compelled to accept them or nothing. It is to reveal the source of disease and the medicine, unless furnished with a diploma, is an outlaw.

The people ought to be wise enough them in sickness, and success in practice is the most valuable diploma.

much value are we to place in the most vaunted theories of disease and remedies the teachings of the text books twenty-

Apologizing for the length of this epistle, with all good wishes for your prosperity, I remain, dear sir, faithfully R. H. KNEESHAW. yours,

Written for The Better Way HYPNOTISM. BY C. IL MURRAY.-NO 1

When it is desired or required that a person shall be hypnotised, some one should always be selected to superintend or have charge of him, prior to the beginning of the scance. This should be some one in whom he has entire confidence or is in sympathy with. I do not fine and imprisonment for a clairvoyant the methods I have given the medium is remedies therefor. Any one who gives subjective, and does not depend on any self-hypnotised or the process is wholly magnetism or influence of another per-

son. If the medium is passed into the to know who they desire to minister to previous articles, his superintendent or operator now has it in his power to lead

his mind in any direction or to leave The quacks may be ignorant, but how upon it impressions that will subscipear. If the hypnotic has an ailment or quently call out the highest intellectual vigor or physical endurance of the medi-operator to say to him while in the somof the books and colleges? If we accept um. The mind of the medium when in the somnambulistic state is extraordinarifive years ago, we should be ignorant by sensitive to impressions, the senses are indeed. How do we know but twenty- greatly sharpened and all the intellectual three times and in as impressive a manfive years hence, what is now regarded faculties, especially memory and imagias exceedingly learned, may not be rele- nation, are exalted to an unusual degree.

acuteness as to past events and impreswise in the wakeful state cannot be the greatest effort. By this acuteness of

subject be requested while in the sleep to remember what has occurred when he awakens, he then will do so. It is essentially necessary that the operator put this mechanism of memory in motion the subject himself cannot do it. But a more wonderful fact is, that you may in the same way wholly obliterate memory with reference to both the wakeful and the hypnotic states, so that events will

be forgotten and cannot be recalled even in subsequent hypnosis. The operator has the power to expunge from the SPIRITUALISM AND INSANITY. mind and wholly extinguish any subject that he may choose. What a beneficence there is in this if rightly appreciated. say some one to hypnotise him, for by How many people brooding over some soul consuming theme might have been saved from the lunatic asylum by the proper exercise of this power. The sensitive nature that has become a prey to ological auctions, where total depravity. the pangs of despised love could be somnambulistic stage, as explained in healed and restored at once by this lethean remedy.

In the same manner diseases can be eradicated and caused to entirely disapdisorder, it is only necessary for the presenting an appearance of originality. nambulistic condition: When you awaken your pain or malady will be entirely gone. It is better to repeat this two or ner as possible; for the stronger the im-

My soul be on thy guard ten thousand for arise."

The focs are mostly the emissaries of and fear. They are represented in anfiery eyes, protruding horns and a forked tail; the creation of minds hypnotized by the machinations of priests and wily socerers. Let us learn to use this power so long abused and misapplied for the betterment and elevation of humanity.

Written for The Better Way.

LYMAN C. HOWE.

Among the first strong prejudices raised by designing opponents against charge that it leads to insanity. For years this was a leading staple among the anti-spiritual wares presented at thedivine tragedy and eternal misery were the display of oratorical genius, and

search of an excuse for modifying the monotony of their Sunday drudgery and Thousands of trusting souls who accept ed without question, or effort to verify the statements of their spiritual teachers. shuddered with horror and shrunk with

We judge ourselves by what we feel

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SECULAR PRESS REPORTS OF SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA. A Spook in the Camera.

A lady who is well known in society circles of this city recently had a most suppressed; the lady because of the and there was hugging and kissing. notoricty which would at once attach it- Several little children appeared. Most as he expressed it "such a story would articulate feebly, and a few could speak min my business." He is a most respectable man, one of the best known and favorite men in his business in the city. Neither the lady or the man are Spiritualists. The man believes that all alleged "spirit photographs" are frauds. The personal identity of the two is not essential; the story is told here just as it occurred, and if any one can explain it departed friends. they are smarter than the participants are.

The lady, who for convenience will be called Mrs. A, went to Mr. B's photographic gallery some two weeks ago to have her picture taken. She took her over his head to arrange the focus, etc., when with an exclamation of fright his head bobbed suddenly out from beneath its covering and he stared at the lady.

"What is the matter?" she asked.

"Oh, nothing," he replied. "Did any one pass behind you just then?" "Why, certainly not," she answered.

He, without going to the trouble of a few minutes and with a white face and premonition. strange manner, said that she must sit [again. She complied, and again when he proceeded to adjust the lenses he could not restrain his terror. His face became beaded with a cold perspiration, times did he take the lady's picture, refusing to give her any explanation of her she would have to go to some other place; he could not take her picture satisfactorily. Then she insisted on an explanation. He refused for a long time, but at last he made her faithfully promise not to divulge his name to anyone, and he brought her the five plates from the dark room. In each of them by her side, dressed in grave clothes, with outstretched arms and beckoning finger, stood the figure of a person who had been very near and dear to her, but who had recently died. The lady nearly fainted and denounced the thing as a trick, but was soon convinced by absolute proof that if there was fraud the photographer did not know of it or participate in it. The photographer fully startling.

The lady is not in the least superstiperhaps the beckoning finger of the ter- we will." rible figure, has worn on her nerves so gruesome incident that he hardly dares said: to peer through a camera any more.

There is the story. It is a true one;

heavy tread, statked in front of us. establishment. She and the picture front, She recognized in the dim light month. - San Francisco Chronicle. taker both desired their names to be the features of her deceased husband, self to her, and the photographer because of the spirits were silent. Some could and converse with us.

The first spirit that came was announced as Selina, my sister, but she vanished before I could get near to her. My brother David also was announced, but he too disappeared in a moment. But A. Young expresses the opinion that we most of the other attendants held con- shall learn nothing more about it than verse with what purported to be their

Brother Materialists, these occult phenomena are scientific facts, and I am unable to explain them, save on the hypothesis of snother life. I am as willing as any of you to accept death as an eternal sleep. I sometimes think this life position and the man threw his cloth is not worth living, and if so, is it not a question whether another life is worth living? Anyhow, I accept the hypothesis of another life provisionally and dispassionately, - Boston Investigator.

Doctor's Life Saved by a Premonition.

"I want to tell you a story," said Dr. Molier, the well-known physician, to a treatise upon the subject by the same Chronicle reporter yesterday. "I'm not gentleman, issued last year by the Smithlooking through the camera, again a superstitious man, nor do I believe in sonian Institution. In brief, Professor took the picture and went into the dark dreams, but vesterday, for the third or Bigelow holds that the corona is a magroom with it. He came bouncing out in fourth time in my life, I was saved by a netic phenomenon, and his great achieve-

"I got aboard of car No. 81, on the Sutter street line, at the ferry yesterday, to play conform mathematically to what DEATH WARNING IN A DREAM. ride up to my office. As usual, I walked are known as "the lines of force" of a to the forward end of the car, took a spherical magnet-at least, in the one or Rawson, Ohio, died on the 26th Novemseat in the corner with my back to the two eclipse photographs examined by ber last, after a short illness, and now his hands trembled so that he could driver, and, pulling a Chronicle from my him, Archimedes wanted a fulerum from hardly proceed with the work. Five pocket, was soon deeply engrossed in which he could move the world. Pro- death which is fully authenticated. On the news. Suddenly something said to fessor Bigelow seems to have given the night of January 26th last, he dreamme, 'Go to the other end of the car.' Act science a somewhat similar ground and ed that he had died and gone to heaven. his strange behavior. At last he told ing on impulse, I changed my seat, and leverage for handling several weighty In the dream the date of his death, Noso rapid were my movements that the questions. other passengers in the car noticed them. Remember, I was sitting, in the first place with my back to the driver.

"I was paying no attention to anything but my newspaper, and the premonition, if I may so call it, could not have come describing once in twenty-four hours a fore. There were other striking circumfrom any outside influence, such as seeing approaching danger; but, sir, I had cording to location and season? Pronot been in my new seat more than five fessor Bigelow himself is at work on next morning, when he awoke in his seconds when the tongue of a heavily loaded wagon crushed through the side of the car just where I had been first African Eclipse Expedition, his theory, in his desk. His wife found and read it with fear and trembling, but said noth-seated, and had I not chauged my seat later. Herein he suggests that the earth ing although it made an improved through all vital my back would have been broken by later. Herein he suggests that the earth ing, although it made an impression up the wagon tongue.

"As I said," continued the doctor. "I am not superstitious, but the incident I as alredy intimated, and the other, exactly as indicated in the dream while developed the plates, and the portraits have just related, taken in connection technically described as "radiant," pro- Pamenmire passed to the land of the unof the living and the dead are exact and with other incidents of a similar nature occurring in my life, makes me believe, in spite of myself, that there is a power tious, but the inexplicable affair and that shapes our ends rough-hew them as

In answer to a question as to what as to render her seriously ill, while the similar warning or premonition of danphotographer is so badly upset by the ger he had ever received, Dr. Moliere

Speaking of Dr. Moliere's story to a

said:

An Indian materialized behind our by a great big beam that smashed the patches of about two feet in diameter circle, and then, with a whoop and a whole row of seats we were in. That These patches were about eight or ten is not the only time I have been warned, The head of the lady who invited us and if the what is it would only whisper the vessel as far as the eye could see to make up the circle was clasped from to me when I go to put my money on They extended in every direction, the curious experience at a photographer's behind. The spirit then came round in the wrong horse I'd be a millionaire in a bark herself being the central point.

THE SUN AS A MAGNET.

No more fascinating mystery has engaged the attention of astronomers than that which the nature of the solar corona presents - that vast and somewhat irregular halo surrounding the orb of day, but never seen except when the latter is totally eclipsed. Discussing this topic in his book "The Sun," Professor Chas. was known one or ten years ago until new methods of attacking the problem are discovered. This is precisely what Professor Prank A. Bigelow, of the National Almanac Office in the Navy Department, has done; and in his paper on the solar corona, read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Indianapolis recently, he has opened up a large and important field of inquiry in the realm of solar physics. Scientists will cagerly await the reproduction of this essay in "The American Journal of Science" next November, when it will be practicable to scrutinize his work as it deserves. Meantime we have thing apparently taking place in Krakaa hint of its tenor from a preliminary

ment is the demonstration that the well-defined rays in this luminous dis-

method of disturbance in terrestrial Mr. McLean met Mahlen Povenmire, of magnetism. Why is it that almost all over Ada, an old friend, and asked him when the globe, every day, the declinometer swings first one way and then the other, mire replied that he had died a week becomplete oscillation greater or less acthis particular question, and he has put on record, in a bulletin of the South to writing, and laid the manuscript away is moving through two "magnetic fields," generated by the sun; one being coronal, On the 26th November last, McNeal died

ceeding in straight lines like light. The closeness of relationship between light and electricity is among the most taining the substance of her husband's recent revelations of the physicists; although they have only partially dis- the morning after the vision came to him covered the nature of it as yet. One -Two Worlds. valuable contribution to this study is to be found in the September "American

Journal of Science." Professor Samuel "Well, one time I was riding on the Sheldon there shows how he has suc-Michigan Central Railroad. It was a ceeded in exciting electricity by rotat- BETTER WAY, finds fault with your corthe facts as stated occurred just as de-bitter cold night, and when I entered ing a beam of polarized light. This is become necessary. It is nassing strange become necessary. It is passing strange forward and took a seat next to the savant merely rotated the beam by means fore the public, either through your stove in the forward part of the car, put- of electricity. Professor Sheldon thus ting my feet on the fender. In a short strengthens the conclusion at which speakers and beautiful writers. time a gentleman changed his seat and Professor Bigelow and others have ar-For more than forty years I have been came and sat beside me. The train was rived, that electrical force which is akin an investigator of spiritual phenomena. running at a high rate of speed, and the to, if not identical with, sunlight is of us to learn the art of speaking, or Indeed, I may say that I began the study draught soon made the heater in the car directed toward the earth, in which as writing, for the public if we cannot do in 1843, when I joined a class in mes- red hot. Suddenly there came to me a the latter revolves like a large dynamo so on the platform, and learn to write by merism, taught by the late LaRoy Sun- premonition of danger, and, turning to are induced currents of greater or less writing for THE BETTER WAY in the derland. Clairvoyance then became to my companion, I said: If we should strength at different points near the surface of our globe.

feet upart, and radiated in long lines from The captain at first thought the show was due to an unusual phosphorescence, the like of which none of the hands aboard, sailors though they were, could ever remember having seen before. The patches seemed to pulsate as the bark slowly sailed along, and their brilliancy would change with with each successive throb, growing quite dim and then suddenly spring into their full blaze of light." These pulsations continued for about three quarters of an hour, their rate frequently running as high as sixty to the minute. When the light would reappear after its momentary duliness, the water seemed to be literally on fire, and the flame on top moved like the idle flapping of the topgallant sails.

This last feature continued some ten or fifteen minutes after the pulsations had ceased, and gradually it died away. The moon throughout was shining through the light clouds that covered about one third of the sky, and there were occasional flashes of lightning to the northward and westward. There was no apparent effect upon the workings of the barometer, nor was there any toa that could throw any light on the subject.

The Captain of the Kelvin awaits a solution to the mystery with much interest, and hopes to hear reports from other vessels passing through the straits about the same time .- N. Y. Times.

A. P. McNeal, a well-known citizen of comes a strange story connected with his vember 26th, was firmly fixed upon his One of these touches the cause and mind. In the golden city of his dreams, he had died and left the earth. Povenstances in the dream equally as strange, which so impressed McNeal that the usual good health, he reduced the details on her mind which she could not efface.

known just a week before. Mrs. McNeal is in possession of the manuscript condream as above recited, date January 29th,

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Spiritual Phenomena. W. H. BURR.

me an undoubted fact; and in 1851 I sat- meet with an accident, a collision for inisfied myself, in the presence of Mar- stance, you and I would be in a bad place. garet Fox, that there was intelligence in | We would certainly be hurled on that the mysterious rappings which she did red-hot stove. At the same instant, and tanconsly by the corona (or rather by and very probably D. W. Hull has. it not herself produce.

made her recent public confession of upon me so strong that I could not re. matically to explain the needle's diurnal imposture, I knew that the confession sist it, and hardly had my fingers closed variation and the changes in that variaitself was a falsehood; and this she now upon the rail of the seat when there tion, then we shall have a splendid lot confirms by advertising herself as a came a crash and the car we were in was of data from which to compute more accurately and safely than before the "Rapping, Writing and Test Medium," thrown violently from the track. I

Spirit materialization is a phase of the clung to the seat, and my companion, phenomena that I have recently tested when thrown forward, narrowly missed with very satisfactory results. My last the stove. My position in the seat was experience was a few evenings ago. It such that, had I been pitched headlong was the second trial of a wire cage cabi- as he was, I could not have missed the manding the bark Kelvin, during his net. A lady who was present at the first heater. A broken rail caused the actrial, where, as she said, some forty cident, but what caused me to grasp the spirits appeared, invited myself and wife seat as I did I would like to know." to make up a special circle. Eleven persons were present, most of whom 1 had seen before. I examined the wirecage and knew that it was sound and tight. To me was given the padlock and key. I inserted a piece of marked paper under the clasp that covered the keyhole. 1 locked the medium in the wire-cage and kept the key in my pocket. It was a lock that could not be picked nor open ed with another key, and when I unlocked it at the close of the seance, the key punctured the paper that I had fastened over the keyhole.

than fifty manifestations of spirit forms, in the grand stand. I was broke and precaution when navigating near the some of which, of course, were re-ap- wanted to keep away from the boys. shore or coming to an anchor there. pearances. They frequently came in There were not many people on the On June 26 last the Kelvin was quietly forms visible at once. The voice of the medium (or rather of her spirit control, she being entranced), was heard at times within the cabinet, while the spirits appeared without.

Of course, if this influence, combined with that believed to be exerted simulbefore my seat-mate could reply, the im- the force of which the corona is a mani-And here let me say, that when she pulse to grasp the end of the seat came festation), proves competent mathefluctuations of intensity in solar activity.

A SEA OF FIRE.

Some unusual phenomena were ob served by Captain John Newman, comrecent cruise in the East Indies. On his voyage from Singapore to New York his track lay through Sunda Strait which separates Java from Sumatra, and well-known sporting man, the latter through which passes a large portion of the trade of China, also most of the trade

"Well, I've had the same sort of ex- of Batavia and other ports in the Java perience once or twice in my life. I'm and China Seas. The great channel is superstitious, I admit it. Of course fel- limited on the north by the conspicuous lows laugh at me, but for all that I be- island of Krakaton, on which is the vollieve I've got some sort of a guardian cano that kicked up such a rumpus angel that whispers to me when I'm in while in a state of cruption a few years danger. Maybe it's one of the wrong ago, the effects of which, it is fair to presort, for they do say the devil takes care sume, are continued to the present day. of his own; but wrong or right, as to The changes in the locality resulting kind, I know one thing certain, that my from the eruption have been so great that life has been saved more than once. One a new survey has been necessary, and ves-

During the seance there were more time I was at a race-course and was up sels ar- still advised to take every

pairs-mother and daughter, husband stand; it wasn't half filled, but suddenly going along with sails barely filled with and wife-and often there were three I felt an impulse which fairly drove me the light southerly airs that caused hardout of the place. I had not got clear ly a ripple on the surface. About 11:30 down the stairs when the whole stand in the evening, when about eight miles went down with a crash, and the fellow north east from the entrance to Sunda ting to them .-- John Bascom, L. L. D. who was sitting right next to me was Strait, which is marked by Krakaton, crushed out of all semblance of humanity the water suddenly appeared on fire in want of courage.

columus or on our platforms, full-fledged

I would like to ask this immaculate fault finder, when or how he expects any best manner that we know how, until through practice we find ourselves perfect, or nearly so? I, for one, have not had the advantages of a school education, does not make any difference what Daniel Webster says about the matter. we have got to write and talk, or we should never learn anything, and the great immortal Daniel had to do the same before he could make a good speech and some one had to hear his poor ones in the commencement of his career, or no one would have heard his best ones that he uttered in the latter days of his life. Yet to hear D, W. Hull Mrs. SARAH E. E

talk, one would think that he, D. W. Hull, must have jumped into this life a full-fledged and grand orator. Such things have not been recorded of man since the days of lesus, and it

may be that D. W. Hull is another Jesus, come to earth to save mankind from us poor devils of writers that wish to air our thoughts through the columns of THE BETTER WAY, so that in the end we may attain perfection.

Suppose D. W. Hull lays us down a pattern to go by in some of the future BETTER WAYS. 1, for one, would like to learn how perfection is attained in writing or speaking. I am nearly seventy years of age, yet I am not too old to learn, even of the young man calling himself D. W. Hull.

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IS CRISTIANITY BLIND TO HER DEFECTS?

Live what you profess, whether Jew Christian, Mahomedan, Quaker or Spiritualist. All religion is worthy of acceptance that inculcates moral reform in its teachings, and none are without itotherwise they could not exist-would not continue to exist more than a short of the weaker or more innocent. span of years. Evil is short lived-relative and must succumb to good in the ordinary events of daily life and mortal opinion. Good is absolute and caunot die: for good is truth and will rise again however crushed it may be for a time. It rannot even be crushed out by statutory law. Evil need not be; it will fall by the wayside. Every religion, though it contains error, is destined to reach some souls. And none are without error-the latter being that which is relative in it and thus subject to revision, alteration and often entire elimination, as the hell doctrine in the Christian religion.

Now, if Christianity is perfect, why these revisions from generation to generation? But the latter is overlooked in enough to tell the truth of things are remodes of belief or religious hodies. This uncanny. What is the cause and what seems to be a pet hobby of the so-called is the remedy of this condition? Christian religion, forgetting that the highest principle of reform begins at home-in the church-in their own family circles. Were but the ten commandthe Jewish faith, applied properly, much consideration for their mere patronagestill higher teachings, of which charity their much adored Christ; for the latter are the most uncharitable towards denouncing other religious beliefs-both sciously (through prejudice it must be the guilty ones-those who make Chris- and for which publishers are not retianity obnoxious in the sight of Spiritualist, lew and even Mahomedan. The latter with his "dog of a Christian" must have been deceived by the race, or expe-

chosen such a term with which to label

is seldom that a Spiritualist is found on the police records, and when such is the case, it generally proves to be some poor unfortunate weaking, as there are a hundred thousand in Christianity to one in Spiritualism, who deserves pity rather than censure. The fraudulent manifestations that the public hears of, are generally done by Christian fakirs who simulate mediumship and leave the public to infer that they are Spiritualists. But is that any reason to legislate against the sect or the religion of these people? Why not prohibit the Jewish ritual because an occasional Jew proves to be an incendiary to obtain the insurance, or pretends to be bankrupt in order to swindle his creditors? Why not close the Chinese Joss houses in this country because a Chinaman occasionally instates the Christian and gets drunk and strikes his brother with a flat irou? It were better to legislate against Christian school commissioners or those who have school books for sale to prevent the wholesale robbery of poor people by ordering a change of school books oftener than is necessary. Or against Christian county commissioners who add an o to bills

presented to the state for payment and divide the surplus among themselves. Or against the Christian assessors who take bribes from property holders to have their real estate assessed at low figures for taxation. Or against the undue influencing of customers by strong psychologic (mesmeric) salesman to purchase more than they need or can afford to buy-a mode of hypnotising in public. The latter is as much an evil as bunko steering, for like this it is the

stronger or shrewder taking advantage Now, if Christianity wants to be moral let it be fair to begin with. Spiritualists are ready to go hand in hand with law and morality, and as well as being among the most law abiding citizens they will also prove true in office or as upholders of peace and probity. We want nothing that is unfair or unreasonable, but simply ask for justice, and that may be easily granted by living what is professed.

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The stalwart ring that once made the secular press resound with no uncertain tones, is no more heard. It is either perverted by partizanship or it is morally gagged. The few that are independent a blind eager to revise or eliminate other garded with suspicion or as something

People have become accustomed to make the press subserve individual and selfish purposes. The merchant, the bookseller or publisher, the lecturer, the ments (which are an inheritance from artist, and even the amateur demand evil would be averted. But they have threatening with boycott if the editor or publisher will not surrender principle is one, and of which much parade is for patronage. And this evil is creeping made. Is it lived as professed? Neither into the spiritual press as well. If the by the majority, nor by the vicars of secular press has to earn its existence by lying, spare us, please. We are willing enough to give every body and everything the credit that is due, and in ignorantly (through bigotry) and con- everyone can be found something of merit; but do not demand from the presumed.) Of course there are many, spititual press that it recommend, praise, both of the clergy and laity, who live or puff that which is unknown to its what they profess-who practice what members. Correspondents may say they preach. But this does not excuse what they please over their own names, sponsible, but do not expect the latter to earn their bread by the bombast that characterizes the secular press.

From us the world demands truth onrienced an ungratefulness from the ly, and Spiritualists demand an honest hands of professing Christians to have opinion, and thus are learning to rely on what is said in the spiritual press But his next door neighbor. The American once deceived this confidence is lost. Indian to an extent employs the same How shall we then indicate what is to Be satisfied with what is given. None will be treated unjustly, but do not ask us to give undue praise to that of which It is certainly not "Christian" to deceive we have no personal knowledge, or that M. D's want it stopped for similar rea which can be penetrated psychometrical-Government in one act. But professed ly and its true worth delineated. Of course, everyone believes his own production the best, but that doesn't make it so. If we cannot give an honest critiists as a fraud or a fool. Is this charita- cism without offending we had rather decline expressing one. People who are claims the discovery of charity, might be too sensitive to hear the truth are not Spiritualists and had better lean on the secular press for support and laudation. If we cannot keep the press pure, it is no use wasting time on other departments. We cannot offord to sacrifice principle religious beliefs? Must the masses be for patronage. That belongs to the political arena, and not the spiritual. The to be, the first evil to be subsided by leg- only free press, in our opinion, is an honest press, and honesty only makes rent their houses to prostitutes and who independent. The tempter or purchaser of opinion and principle is as bad as he who sells. Let this be understand individually and in general.

THE BETTER WAY. of crime compared to this? Nothing. It expect some startling manifestations in the near future. The first subject for hypnosis by the spirit world was in all probability the gentleman who suggested the ordinance and he in turn hypnotized ject to spirit hypnosis. We have always favored private exhibitions in all spiritual phenomena, and

still advocate it. They are not for the public gaze, nor for the unspiritual minded or scoffer. Let those who desire to know the truth plead for it, and the effects accord with the cause? We obtain the best phenomena in private and probably the best results for organization may be obtained in private as well. This might bring forth the harmony needed for a more general or universal organization-one that will bind the Spiritualists of the four quarters of the globe into one society.

The past week records the departure of a number of prominent individuals from this mortal sphere to take their places among the gods or angels or wherever they may be otherwise attracted according to individual purification or soul development,

William Windom, President Harrison's Secretary of the Treasury, passed over very suddenly at a banquet, having had from all appearances, no warning whatever of the call to join the loved ones gone before. But death loves a shining mark and frequently takes advantage of circumstances which makes the event all the more remarkable, or prominent, might be said. Is this foreseen by the higher powers? Undoubtedly; for what intuitively minded person can doubt it? The purpose however may not be made known to us, or even understood if it were to be tried. But we may infer that it helps the spirit-the mental influence directed at a soul under such circumstances being the reward given to the good, and often form motives of sympathy to the unfortunate, called by the church, the wicked.

Charles Bradlaugh, a member of Queen Victoria's Parliament, and a prominent man, has also joined the immortals. King Kalakua of the Sandwich Islands

Peace to them, we say, if our faint

A legislative body that passes an or

according to their own notion of things day, has just been heard before a Federa will also be held responsible, whether medium or not.

A correspondent writes that he objects to having a god in his Spiritualism, but believes that every man has a god in himself. Well, what is the difference-whatever is in the Spiritualist, must be in Spiritualism.

If you wish to obtain a true delineation of your soul nature, have your photograph taken by F. N. Foster. The spirit faces that appear on the plate with your own will tell you more than a psychometrist can, like attracting like and nothing escaping the camera. Besides this, you have have the chance of sceing one or two of your departed friends or relatives on it.

Liebault talked five hours about hypnotism in court and proved nothing. All he did was to warn people that this new thing might be put to bad uses. So all things may. A man, I suppose, might kill himself by eating bread. But that does not show that bread is unwhole some .-- London Light.

Mrs. Kibby has returned from her west ern tour and is ready to see her many friends at her residence, 14 Cottage Terrace, Saunders street, Mt. Auburn.

Prof. J. B. Grooms is giving a series of 6 lectures on Anthropology and Psychometry at his residence 14 Pine street. The proceeds will go to the Union Society. Admission 25 cents. Thursday evenings.

People will sometimes overlook ninetynine good things said about them to find fault with one error.

The subjects for next Sunday at (. A. R. Hall to be discoursed on by Dr. F. L. H. Willis are "The Relation of Spiritual Laws to Every day Life" for the morning and "The God Idea" for the evening.

Mrs. Mary Barnitz spoke acceptably to a good house at the hall of the Psychic Research Society last Suuday afternoon.

An interesting report of the Psychic Research Society was omitted from this week's issue in consequence of its arrival

NEWS ITEMS.

The Neoraska farmers have petitioned Congress for bread.

Valparaiso workmen have joined the nsurgents in Chili; business is paralized Rev. Henry W. George is in jail at Catskill, N. Y., for causing the death of Lottie Townsend.

A lady in Scott Co., Ky., died from joy upon hearing that she was left a fortune. Can't kill everybody that way.

Rev. A. De Ford has been sentenced at Milwaukee to five years' imprisonment for raising the denomination of bills.

Now that he has exposed himself so horoughly, says the Sun. Father Ignatius should be dismissed as a mountebank and nuisance.

Dr. Schlozer, the representative of Germany at the Vatican, has informed the pope that his country will readmit all religious orders but Jesuits.

Rev. A. B. Simpson of New York prophesies the end of the world in 1934. He is a Baptist minster and a Christian, and hates Spiritualism. How charitable! There is no saloon in Hanford, Cal.

but the morning after a Christmas dance at the Town Hall the janitor picked up 154 empty quart bottles from the floor. Mrs. Grace G. Ridley, of Amboy, Ill who went to sleep about nine months ago, awoke last week for the first time. Was she hypnotized and what fed her during that time?

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Court. The case was first appealed to the Supreme Court of the State which confirmed the judgment of the lower court. It was then brought before Judge Hammond, of the Federal Court, on write of habeas corpus. Judge Ham. mond decides that he has no jurisdiction to plass on a decision of the State courts,

The Golden Rule gives a hearing to a sides, letting what is said by contributon stand on its own merits. Dr. Buck, for instance, is a Theosophist, and believe in reincarnation. You or I may disagree with his views on that line, but our dis agreement no more disproves them the it takes away Dr. Buck's standing as one of Cincinnati's most prominent phrai cians. "Prove all things and hold fast that which is good." - Cincinnati Golden Rule.

M'll Agnes Charcot, nicce of M. Char. cot, is giving private exhibitions of hypnotism in New York. She claims that with it epilepsy can be cured, as also rheumatism, neuralgia and all nervon ailments except chronic organic diseases It is also used as a substitute for anathetics. It is dangerous in the hands of an unskilful practitioner, but as it takes a long time to become proficient enough to give public exhibitions, such a one can be trusted, while the unskilful ones only pratice in private and they cannot be got at by a prohibitory law-so it is useless and foolish to prohibit it, for it only closes an avenue of discovery and research.

The "General" Booth humbug bas about run its course, and the people are waking up to a realization of the sharp practice attempted by the great schemer who, by its success, would fasten upon the world a modern order of Jesuitism that, in time, would strip all the infamou laurels from the memory of Ignation Loyola. It is well, for the general good, that we have such men as Prof. Huxly to prick these bubbles as they rise from the poisonous swamps of our Christian "civilization." The "General" has, however, done one good thing. He has turned public attention to the rotteness of a great Christian city, and some good may come of that, but it will not be by the adoption of his financial scheme.-Independent Pulpit.

Reports of the famishing condition of the Alaskan Esquimaux have been corroborated by the statements of special agent Sheldon Jackson. The supply of whale, walrus, seal and reindeer has heretofore furnished them with aburdant food, but the indiscriminate destruction of these by white hunters have now or quite nearly exhausted the supply or driven the animals into inaccessible regions. Mr. Jackson deems it unwise to vote an appropriation to feed them, as it would degrade and pauperize them. His plan is to introduce into Northern Alaska the domesticated reindeer of Siberia and Lapland. These with proper care and management would soon increase rapidly and furnish food in abundance. The committee of Congress having the matter in charge will present a resolution, which if adopted, will place at the Interior Department's disposal sufficient money to purchase the reindeer with which to stock the land.

The Detroit Free Press says: "The arest of an 'astrologer,' who worked upon the imagination of a nervous woman with the result that she committed suicide and murder, is proper, although his share in the responsibility for the crime is probably too remote to permit of his punishment for any offense more serious than that of being a common mountebank. Though Emperor William of Germany | There is no estimating the damage done nade the earnest request not to have his by the so-called fortune tellers and clair-They lead credulous people into absurd YORK, PA. Mr. Alexander Loucks enterprises and are, generally, a pest -while cutting ice on Loucks's dam, dis- The victim referred to is Mrs. Anderson about. The ice was some seven inches was untrue. The N. Y. Tribune calls think and was frozen about two weeks this man a Spiritualistic medium, but we wish it known that there are no astrolo-

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is another, and:

whisper can be heard at any distance beyond our limited sphere. If not, how ever, it might be aided by the many readers of THE BETTER WAY.

HYPNOTISM.

Savants assert that no one under been notic influence can be made to do that which is not in him. That is, there must be a germ of the "suggestion," whether for good or evil, in the subject acted upon A drunkard who desires to reform therefore may be cured, while a preacher, who may have the evil by inheritance, though or herself. But charitable (?) Christians as yet has never indulged, may be made seem to think otherwise. a drunkard-and so on through the whole category of human character. Thus a pure minded individual cannot be influenced -to that which is impure while an impure one would probably commit the deed in time anyhow Whether it is wise or consistent there fore to prohibit hypnotic experiments is a peace, otherwise Spiritualists might be question to be considered with delibera- induced to give an exhibition of their tion. It is a subject that should be well influence and strength, both socially and studied, for it may lead to the discovery politically, which might give cause for of many of the secrets of nature about regret to many who were foremost in which we are still in the dark, and aid their persecutions. in ferteting out crime and consequently stop it. The fact of being readily discovered must have a moral influence dinance preventing children from going that no other lever can exert. Did the to work before they are fourteen years City Council prohibit it for fear of the of age, and then an ordinance that forces revelations it might make to the people others to school at the tender age of six, at large concerning rings, etc.; or do the sons? If so it was a timely move. DR. WILLIS IN CINCINNATI. Dr. F. L. H. Willis of Rochester, N. Y. delivered his first lecture before a Cincincati audience on Sunday morning last, being engaged for the month of February by the Union Society of Spiritualists. The subject chosen for this occassion was "If man die shall he live again." He treated the same with masterly effect and would have shamed the most learned theologian so far as arguments were concerned. The lecture was interpolated with inspirational effusions which were grand in the extreme, and heartily rewarded by applause. On the whole it was a scholarly address.-In the evening he chose "The Wonderful Laws of Spirit Control" as the subject of discourse This was even more interesting; as it touched the personality of many of the

be but an untenable theory if not upheld to an extent by the so-called Bible miracles, and these would have to be taken the city council, or the council was sub- on faith, if Spiritualism did not give them a semblance of fact-of possibility. Christianity will yet have to call on Spir-

BE EASY.

Christianity's plan of salvation would

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itualism to verify its claims or disintegrate. But if she continues her persecu tions, she will make an enemy of Spiritunlism and it will be too late. Liberal minded and progressive Christians admit none except we know them to be should call a halt to their more fanatical moved by honest intentions or upon and bigoted brethren, and admonish evidence that they are in cornest. The them to be more tolerant to their spiritspirit world itself objects to propoganda unl neighbors. The civilized world is in any of the department. The very large enough to harbor more than one fundamentals prove this. Why not let form of religion. Let us have peace.

> R. M. King, the seventh day Adventist, who has been in jail several months at Troy, Tenn., for plowing on Sunday, writes to an elder:

> "It seems strange that I have to lie in jail for working on Sunday when I can see people from here doing the same thing every Sunday, such as hauling brick and wood. But they are not Ad-

> ventists, you know." No, they are good Christians, and may do many things that other people are not permitted to do. Rather than allow an honest man to make an honest living,

> they pardon Christian thieves to continue their pilfering; allow Christian satoon keepers to sell liquor on Sunday to inspire other Christians to commit murder, etc. But such is the consistency of Christian doctrine-a belief based on injustice and hypocricy.

When a clairvoyant makes a mistake with bad results attending, the secular press voices it far and wide. But of all the good prophecies made and warnings given to individuals, resulting in the saving of life, limb and property, not a word is said. Why this discrimination? Is it because people are so depraved that they prefer to hear the evil to the good? Or is it simply blind prejudice-ninetcenth century bigotry? The press is surely depraved when it pays better to teil lies after the forms were made up, than truth. Is such a part of the Chris tian press or is the secular press not recognized by Christianity? Its members however, are all married by Christian ministers and have their children bap tized in Christian churches, and are thus

nothing else. Nice examples of Christianity they are, surely!

W. I. Faulk, of Pittsburg, who killed his wife in a fit of religious frenzy, says he was inspired to do the deed by one Geo. Knauff, who claimed to be another Messiah and ordered him to do it. Knauff denies the allegation and asserts that he has often reproved Faulk for illtreating his wife. Knauff is a Christian Evangelist and Faulk a good Christian. But should the whole system of Christianity be condemned on account of this, or held responsible for the many crimes of its believers or adherents? No more so than Spiritualism should be because an occasional Spiritualist forgets himself

Charity demands that we cover up each others short comings. But since our Christian brother is so bent on finding something adverse to Spiritualism we have reciprocated a little. But before it is too late we say let us have

term but adding the snaky expression of be believed? "split tongue" to it. We know why the latter is, and those who profess innocence are trying to deceive themselves. the Indian and rob the United States Christians are the culprits, and yet they speak of the heathen as one depraved; of the lew as a born cheat; of the Spiritualble-especially coming from a sect that said?

Because there are sensual Mahomedans, or tricky Indians, or untrustworthy Jews, or fanatical Spiritualists, is that any reason to legislate against their measured by the individual? If such is islation should be Christianity. For who are the prostitutes, but Christians? Who commit all the adultery reported in the daily papers and are charged with all the rape cases, but Christians? Who commit the murders, disturb the peace become intoxicated and patronize and run the saloons, but Christians? Who uors, but Christians? Whose pastors are being weekly charged with all manner of crime, but the Christians? And who are

who have corrupted it, but the Christians?

Does this religious sect desire more reasons to sweep before their own door others may be enumerated.

ORGANIZATION.

Probably the law made against giving public exhibitions of hypnotism is to make the rum and beer and other liq- benefit Spiritualism in the end. It has called attention to the fact, and suggested by opponents themselves that it unfolds mediumship. Everybody wants to in charge of a corrupt government; and be a medium if he can, though he may deny this to another; and having discovered that hypnotism aids in its de-

velopment-doing away with the former tedious process of sitting at a tablethan the aforenamed-to begin reform many will try the experiment in private. in their own ranks? If so a hundred Aud as spirits are the most active hyp-

What has Spiritualism done in the way arrested for practicing the art-we may more sensitive to the latter they become.

auditors - the majority being more or less Dr. F. L. H. Willis, who is serving the mediumistic. But from these two ef-Society of Union Spiritualists of this forts on the part of Dr. Willis we may be city for the month of February, may be assured of a rich and rare treat during consulted professionally at 468 Bayhis stay in Cincinnati. On both the miller street, from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. during the week. He gives psychometric above named occasions he was greeted by large audiences. readings, and phychic treatments, and

Nobody objects to having untruths told about themselves, provided they are good untruths--i. c., compliments, even if undeserved. But tell a bad truth, and

the devil is to pay. Thus some people prefer to hear lies to truths; and the notists or mesmerists-and cannot be greater the desire for the former the

shows a fearful inconsistency in feeling or boyish ignorance. It is certainly not his living as to force a child of six to

school,

Spiritualism per se is intended to make the individual purer in his mode of living, broader and more charitable in his judgment, and self reliant as an entity of nature.

PERSONALS AND LOCALS. Photos received. L. B. Contributions accepted. A. H. H., M' T. A., L. B., C. H., J. H. C., J. C.

the future.

iress. Albert Mortan believes in a neat appearence as his former publications already proved.

Washington, for congressional documents.

Please send us no more poems containing over 20 lines. We have enough to last a couple of years.

They who propose to run Spiritualism arrested and fined for plowing on Sun-

birthday celebrated-he not believing in voyants. They sow the seeds of suspicsuch worldy enjoyments-the people did ion and break up families right and left anyhow, and he had to submit.

covered a spider frozen in a solid block of Brockton, Mass., who poisoned heras cruel to permit a boy of twelve to earn of ice. He ingeniously cut into the ice, self and three children because the aswhen the spider stepped out and hopped trologer had told her that her hushand

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disguise. It enables him to think and plau in perfect quiet, and he can have his children about him without being disturbed by their noisy prattle. He also misses the comments passed on his appearance wherever he goes. John Beal was arrested in Kansas for

malicious trespass. He promised the carth, which is considered as a great Sheriff not to dig his way out of jail if left unwatched, but inside of three days left unwatched, but inside of three days he went through the brick wall, stole the Sheriff's horse and buggy, and then took Sheriff's horse and buggy, and then took Mrs. Sheriff in with him and galloped away to parts unknown.-Detroit Free Press.

A thief masquerading as a priest enered a Brooklyn dwelling and asked to see the lady who was sick and to whom he wanted to give spiritual comfort. He was admitted, but when he left again, a gold watch and a fine shawl went with him. Should Christianity be held responsible because a non-Christian played

Our thanks to Mr. Geo. A. Bacon, of the deceiver in the name of Christianity? Then why hold Spiritualism responsible when a non-Spiritualist commits an evil in the name of Spiritualism?

> The case of Mr. R. M. King, a Seventh-Day Adventist, of Tennessee, who was

Thomas A. Edison has become deaf gers and fortune tellers in Spiritualism. and is said to regard it as a blessing in and the person referred to is most likely a communicant at some Christian church or a roustabout that is recognized by no sect.

> Prof. Dolbear, in a communication to Science, suggests a new explanation of the cause of auroras, holding it to be due to changes in the magnetic field of the magnet, instead of to electrical cu in the upper regions of the air. He comrarefaction of the air at the altitudes where the auroras occur as comparable to that existing in those tubes. The theory is a plausible one, and may be hereafter developed into a rational explanation of the mysterious polar illuminations.

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Correspondence.

Topeka, Kas.

pr. Arknup, of California, is speaking for the spiritual Church at Music Hall every Sunday evening for nearly two months to very intelligent and interested people. He is a man of eent and interested people. He is a main of superior mental power, and is doing a grand work in our city. May he live many years to teach the beautiful truths of our grand spirit-ast philosophy. Yours, A. MARKLEY. THE BETTER WAY is taken quite extensively through this country. I hear none but good words concerning it. I am sorry to learn that your correspondent "Y." is quite ill and has

Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Secty, trumpet medium, left this city for Anderson and Muncie on the 26th of Jasuary, on her way home to Daytou. Oh m Mrs. Seery's circle here was a grand success, giving thorough satisfaction to all who attended them. The spiritualists of Indian goes off. apolis love her and appreciate her grand powers Mrs. Adah Sheehan is with us during Febru-

ary and all are delighted to hear her Very truly, your friend, T. J. COOK

Weldon, III.

Mrs. A. E. Kibby, of your city, has been they wait to hear from their loved ones. We cannot say too much of this noble woman's work in the field of truth, of thought the

strength for those who are struggling and trying to progress spiritually.

They were mostly recognized. I have heard from its fountain of truth without money and as many astwenty names given and recognized without price. at one seance. There is one thing over which we feel sail, and that is that we cannot keep her longer; just as we have learned to low her she must leave us, but we hope that she will return again in the future.

MISS B. BARNES, Sec'y.

Peorla, III.

The Society of the Friends of Progress, i progressing rapicly. The attendance every Sunday evening is large, and we have been compelled to move to more commodious quarters

Our lecturer, Mr. Charles W. Peters, is well liked. He lectures on all subjects of a scientific, philosophical and religious character Some of his lectures have been given special notices by the Peoria Journal and Herald, the comments being most favorable, and much appreciated by the public. several converts have been made. Some excellent tests have been given after each lecture. We have engaged him for another three months. He may be addressed here.

We expect to have a temple of our own within another year. Several hundred dollars have already been provided toward the building Yours, MRS. HONENDEN, Pres't.

Los Angeles, Cal.

Picase notice that the Spiritualists of Los Augeles, on the 28th of December, 1800, organized a society with twenty-five members, under the name of the Los Angeles Socie y of Spirit-ualists, and elected the following board of officers to serve for the ensuing six months, towith President, Mr. H. C. Oblennis; Vice-presideut, Mr. R. Adams; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. H. H. Hutcheson; Recording Secretary Mr. George R. Brown; Treasurer, Mrs. E. M.

Hammon The Society meets every Sunday evening at Forester's Hall, 107 North Main street. Miss Susie Johnston has been engaged to speak for us until the last Sunday in January, and Mrs. Mattie E. Hull for February.

Since the society was organized it has rupidly increased in numbers, and is happily in a flourishing condition.

H. H. HUTCHESON, Corr. Sec'y.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Helen Stuart-Richings addressed a large audience the last Sunday evening in January at Elks Hall for the benefit of the First Progressive Spiritualist Society, which society is growing steadily in membership, and to the student of nature, phrenologist or physiologist. he can but notice the intelligent faces or highly intelligent minds, assembled there to catch more wisdom from inspired teachers, such as our last speaker has given.

In my opinion Spiritualist's assemblages contrast greatly from the many denominations from whence the individuals spring. Perhaps it is because theology holds to those the tighter whose minds are bent and stultified by fearfear of a devil, a burning pit of the eternal wrath of a god of vengeance. All this fear is

the work Mrs. Hull and I laid down nearly two months since I understand that Dr. J. H. Randall, of Chicago, is coming this that Dr. J. H. Kathoan, of Chica-go, is coming this way. Also that Mrs. Aldrich, Presno, Cal., will make a spring and summer trip through here; and, since striving here to-day I learn that Dr. N. F. Raveliu, of San Francisco is thinking of turning his steps this

gone up to Seattle for his health. To all appearances winter is over. The grass

can never be more green than it is to-day. The Liberals are going to celebrate Thomas Paine's birthday on the 17th inst. in this city I am to be one of the speakers on that occas-ion. I will let you know how the celebration My address for a month at least will be Port-

land, Oregon. MOSES HULL,

Baltimore, Md,

Thinking it might be interesting to you and your readers to have a few lines (tom this city by the way of assuring you and them, that Spiritualism here is not sleeping, but on the

the audience and the interest manifested. Her several years past has been Mrs. Ruchel Wal-lectures are full of tood for thinkers; full of cott than whom no more fervent, earnest and eloquent speaker occupies the rostrum. The object of the society is to teach ethics of Spir-The tests after her lectures were the most itualism, and every Sunday its doors are swing wonderful. Many went away full of wonder, wide open to all, that all who will can drink

On the 21st of December Mrs. M. E. Williams gave a lecture in our hall to a crowded house, which was listened to with great interest by all who were fortunate enough to hear it. On the 21st inst she held at the residence of

ourspeaker a scance for full materialization, at which there were present about twenty per-nons, amongst whom were the most critical and discriminating members of our society, whose

ability to judge is perhaps, qual to any. During the seance quite a number of forms appeared, and were recognized by the sitters some cases parents came to the children. children to parents, and wives to husbands, etc. At times there were two forms upon the floor at the same time, each moving in different directions, and speaking to those to whom

they had come. The cabinet used on this occasion was a small hall room, off from one of the parlors, with a door opening into it, across which door were placed some dark curtains, through which the spirit forms showed themselves and entered the parlor; the only other entrance to the cabinet was through a door from the main hall,

which was securely locked There was no opportunity for fraud on th part of the medium, and I for one will youch there were neither confederates or fraud among the persons composing the circle, and every living mortal in the house was in the seance

r00171 The first seance that I attended of this kind was seven years ago at Mrs. Williams' in New Vork, where I was fully convinced that our friends from the other side could manifest to the conditions for doing so being all right The success of the seance has created among our friends a desire to have her come among us again, which she has promised to do, and all are auxiously waiting for the time to arrive

which I hope will soon be at hand. Yours fraternally, ROBERT BARSTOW.

Washington, D. C.

I have for twenty years been a true Spiritualist, having read your paper since its first issue. I find it the best way to reach all classes of skeptics as well as Spiritualists, and convince them of truths I now want to write in reference to a sitting I had with a Baltimore medium. Miss M. Gault. She comes to our city ouce a week and holds scances under the auspices of the society at Warn's Hall. I had been intending to call on this medium for a long time and two weeks ago I called on her for a private sit ting, and the result was wonderful. The full names of spirits, my surroundings, my health, and in fact everything was perfect, and in no case was there a mistake, and now as a lover of the cause an 1 a believer in truth, 1 feel it my duty to make known the facts. One of the principal tests were a recent death of a devoted cousin who had only been buried. She gave me her name, the manner of her death and in every detail she was correct. I could not reach the gaze of this good one, and she gave me the most convincing proof of this, telling me that Abbie would now come to me; then after these

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reported, place Mr. Baxter in the front rank as medium The scance given Sunday evening, January 25th, in Cleveland, was extremely interesting and full of evidence of spirit interposition to

> and organ playing and his fine lectures, none other is more successful, or worthy than he. It is no wonder that his time is fully employed. 10011 due.

Many from the extra-crowded audiences of wishes, and while regretting his engagement could not have been longer in the city, yet know that other places and societies are to be

the Sundays of February, and all were anticipating a treat. Old Spiritualists who remember her brilliant though brief career some years ago, were enthusiastic over her coming, and with great interest were looking forward to the event, COR.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Spiri'unlism in this city is flourishing and promises much for the future. I have just closed an engagement, covering the time for

two and a half months past. On the commencement the audience wa small, but it continued to grow satil the large hall was filled. During the same time I have delivered two lectures each week to a large class here in mental and spiritual science, and two lectures a week on the same line at Long Lake Minn., beside several lectures before the Farmers Alliance on topics of interest to the people n that movement.

While here I have had the pleasure of meeting Miss Abby A. Judson, and learning some-thing of her work in behalf of Spiritualism at the present time there is no one here who is exercising an influence so effective with the people in the churches as she is. Under instruction of high spiritual intelligence she ommenced her public work for the extension of the truths of Spiritualism; being a thorough scholar, clear in mind, well posted in literature and history, and widely known as having for many years been a teacher whose educational and moral influence has extended into many thousands of families, gives her an influence and prestige with the Christian world of thought that is exceptional. She began her work here under a sense of duty; many who knew her sterling qualities of character gathered around her. Sunday evenidgs for the past two months she has been giving a consecutive course of lectures. They have been given to her inspirationally, and have been so instructive and so deeply interesting to the exceptionally intelligent audiences that have listened to them that her friends have suggested to her to publish them.

I have been engaged to serve her society as lecturer, commencing Sunday, February 22d, and continuing through the Sundays of March; during the same time I will have an evening class in mental and spiritual science, and will respond to calls for evening lectures in the country. Address to Seventh street, South, Minueapolis, Minn. J. H. RANDALL.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bogert, the chairman of our Brooklyn Spiritual Conference and his estimable lady, assembled at their resi dence on Monday evening, the 26th of January to celebrate their silver wedding, or the twen ty fifth anniversary of their marriage. Each guest brought tokens of good will, but the ladies of the conference had prepared a genuine surprise for Mr. Bogert, in the shape of a gold watch which was presented by Mrs. Kurth in a few well-chosen remarks. The ladies could not have chosen a better speaker for the occasion and the whole proceedings completely dumbfounded Brother Bogert. It is seldom, indeed. that our worthy president is at loss for words, but the ladies had kept their secret well, and he had to admit that for the first time, not withstanding he had for a number of years' ser vice in the war, he was genuinely surprised, but he soon recovered his speech and thanked the ladies in a neat little speech for the unexpected time piece The evening passed off with music, addresses of congratulation and recita tions, closing with refreshments in the small hours of the morning, all joining in congratulations and best wishes for the host and his very worthy lady.

> Fraternally. DOCTOR.

tiful diction. Her two lectures were closely connected in the line of thought and llustration. To give an intelligent synopsis would lake more space than we can give. To thinking minds the science of psycholo

any candid mind. Both the Leader and Plain-Dealer on the next morning reported, paying especial attention to the seance. Thus what with his mediumship, his singing and organ playing and his fine lectures essary to live on in time and space that we may have time to acquire knowledge to satis Mr. Baxler ieft on Monday, January sch, for fy the longings of the soul to know more. The the East, where he has many engagements greatest minds that have ever lived bave all died unsatisfied with the spiritual and mental

attainment. She will lecture again next Sunday morning this last meeting in Cleveland took his hand She will lecture again next Sunday morning in congratulation and left with him their best and evening. On Friday evening she lectures at Chesterfield.

1 also want to give you a quotation from the Indiana Constitution, and see if you do not benefitted and Spiritualism's cause is to be honored wherever he will go. Miss Jennie Leys, of former fame on the spir-itual philform, was subounced in Cleveland for "All men shall be secured in their natural

"All men shall be secured in their natural right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. No law shall in any case whatever control the free exercise and enjoyment of religious opinions or interfere with the rights of conscience. No preference shall be given by law to any creed religious soclety or mode of worship; and no man shall

be compelled to attend, erect, or support any place of worship or maintain any ministry against his consent. Respectfully. J. W. MILDURN

Meadville, Pa.

Meadville grows in spite of theological colleges and Agnostic Unitarianism. 1 did not find quite the enthusiasm here that was manifest a year ago, but our audiences have steadi ly increased, and last night Psychological Hall was full, and the attention as perfect as could be desired to the close, and the glow of the inner life was tangible in all the air.

Hon. A. B. Richmoud has been a great help to the cause in this vicinity in various ways. His skepticism and open infidelity on all spir-itual matters before his "new birth," and his varied and able writings since his "change of heart" have impressed the thinking world, and those who don't think, because they cannot fall into the psychic wave and bow at the spiritual shrine. He also owus Psychical Hall and does all he can to make the meetings a success and the seekers to feel at home in his hall. For all of which Spiritualists appreciate his kindness and ability and feel a fraternal gratitude. Bro. A. Gaston, President of Cassadaga Lake Free Association, shrinks from public mention and avoids notoriety, but his generous qualities and varied abilities and willingness to do more than his share, and his well balanced mind fit him for a large work, and inspire a spontaneous confidence and heartfelt devotion that will express itself in words even against his modest protest. In his pleasant home I feel at rest, and the family are all pleasant, intelligent and social, and life is made beautiful in such a sphere. I go from here regretfully.

Last evening, after meeting, I was favored with special treat. Few know of what is in their midst. A select party of five met at Brother Wilkins' and received some very conclusive tokens from the unseen. The medium is incog., but will likely be heard from in no weak way in the years that are to come. The most perfect rapping medium I have ever met. A heavy round table was handled with as much vigor and apparent ease as if grasped by a giant. It tipped, rocked and rolled in the air, arose bodily clear from the floor and pounded with all four legs at once, striking the floor with a rebound that seemed as elastic as a rubber ball. The medium's hand laying on top of the table all the while and in contact with the hands of sitters on either side and no indication of any effort or pressure from her hands

Then we were touched by a supple hand, while all our hauds were joined. But the psychic shrinks from being called a medium, and begged the guests unseen not to touch her. Mi and Mrs. Wilkins are only about two years old, born out of the church at Cassadada, and the new glory enthuses them and they are happy. Mrs. Steadman, of Chautauqua county, N. Y., is a successful healer, gives many good tests, and is a favorite with all. She is just now stop ping with Brother H. D. Brown, in whose home I shared bracing social seasons and hospitable comforts. Bro, F. H. Bemis gives a literary unction to all he touches. The first number of the Cassadagan is just

out, and is likely to grow to important proportions and become permanent. Cassadaga ought to be represented by a first class weekly paper and permanent religio-scientific monthly, and Brother Bemis is eminently fitted to edit it The Cassadagan as now made up is to continue monthly until consecutive numbers are issued

Jennie B. Hagan follows me here and the peo

ple are looking forward to a poetic treat, 1

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Portland, Ore.

I have just closed a series of five meetings in Ashland, Oregon, and the success was such that it seems a duty to report it to the world of Spir itualists through your much-read BETTER

Bro.Wm. H. Breese, of Talent, Ore., I believe, is the secretary of the society at Ashland. He invited and engaged me to stop there on my way to Portland and deliver three lectures. When the three lectures were delivered the demand for more was greater than it was for the first three. The audiences were large from first to last.

I introduced Mrs. Hull's song card, and with the singing the music went off splendidly: the first two or three songs the audience did not take hold so thoroughly; they seemed afraid some trap was to be sprung on them. They soon got over that and took hold as though it had been their own revival meeting.

I stopped at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Paine and their son and daughter. Cliff and Grace. It is seldom one finds a family such a perfect unit in spiritual things as the Paine's, of Ashland, or the Breeses, of Talent,

Although the society is small, numbering, perhaps, only twenty-five members, it put its hand into its own pocket and paid all the bills. I could not make its members consent to have even one collection taken. "This is our treat." said they, and they did it up in good shape. Ashland is a nice village in Rogue River

Valley, about half way between San Francisco platforms. and Portland. The climate and soil are all that could be wished for, being in a small valley and entirely surrounded by mountains, it is, of course, quite isolated from every other place.

Dr. Schlesinger has been to Ashland twice; his knock-down tests probably did much to ward filling the Opera House for me.

The Spiritualists of Ashland will welcome any first-class lecturer or niedium who chooses to go that way. They prefer that fraudulent mediums, and lecturers who have no message for the people, would "pass by on the other side."

conderful things she seen a creat deal surroundings and most all correct; gave me many points upon business and made a prediction of an ill member going to pass away suddenly, and since the time the person has passedover. The sitting with this wonderful lady recalled a past dear to me when sitting with Nettie Maynard-to me they are much alike in their power. I want everyone to know that the angel friends can and do return; and a good medium ought to be treated as a gentle flower, for oh, what a blessing to know that the grave

does not end all. Washington can blast of a grand society and

are having excellent speakers. So far the lectures have been grand, teaching many truths, and dear Mrs Brigham is doing a noble work and drawing large crowds. Our next platform speaker, I understand, is Mrs. Conant, a fine inspirational medium. Washington Investigators need not go hungry for Spiritualism, as there are a number of very excellent mediumhere, and very prominent is Mrs. Ross, a grand materializing medium who is doing much good by having many seances. May God and the angels bless these instruments and keep them in harmony with each other and enable Miss Walters to play and Mrs. Breese to lead them to convert the world, for our cause is growing. I am not a member of the society, as my health and family duties won't permit, but I attend when I can.

May this be a good year for THE BETTER WAY. Long may it live. Yours for truth, MRS. LIZZIE EDWARDS.

Cleveland, O.

Baxter closed his lectures of the January en- around them and shield them from the pitchgagement in Cleveland. His subject was "The forks that have been leveled at them; let them scope and value of the spiritual platform." It was in many respects a marked and important presentation, exhibiting as it did the liberality transformation. of thought, the democratic principles and the solid masonry on which it rested, as well as particularly showing the absolute necessity of its existence as distinct from all other liberal

To appreciate Mr. Baxter's worth one mus see and hear him, as in the case, of course, with any one, but particularly so in Mr. Baxter's instance, as his methods are distinctively his own, and his spirit and action magnetic and dramatic. He acts his part as well as speaks it, but the beauty and force of all is that

it is not studied but perfectly free and natural. The same characteristics, too, make his seances forceful, and what with the evidence of the ability of the lady lecturer to entertain the spirit presence, accompanying, they are rarely ever short of marvelous. The scances in Cleveland, Ashtabula and

I am now in Portland, where I am to resume other places, as papers have freely and fully

Fraternity Rooms, Sunday, January 28th .- The at the nominal price of fifty cents for the sea conl-inspiring strains of music, and the bright son All who read of Cassadaga will want to attractive appearance of our hall drew many read the Cassadagan regularly. Some able to our meeting, and these meetings are happy writers are engaged to contribute for it, and reunions of the inhabitants of the visible and the cream of spiritualistic literature may invisible worlds, for as you enter the hall you be expected from such writers as A. B. Rich can feel the good feeling that pervades the atmond, Mrs. F. O. Hyzer, Walter Howell, Hudmosphere and makes all feel they are truly at son and Emma Tuttle. I am not authorized to home, and we as members of the society feel promise these, but of course they will add their grateful that so much harmony exists among genius to such a work for the cause. Orpha E. Tousey, F. H. Bemis, Mrs. R. S. Lillie, etc. us, and we through this are enabled to work so successfully. Messrs. Barrett and McCoy are getting out

tions

Our speaker, Mr. George Deleree, took for his a book that will be an attraction, and all who subject, "Hell," depicting its terrors and its visit Cassadaga or intend to will want one. fierceness as our grandparents were taught Mendville is a strong literary center. Here and as the church still presents, though in a the world-wide, popular Chautauquan orig much milder form, and in many quotations inates and goes forth to edify, and, perhaps, to from the writings of several prominent clergymortify the world.

men, plainly showing the difference between their hell and the hell which is raging within us, needing the waters of self-subjugation to quench the flames, and the realization of our own power to overcome evil with good, to throw off the shackels which have bound and held us in durance so long, and to stand out bold for the right. Better a morsel of truth than a volume of misrepresentations; better instill a who is stopping at the Kepler House, is an old hope than a fear; better lift up from the slough psychologist, and claims to have been the first of despair, than to dash down into the darkness. Oh! why is it that bright, intelligent tinction between psychology and meanerism. minds will not be opened to the truth; rather

tread beaten path than to turn aside and listen to the voice of conscience.

ogy have done much to educate the world in the outlying fields of spiritual law, and open the door to the deeper revelations of the spiritual verities and immortal truths of the soul and its habitations. LYMAN C. HOWE. Let us have a revival among us; let us send our best thoughts and wishes out to rescue those who have been damned and sent to that Cn Sunday evening, Jan. 25th, Mr. J. Frank | bottomless pit; let us throw our own arms

feel firm in our strength, until that strength is transmitted to them, and they awake to the TELKA.

Perkinaville, Ind.

The enclosed clipping is from the Auderson Herald of January 23d. It is so liberal and friendly in its pature that I send it to you as an example of how the secular press has im-

proved in its treatment of our cause: "At westerfield's Hall the spiritual meeting

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THE BETTER WAY.

FEBRUARY 7, 1801

Ladies' Department.

Written for The Better Way. Weave On, Oh Loom of Life, CELIA LOUCKS.

Weave on, oh, restless loom of life! A thread of peace, a thread of strife! Your checkered web holds light and shade, From which our human lines are made

Weave on, the weight of human tears O erfilis the brim of ebbing years. And shapes dark mantles many wear With now and then a garb more fair.

Weave on, till man shall stronger grow And reach the higher truth, and know That love alone can lift his soul Beyond base passion's dark control.

That every attribute within Must seek a level free from sin; For sin's not in the Father's plan. But only in the thoughts of man.

Oh, empty hands! Oh, hungry hearts! 'Tis only love can heal the smarts And fill your souls with flowers rare That ought to blossom everywhere.

Weave on, oh, loom of life! till peace Shall give to prisoned souls release: An angel yet shall walk the earth, And lift mankind through love's sweet birth.

Written for The Better Way. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. MATTIE PULSIFER.

Character is generally thought to be the product of circumstances, which it changes to suit, giving rise to the popular adage, "Occasion makes the man."

If we believed in reincarnation, the many examples of changed character under differing conditions and events and opportunities, would certainly be to us a strong argument in its favor.

At any rate, such cases must be accounted for by temporary spirit obsession or possession, as the rightful occupant is for the time ejected.

History furnishes not a few illustrations of a painful and shocking nature. In ancient times, Nero stands conspicuous as one whom power converted into a manity, it seems to me, the claim that it strength to rise above other and monster, as the circumstances and deeds of his life are regarded.

It is said of Robespierre that his dread of shedding blood once caused him to resign a judgeship rather than pass sentence upon a convicted murderer. His mate itself, and neither permit the flat- ping stone by which we reach the smoothkindness to animals was a marked trait in his character. Later on he became the adverse criticism of others cause it one of the most cruel and heartless characters of modern times.

Reginald Burchell, recently executed at Woodstock, Canada, when a student of Oxford University, was noted as a peculiarly sensitive and kind-hearted man. Pigeon shooting was a sport abhorent to him, and he regarded with digust those who could inflict pain upon the birds and call it "sport." His aversion to killing extended to all creatures, even the ubiquitous night cat came in for a share of his humane consideration.

Now, it is a most preposterous explanation of these and similar cases, to say that individual human character undergoes such radical changes by mere force of influence, association, or temptation.

The fact is, the spirit world is all around us, in which are innumerable disappointed souls, to say nothing of those thrust out of this life with desire for revenge vibrating every fiber of their being. They are strongly attracted to the scenes and haunts of their life, and even seeking an opportunity to possess themselves of mortal instruments

sex, but of cranial co-formation, and that by your own work, then I yield the palm masculine and feminine noddles do not of independence to you. necessarily differ. Written for the Better Way. We cannot deny that there is a certain amount of truth in Mr. Adam's charges,

ness or badness, are characteristics of find you really can carn your own living

but assert he made a mistake in applying them to women alone, for every one of them will apply to the men as well. It is next thing to impossibility to be

impartial in our observations and con- Ilis brow was strong, but not preliy, clusions, especially where self is concerned, and more or less ascidity of expression, in the presence of adverse criticicism, is liable to manifest, and all His eyes were large and observing. of us will be influenced in our opinion of a subject by our own experiences in connection.

In the matter of delay, the writer has lost much valuable time, and had the temper more badly rufiled because of dilatoryness and failure in keeping He had more respect for his mother engagements on the part of ladies than gentleman, but this is true only because of more extended business with the former, but have had sufficient experience in that respect with the latter to be convinced it is not a sex trait. Have also had ample emperience with both genders in respect to thanklessness for favors received to believe firmly that it is not a failing confined to the realm of either the ladies or lords of creation, and as to women's unwillingness to wait for another to finish speaking, will say, I and exciting tests. Not but that they are have known instances where they could truthful and needed, but do we not first

and exhausted it, too, because they would not listen long enough to give vitality through variety.

So, when I dispassionately sum up the excellencies and deficiencies of husolely masculine or feminine expressions cannot be sustained by experience womankind to endeavor to fairly estitery of some to blind it to its defects, or to believe itself inferior to masculinekind, and guard against resentful feelings towards the critics. It is good for us sometimes to know how others see us, yet we can remember they are not perfect mirrors of truth, and their mental reflections of us may be somewhat distorted.

Written for The Better Way. Truths. MRS. W. C. SHELDON.

As we see on branches thorny Lovely roses proudly resting, So we find in every being Virtues rare with vices dwelling

As we see the gems unfolding, On the loathsome marshes growing. So we find in human natures Rarest gems in lowest creatures.

Deep within each human bosom. It obscured from outer vision, Lies a spark of God's creation,

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he soul was so great and so noble That it hld his irregular face; lie wasn't a man of religion,

And yet he had plenty of grace. Than to speak of a woman in jest: He spoke not at all of a person

When he couldn't speak of the best. It was only an ideal statue.

Drawn from an ideal plan. But I live for the day, I may see it, And there see my ideal man.

Written for The Better Way. STARTLING TESTS.

MRS. LAURA CUMMINGS.

We can hardly take up a Spiritualist paper but that we find columns of great talk incessantly, and were not in the need to know the rudiments of the spirleast disconcerted or insulted if several itual philosophy? Would it not be hetof us happened to operate on the concert ter for us to first study ourselves, our plan. Have also met a few (?) men who needs and our capacities? Careful thought introduced the subject of conversation, and study ever brings to the surface one's abilitities hitherto unknown, and there is within every living being those another opportunity to introduce some germs, that, if properly cultivated, will point to great and grand possibilities.

There is no limit to the powers of the mind, for every obstacle overcome gives any class of faults or excellencies are greater ones, proving the truth that we need all our experiences, for it is through them that we are forced to and observation, and think it time for aspire and reach out to a higher plane, aud each struggle and trial is but a steper paths above. We should ever remember that heaven is not gained by a single bound, and that we get just as much of that celestial abode as we have earned, and no more.

Then let us, instead of searching for startling tests of spirit phenomena, try to help others up and out of their sorrows. Let us extend a helping hand to the despairing and less developed than ourselves, show them the lessons taught by their hard trials, and in doing thus we are erecting mile-stones that shall point to the heavenly kingdom.

Our lives should not be counted by days and years, but by good deeds done, and tear drops for the downtrodden. No matter if our heads are silvered o'er, our hearts can be warm and young, and should be ever ready to respond to the calls of humanity.

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through whom to realize their earthly hopes, or to gratify their grudge toward blind humanity.

Since the human race began, judicial or lynch laws have been peopling the lower spiritual spheres with criminals yourself? Now, this is a line, perhaps, who through sensitive and negative mor- you never thought of. You want indetals are daily committing deeds that call forth long philosophical dissertations upon "Men of sensitive nerves and literary tastes, who have wept over brutes, and yet had it within them to shed human blood upon the slightest provocation."

In most instances it is not within them, but without. When the world learns that crime is not lessened by killing criminals, it will begin to grow better.

Written for The Better Way ANENT MR. ADAMS. MISS LISLE E. BAXTON.

It may be indicative of much knowledge to point out defects in superior works, but, after all, it does not always recommend itself as the pleasanter method to note defects in some other Mr. Adams has noted a few imperfecof tit for tat.

We cannot conceive of practical perideal representation of all that we con- to keep the home going? sider excellencies, with an absence of vain for its embodiment in our assocision of it: so while we believe the masculine portion of humanity is approaching perfection, we believe the feminine the gentleman enumerates, we do not cranium, and subject to the same educa-

pendence, claim as your right independence of thought, action, etc., woman's right. And yet, my dear, there is just one thing you are not independent thing to you; and it is not the money itself, but what money buys-all the necessaries and luxuries of your life.

And who supplies them? Your father or husband, and you take it all as a matall you accept from them, and how perfectly helpless you would be without them. Can you be independent when you are so very dependent. Your very existence depends upon husband or

father. Just close your eyes, imagine yourself with just as scanty wardrobe as Eve, and not a dollar to buy one with. Just make that thought a reality for a superior work, that the first may, by few moments. Wouldn't your indepencontrast, seem more excellent, but since dence vanish? Well, you are in reality perfectly destitute of independence. 1 tions in feminine humanity, it may be know you will say, "I earn my clothes well for some of its representatives to and living by helping at home or keepengage with him in the interesting game | ing house and caring for the children of my husband." But does not the hus-

band watch over and care for the home fection, for though we may have an as much as you, and earns all the money

You are not, and cannot be, indepenwhat we consider defects, we look in dent, no matter how many woman suffrage societies you belong to, until stes, and may humbly acknowledge that you earn by your own work the money we, ourselves, are not an exact expres- to support yourself. It is not necessary you should do this all the time, but just think what qualities you have, what you discontent in consequence-the selfish are capable of, and could you earn your part is not one whit behind it, and if we living independent of husband or father. meet a woman possessed of all the faults No matter how much of husband's or father's wealth you have now, just make hate vice we must unfold in spirit-the believe a man, with a similarly arranged yourself believe you have nothing long disgust proving a tendency for a similar enough to earn one dollar. It will be a effect. To the pure all is pure, for vice tional influences and environments, lie-long benefit to you, and you will do not affect such.-Ex. would be an improvement in any par- take more pleasure in spending that one Charity opens the soul to the causes of ticular. In short, do not believe that dollar than any one hundred dollars you things, giving us a broader view of life intelligence-even logical powers-good- have ever spent before. And when you generally.

Stray Shots.

them out of sight.

It is a bad housewife who neglects to replenish her store of every-day necessities until entirely exhausted-especially candles, something only thought of at night after the stores are closed.

Some cry for sympathy when they mean flattery, though credit should be given where credit is due. But when there is a morbid desire for it merely to be praised, it becomes obnoxious, even to the most heartless flatterer.-H.

The more praise we bestow upon some people, the more will they be envied by their competitors, and, if sensitive, feel vanity of soliciting praise thus reaping its own reward-or punishing itself.

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said of the author of the lines "A prince can make a belted knight A marquis, duke and a' that, But an honest man 's aboon his might .uid faith, he mauna fa' that,'

With this exception, that he did not pen noble poems like the Scottish author, but he lived and wrote them on the hearts of his fellowmen:

> He kept his honesty and truth His independent tongue and pen And moved in manhood as in youth Pride of his fellowmen."

The Rev. M. J. Savage, of Boston. Mass., it is asserted, will respond to the call of the Church of the Messiah (Univacant by the resignation of Dr. Utter. Readers of these columns will remember Mr. Savage, as the author of "My Experiences With Spiritualism," in THE BETwas reproduced from the December Fofilling the duties of the pastorate of the George H. Hepworth, who had become think, now one of the editors' of the New York Herald, Mr. Savage is from Maine born June 10, r841. The Chicago Times and scholarly training, says:

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nued more definite shape by the selection of the building site, the question of He can't afford to give credit, and the opening the doors to the public on Sun- buyer can't get any credit. Then it is day is receiving more attention and dis- again buyers for cash who are scarce. cussion. With a view of determining the and not money. Sometimes there are status of the opinion of the people on plenty of buyers who want the goods but this question, the New York Inde- have not money enough of their own to pendent, (religious) has received 126 an- buy with. They want to borrow. When swers from Senators and Congressmen they try to borrow they can't. There is on the question put to them, "Do you money enough somewhere, but it is not favor opening the fair on Sunday, or in the right place. It is not in the vaults not?" The replies with a very large ma- of the banks. The reserves are low, and jority are in the negative. The reasons the man who wants to buy goods can't given, by those who are not in favor of get credit. Then it is credit that is scarce, the same, are based upon the idea that and not money. Now we come to the Sunday opening would be derogatory to root of the matter. Sometimes there are the maintenance of good morals, that good reasons why credit should be scarce, the Decalogue should be observed, and but there has been no good reason in being a Christian nation should observe these last few weeks. The whole course the "holiness of the Sabbath day, thus try is rich and prosperous. There is saith the Lord." Among the latter are money enough. There is gold enough. also to be found the replies of Secretary There are goods enough, and there is of the Treasury Windom and Attorneytrade enough to take all the goods. Can General Miller, Governors Beaver, of the reason why credit is scarce be that Pennsylvania, Eagle, of Arkansas, Fowle, common sense is scarce? It seems to be of North Carolina, Luce, of Michigan, about the scarcest thing, especially in Goodell, of New Hampshire, Davis, of Washington. Common sense would not Rhode Island, Page, of Vermont, McKin- be so scarce in Washington if it were ney, of Virginia. Of the Governors who not also very scarce in a great many have replied and are in favor of opening other places. What are some of the are: Toole, of Montana, Beaver, of Wysigns that there is a want of common oming, Stone, of Mississippi, Campbell, sense anywhere? That is a very easy of Ohio, Willey, of Idaho. The Hon. question to answer." Simon Bolivar Buckner, Governor of These are the eight evidences, which he adduces to show the absence of com-Kentucky, replies in clear terms, and it should forever silence the objections of mon sense. They are greatly reduced in those who base their reasons (?) upon the injunctions of antiquity-coming on of my prescribed space: 1. People who stong tablets from a very doubtful source to a nomadic, invading race. He says:

only day when large numbers of our own citizens can attend for purpose of recrea-Iosiah Paine Mendum, proprietor and tion, instruction and a manifestation of

The Hon, T. R. Stockdale, Congress-Sunday, January 11, 1891, at his home in man from Mississippi, urges the follow-"In those Exposition Buildings peo-

of nearly eighty years-lacking six ple can learn more in one Sunday than months. Mr. Mendum's life, with its by a hundred days of Sabbath-schools struggles, work and attainments, offers and by listening to a hundred sermous a strong illustration that poverty builds and prepare themselves, for the balance no barrier, be it ever so high, but what of their lives, to better understand dishonest pluck, an indomitable, industrious courses and writings on those most inperseverance allied with a fortitude of teresting themes. It would be regarded honesty, which no reverses could weak- as eminently proper for people to go to some elegant church edifice and listen to Dr. Talmage and discourse solely on the people and products, lands and things he saw on his trip east. Why not let those same people go into the Expo-

in submission to the demands of his wittily replies, "Because common sense bullion coined. As he himself says: "All his printed lectures on the History of change for it." The only danger, then, portion of the last sentence, did he ever serve as a steward in a church congregation? Another portion is paper worked ation that this would afford excellent

into notes, on which Uncle Sam promises | means for a proper distribution of the to pay a certain number of dollars. Those cereal products to those centres where who desire gold dollars can get them there is lack. The cost of transportation, tarian) in Chicago, Ills., recently made in exchange for greenbacks at any U.S. treasurer's office. Another portion is duced to the possible minimum. This terested to study this subject and understand paper made into notes, upon which the assistance may be new in form, but is the if possible, the law governing this change. We Government promises to pay so many Government at this hour not asked to silver dollars, but in a roundabout way, TER WAY, of December 17, 1890, which anybody who wants gold dollars instead of silver, can get them. Another and runt. Since 1875 Mr. Savage has been the last, is the national bank note. These ing domesticated reindeer from the notes can also be exchanged at the bank Church of the Unity, succeeding the Rev. for gold money-tri-metalic, tri-paper money, mono-metalism. The gold dol- ing. The reindeer-the principal source an orthodox Congregationist, and is, I lar is the best kind of money. If it is of food-has been exterminated by melted the gold is worth just as much as the indiscriminate slaughter by white the coin. If the silver dollar is melted, hunters. I think the government has the remainder is worth only seventy-five given assistance after the war to the neof recent date congratulating Chicago, to fifty cents. If a paper dollar is tested gro. The tariff ou wood has been lifted upon the acquisition of a man of wide the same way, what there is left of it is at a special time to allow as cheaply as not worth a cent. The present amount possible the building up of burnt towns. of money in circulation is fifteen hun- Does not and has not the Government ment day we will all walk forth as living form dred millions-six hundred and twenty deposited money in banks without degational faith and reared to its ministry, millions gold. "All this money is kept manding interest? Why not do the same changes. The body will have gone back to he soon burst the trainmels of creeds equal to the best kind, because you can thing in a different way to help the mother earth. The theory of physical resur and became a radical free-religionist, get the best kind in exchange for either farmer? Upon no other source does the rection is pleasant to contemplate, and yet lending all his ambition and all his cul- kind. When peope of good standing are welfare of the country depend so much ture to the elucidation of the most all unable to get money when they want it, as upon the farmer. The picture of deso- than it begins to decay, becomes absorbed by vanced liberalism. If there are, as many they say money is very tight, it must be lation that genial Goldsmith drew in the the earth, and is again produced in flowers and claim, two wings to the Unitarian very scarce. This is a mistake. It may "Deserted Village," may become a possichurch, Mr. Savage is the leader of one seem to be very scare to the man who bility all over the United States, and we of them. If there is no division he is can't get it. Why can't he get it? Some should remember one of the half dozen great commanders times what he has to sell is not what people want to buy; then it is the buyers When once destroyed can never be supplied.

that are scarce, not money. Sometimes Now that the World's Fair has as- he wants to sell more of what people

purpose of innocent diversion. It is the way except by putting on taxes. 2. Who think the Government can make money Thep. m. meeting for manifestations, Jan. 25, out of paper by printing a few words held in connection with the Pirst Spiritualist upon it, without making any promise to though the weather was so severe as to dis pay or being ready to pay the note. 6. courage pedestrianism, and the streets were It is impossible for people who have no a taugle of telegraph poles and overland common sense and a great many are wires. Mrs. M E. Williams presided, and those pres next to being fools to receive credit. The Milliams presided, and more pre-ent were disappointed by the omlassion of her Credit is scarce only among men who are opening address, which is always interesting

not fit to be trusted, and to them money and instructive. will seem very tight when there is plenty of it. S. When Congress tries to put of his experiences in some of the "haunted upon them cheap money worth only houses" in Europe at times spatkled with seventy-five to eighty cents when melted, bright guibs of humor. He advocated the hold credit becomes scarce, trade stops, prices ing of schools of instruction on Sundays for credit becomes scarce, trade stops, prices the education of the young minds in the go down. Trade will not go on again the education of spiritualism. until the farmer finds out that he has been a fool for his pains in crying for cheap money. We scarcely think this diffusition of country of the scarcely think this answered. But during the week she prayed definition of common sense, by showing carnestly for a message from her mother, and the absence of the same, merits what her hopes were realized before the cabinet of Guizot claims it to be. Senator Leland Mr4. M. E. Williams. She gave a pathetic and let those same people go into the Expo sition buildings and see what he de-scribes and learn that lesson better than the silver dollars at ninety-nine a half and particulars unknown to any body in New they possibly could from description. In cents. Although they represent in actual York but herself, and was satisfactory and such surroundings there will be a thous silver a varying price of from 78 to 90 pleasing to her. down. He elevated while he demolished. than men can preach. I believe good made in the Senate, refused to accept it. is while their convictions tend that way, and He was not at war with Christian, Jew or morals and the interests of religion itself Of course there can be no valid reason said that Spiritualism should be accorded its Musselman. But he deeply abhorred demand that the buildings be opened on why the silver dollar's weight should not just merits if it is worth anything. He referred be increased to represent the face value of the coin. The increased weight would which he was persecuted have become the living Edward Atkinson has been asked to not be great. Why should not a paper answer the question "What makes money certificate, representing the deposition of tight?" by the editor of Frank Leslie's that amount of bullion, be a better medi-Illustrated Newspaper. To which he um of exchange than the cumbrous is scarce." We recollect Guizot, the this money is kept equal to the best kind, French historian, explaining, in one of because you can get the best kind in ex-

> Civilization, common sense to be the lies in not being kept equal to the best Its reward, for her part, she said, the time had genius of humanity. Let us see what kind, and this danger would be obviated Mr. Atkinson embraces in the term of by being made actually equal to the best "common sense," the absence of which kind. Then there would be no best kind, o'clock, meetings for the promulgation of Spir causes the stringency of money. A por- as all would be equally good-at least as unlism will be held in Adelhi Hall. There will tion of the money now in use he says is a medium for exchange, if not for hoard- always be talent present to ensure good lection of the money now in use he says is a medium for exchange, if not for hoard-of the best kind—gold. The balance consists of silver, nickel and "now and then a copper cent turns up." By way of parenthesis, quoting the concluding portion of the last sentence, did he ever this, seemingly never take into consider-

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as it were around the heart which passes down the whole body, and which eventually becomes as it were a perfect representation of the body During this change there should only be har mony and peace in the room. There should be n

business, and no unpleasant word spoken, only harmony. Don't allow strangers or a con the least annoyance, doubt or perplexities. Exclude all inharmonious influences. Don't rush in at the last moment to ask forgiveness; that is the last place to go for such things. Do that while you are in good health or not at all. When the spirit has left the body it is in a finer state. The spiritual body is as tangible to the spirit, as is our physical bodies to the

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economy in all public affairs that shall squeeze out thieves and replace them with honest men. There is an element of strength in the liberal spirit in this country to-day that can work wonders if properly united and directed, and, bearing forward the blessings of the skies. can lead humanity to a better day.

But if we continue to witness the dis graceful methods that are being used each year in our legislative halls; if we see law after law enacted that but enriches the few at the expense of the many; if we see public treasures year after year go to enrich private schemes; if we see a load of taxation heaped upon the people that is as useless as it is burdensome, and do this without a protest so strong that it shall correct the abuses, then will we surely drift to a revolution that shall not be bloodless; where the slave shall slay the master, and hilltops blaze with the fires of hate, and valleys glow with the lurid flames of destruction.

It needs no prophet to foretell this. It needs no pen dipped in the ink of revelation to outline the future. Long marks, black marks, cruel marks upon the pages of the past can be read by him who will, and they tell the story of the coming years. If this government is all that the expounders of its beauties who have been enriched by its perversions claim, then why the thousands who tread the bitter wine press of poverty, sin and shame? Why hunger in the midst of plenty? Why cold and aching forms when the earth teems with warmth for alP

My brother of the plow, there needs to be a deeper thought than you have reached yet, if the public utterances of your noble order proclaim the depth that you have probed. Not one measure that you advocate, and especially your pet scheme, can ever raise the mortgage from your farm, can ever replace the fast decaying buildings or ease your lot in life. Mortgage on your farm! Why should there be one when God gave you the earth and made it blossom with plenty, while you are forced to labor in travail and pain to pay the robber who stole it from His haud? Mortgage ou your home! when God covered the hills and mountains with the material for its building, stored the mighty quarries within the bosom of the earth, and made the soil that heat should harden? I know how eagerly you watch the tender plants shoot from the loving bands that lap them in soft embrace for they contain your harvest hope. I know how from spring-time's chilly rains to autumn's early frost, one disappointment after another mars the picture of your expectation, until you find your dream of spring burned as scarlet as the dead leaves at your feet, when nature sinks to gold and crimson death. I know every

sorrow that you have tasted, have seen every star of hope that rises above the hill of promise, and know how bitter is the one, and how treacherous is the wandering light that beckons from the governmental peaks. My brother, seek out the cause of all

this blackness in your lot and life. Never again be lured by a mirage that but reflects the selfishness of its constructors, and when you learn the lesson that God gave all to all, and follow it o'er every height, 'twill lead to fields of peace and

vented the entrance of the spirits. I now repard the attitude of my daughter as the chief cause. She was bound to make sport of the whole affair, and I could not make her feel the earnestness that seems desirable when we hold converse with the sacred dead. Well, we had several sittings altogether discouraging and unprofitable, and had let two weeks go by without taking up the matter when one evening my daughter's friend being present it was proposed that we again have a sitting. We had been bereaved of a friend near to us, and naturally our thoughts turned to the land of the dead rather than the living. away Our thoughts were chastened by the affliction, and oh, how we did long to hear just one word from the other shore. Well, we were soon seated around a small table and my daughter and friend placed their hands on the instrument. She was unusually thoughtful and sincere. Suddenly, the table began to quiver and the side opposite my daughter raised up and then fell on the floor. Of course we were all startled, for it was something wholly unexpected. We were looking at the instrument and had no idea that the table would move. No sooner were we quiet than there was the same quivering and movement. I began to ask questions and the table rapped in response yes or no. I found I was soon at the end of these questions and did not know how to proceed, when again we were surprised by the little table. I think it is called the "disc," beginning to move

influence, though it may not have pre-

and carry the index over the letters. For half an hour we tried to read by it but somehow the control could not manage it. It would spell a word right or part of a sentence, and then the letters were all mixed up. Then it spelled "patience," and that was what we tried to have. The control improved constantly, and at last with a triumphant whirl of the index_it slowly began: "Property, property! Why do you not look after that property?" And who are you? I asked. "Your Aunt Huida." The reader cannot understand without too long a story the surprise this was to me, or its value as a test of the actual presence and identity of the controlling spirit, for such I firmly be-lieve it to be, in spite of all my preju-dices and early beliefs. The facts of the case were unknown to my daughter and her companion. to have. The control improved her companion.

"Does your property trouble you?" I asked.

"Trouble me? It is worse than the place I believed sinners would go to! My intentions were all thwarted. I can't throw off this trouble."

Thus we see how the earthly cares drag the spirit down in suffering. The spirit continued at length, in detail giving some valuable information by which I could right her affairs, too personal to bere present. Then exacting a promise that I would attend immediately to it she said that she was happier than she had been since her departure from earthly things.

We were expecting the dial to move, and had the table respond instead, we expected the friend of whom I spoke, at least we wanted him, and an aunt who had for the time entirely passed from our mind came instead. We knew at the time of her death that her valuable property was strangely disposed of, but we supposed this had been done accordplenty, and leave on the hard, cruel rocks of selfishness the recreant stewards of the people's trust, who construct bills a moment that she would be otherwise

THE BETTER WAY.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS. The oldest inhabited town in the world in said to be Damascus.

Justice Duffy-Were you not intoxicated san ar: Pat-How can I tell, sor, when I was not in a undition to know.-Texas Siftings . . .

The largest barometer yet made has just been put in working order in the St Jacques tower in Paris. It is forty feet high was manufactured in St. Denis, and was carried by six men to Paris in a strong wooden frame. 4 [#] 4

Instead of trying to appearst the editor. octs keep on adding fuel to the flames - Puck. The greatest distance at which artificial

ionati, O ounds are known to have been heard was on December 24, 1852, when the cannon at Ant werp were heard in the Erzgebirge, 370 miles

ALL THE ESSENTIALS.

A MISUNDERSTANDING

Ting Tong-Wantee check? McGue the contractor --Wantee check' Ver paynut-eyed haythin' d' yer Uink Oi'd be aither drawin' me check fer th' phrice ar wan birs of --Indee shir-rL-Judge. . .

Statesmen are the only people who are pe mitted to pass had bills.-Pittsburg Dispatea.

THE PUGILISTIC SITUATION. Bold Dempsey is worsted. His bubble is bursted;

His bubble is bursted; While big Bob Fitzsimmons, He gets the persimmons. —Utica Observer.

REAVENLY GEOGRAPHY Dr. Ponderous-Your husband is in a comatos

madam. 5. Nolittle-Gracions! How can yeu tell ick? I didn't know they had states over same as here.-Pharmaceutical Era. Mr . . .

FLATTERY OVERDONE.

"Madam," said the tramp, suavely, to the woman of the house, "you will have no objec-tions. I hope, to my remaining on your back porch a few moments to rest myself and inhale the odor of that delicious young prairie chicker you are cooking?" "How do you know it's a young prairie chicken?" she demanded.

NOT UNCOMMON.

Joe Howard says that Ward McAllister "is a

much misjudged man. He is not a person of individual fortune. He married a little money, not much, and has been known here for the last forty years as a dancingmaster."

ALL HIS FANCY PAINTED.

Judge to colored prisoner, charged with tealing poultry—What is your business? Prisoner-1 am a cnicken fancier, your "onnah Judge—So I fancy—Sixty days.-Texas Siftings

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NEW MOTHER IN-LAW JOKE.

Son in law-1 can't understand why the comic papers show such bad taste as constantly to publish jokes about the mother-iu-law. instantly to Mother-in-law-It is really the greatest in-justice, and I am glad to find a man at last

who— Son-in-law—Yes, it is the greatest injustice! A mau is glad when he can, for a moment, for-zet his mother-in-law, and to be continually reminded of her in this way is positively cruel. -Quebec Chronicle.

Pastor with a sigh — Well, we've all got to go, sooner or later. Layman—Yes, yes; and the later the better.— Wasnington Star.

MOVEMENTS OF MEDIUMS. Hon Sidney Dean is lecturing this month in Denver Col. Mrs. Adab Sheehan speaks for the Indianapo-

is Society during February. For engagements, address Dr. J. K. Bailey 11 S. Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa-

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that live and bills that die, bills that rob and plunder, and bills that glint with a silvery tint, but change to blackness as they band you with another chain of slavery.

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My western brother may think that I am opposed to the free coinage of silver. Not so. I want it tried until you see that the problem is deeper than it can ever reach, higher than it can ever soar. I want you to try every path until you and them fruitless, and realize that there is but one way-begin again.

SOME INTERESTING EXPERI-MENTS AND TESTS.

To the Editor of The Better Way

The psychograph gave a varied and first I thought it was a dismal failure, with me, had a friend of hers, and my some of it. And here let me say that I was pursuing this investigation under a shadow. I and my family belong to the Methodist church, and being in good standing wish to retain our places. To do so we must let Spiritualism alone, at least in a public way. Hence it was, I

general sir of secrecy had a depressing

than pleased. After a pause, so long that we began

to think it no use to sit longer, again the index moved over the letters, and my wife's name was spelled. "What a blunder," said my daughter, "for here is ma alive and well." "Who is this, please?" I asked. "She is my mamma," was rapidly spelled. Now, we all had tears in our eyes in a moment, for we knew who it was, the little daughter who four

years ago left us almost as suddenly as she came upon us at this time. We were all of us so overcome that we could get no message and waited for the current of our feelings to abate. Then we began again, and such assurance of love and affection as we received! Then we asked if the friend who was at first in our thoughts was present. "No, he would be unable to communi-cate if he were. Ilis last sickness left gard it as an optical illuston."-Judge.

our wishes and it was news to us that the spirit could be weakened by the uilments of the body. Is this usually taught by spirits and believed? It seems quite reasonable, but we have always supposed spirits to be above any influences of the earth.

After two or three sittings my daughter's hand begay to be withdrawn and be subject to muscular movements, and altogether interesting experience. At placing a pencil in her fingers she began to write a scrawling, illegible hand, for I sat by myself, had my daughter sit which improved at each sitting until now her writing is our only means of daughter and friend sat, and nothing communication, except when we wish to be confirmed and made doubly sure of the correctness of a message. We then have it repeated by the psychograph. We are on the road to be full fledged Spiritualists, and I think will soon be where we shall not care for the opinion of the church. In taking, curefully of course with source of the members least in a public way. Hence it was, I sould not select my companion sitters and had to take such as were at hand would not expose my heretical practice... The drawing of the parlor curtains and several air of secrecy had a depressing

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COLOR OF EVEN IN HYPNOTISM.

People who have hazel eyes do not hypnotize easily. The lighter the eye the more casily the work is done. People with dark eyes ar more nervous than those with light eyes, and it is difficult for the former to concentrate their sight and thoughts .- Chicago Tribune.

THE DIFFERENCE.

The man who prays out in church so loud that he can be heard across the street generally holds his communications with the devil in low whisper which cannot be heard beyond the limits of his own hypocritical brain .- N. Y Iferaid.

There are some 75.000 native Icelanders still left in their native inlands, notwithstanding the fact that the emigration epidemic has been raging for nearly twenty years.

ANOTHER WAY OF PUTTING IT

"Oh, that's all in your eye." remarked Miss Bleecker, in reply to her Boston friend's state-

A LANDLORD WHO SQUEALED

A LANDLORD WHO SQUEALED. A Detroit drummer who was stopping at a hotel in an Ohio town found fault with the coffee, and the landlord said to him, in the presence of three or four other guests: "Yon Michigan people drink so much root coffee that you can't tell the real sluff when you see it." "What do you call it?" asked the drummer. "O, G, Java, sir, and the very best." "The tyou Sry it isn't."

"Done." "Done." "I sur a chemist, and have part of my outfut with me. Get me a sample of that collec and l'it tell you what it is." He went to bis room as a bluff, and in about five minutes the landford came up and put a \$5 bill in his hund, and said: "Take this hund, and said: "Take this nud call the bet off." "Hut I want to anal—"" "Analyze be hanged! I's klo, and second-class at that, but I don't want to be given away. 'be blufted over forty drummers in the last I've blutted over forty drummers in the last year, and if I hadn't been told that you traveled for a grindstone quarty ipstead of a drug nonse I'd never put up the money."— Detroit Free

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a few lectures in Pasadena. She will probably join Mr. Hull in Portland or Sacramento the latter part of February or the first of March.

1 II. Randall will be in the service of Spirit ualists Feb. 1st to 5th. Adair, Iowa; Feb. 16th, Appleton, Minn.; Judson Society, Minne appolis, Minn., Feb. and to March 30th. Would made engagements for evenings, Sunday and camp meeting work anywhere desired. dress to Seventh street, South, Minneapolis Minu.

Dr. Uriah Davis Thomas, psychologist, tranc and inspirational speaker and platform tes medium, has just returned from a successfu lecture tour to Saginaw, Owasso and other points in Michigan. He may be engaged on liberal terms for April and May. Societies desiring his services can address him at once, o until March 1st, at 185 Trowbridge street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. J. Frank Baxter's Sunday appointments are as follows: Feb. 1 and 8, in Springfield Mass ; Feb. 15 and 22, in Boston, Mass., (Derkley Hall; first and last of March, in Salem Mass, and the intervening two in St. Louis, Mo; April 5 and 12, in Springfield, Mass.; April 19, In Salem, Mass.; April 26, In Hillsborough N. IL; May 3, In Salem, Mass.; May 10, Worces ter, Mass.; May 17, in Brockton, Mass.; May 24 ter, ainas, Muy 7, 10 Brockin, ainas, any 24 and 11, in Lowell, Mass, and all the Sundays of une, in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Baxter can be ad-dressed for week evening work no private sit-tings or scences given) at 186 Walnut street, Chelsen, Mass.

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