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## EDITORIAL

Now that we have "Ladies' Aids" in every town where there is a regular sosiely organized, let us have Young Men's Spiritualist Associations also.

SEVERAL of the heartless brutes who tween sensuality and spirituality? took part in the tarring and feathering of the young woman at Glen Gardner, N. J., to trial.

"POEMS in Stones" is what Prof. J Clegg Wright calls the great cathedrals expression, from the author is in store for our readers.

A GIANT locomotive has just been completed by the Schenectady Works with drivers six and a half feet in diameter. has an average speed of a mile a minute.

CHRISTIANITY, too, is discussing organization; i. e., a re-uniting of all the evangelical churches into one body with one belief, etc. Like in Spiritualism though, there is too much "philosophy' rampant, and phenomeus they have none. Thus our chances are the better of the two.

RUMORS of ghost-dances are again heard as coming from the Pine Ridge regions. It is to be hoped that the last conflict has taught a lesson which will enable those who have to deal with the disagreeable problem, to act with more judgment and avoid injustice to the red

THE editor of Light, London, Eng., calls the religious organization and peculiar efforts of the Salvation Army "blatant religious jingoism." That is a ferers from the blare of horns, trumpets, drums, and unco-sounds, on this side of the Atlantic can thoroughly appreciate.

Jos. MAILLE writes an extended opinof Europe. An article containing this divided on the philosophy of Spiritualnition in our cause ; and taken together, are enrolling themselves on its lists. we may infer that the spirit world is waiting on a harmonious adjustment of the masculine and feminine elements-The engine weighs 125,000 pounds, and the positive and negative-to be able to sus gave to the world four different chord" for a harmonious organization, be universally applied. Is this a cue?

## ADVERTISING cuts of coins has been

forbidden. The Secretary of the Treasury issues the following concerning it: I deem it advisable for the benefit of the general public to state that while the publishing of such cuts has always been considered, and in fact was, harmless heretofore, there is now a law on the statute books, which was approved Feburary 10, 1891, and which is known as "Public fact No. 71," that forbids the making or publishing of suy (fing in resemblance to any of the coins of the United States or of foreign governments, not even the inscription thereon "Not even the inscription thereon" may mean much or nothing. In advertising the price of articles, the advertiser may inadvertently mention an "inscrip tion ;" or in a theological essay, a writer utay say something about trusting in God and find himself committing an offense against the United States Governtouch of vigorous description which suf- ment. Will the S. of T. make this more definite?

> OUR Israelitic neighbors, too, seem to who were without sin to cast the inflamed by denominational zeal. bave bigots or fanatics in their ranks. first stone; and exhibited a liberal and

THE German emperor has urged sup- sauce, heaps of cooked vegetables, depression of prostitutes and their "bul- licious pastry, and bountiful desserts of lies." It has met with a degree of op- fruits and nuts, brighten the faces of the cause of Spiritualism. It has no use for position, of course ; but not as much as young and old. Everthing conduces to a pattizan politics, for its readers are supit would in this country. The suppres- spirit of gratitude, and gratitude is the preed to take and read their own parsion of mediumship is of more impor- true source of thanks. We trust that tian papers. It does not discuss finantance here than the suppression of this autumn festival will never cease cill theories and has but one opinion to places that as yet find greater favor in from among us. We can always make express, concerning silver, gold, greenthe hearts of good Christians than the the home-feast more spiritually enjoya- backs, mixed and single standards, and The appeal fills twenty-four pages of a low moral and religious tone of the soseauce-chamber. Thus the semi-perio- ble to ourselves by remembering the that is that the more of either sent to us large pamphlet, and every one of the five called Christian Churches which is largedical raid on mediumship by a law for- poor with substantial gifts. And we for subscriptions, the more we can im- grounds of appeal is a tomahawk, backed ly responsible for this parading of the bidding it. When will the material who give should be the ones to voice prove THE BETTER WAY. It does not by a large number of scalping knives as vice and crime of scalishness in the daily scales fall from the eyes of our Chris- our thanks for the privilege of giving, deal with secular or material science, extain law-makes to see the difference be- rather than to receive the thanks of cept as such science and its disclosed rian hair left upon the head of Dr. Briggs country. The Church, by its unrebuked

have been arrested, and will be brought ion on organization, but, like many and stronger by the social event and trade, manufacturers and mechanics, secular papers give the members of the of the spoils, knowing just how they others, must be omitted for want of have warmer hearts and lighter purses, patents and nostrums, social society committee credit for unusually develop- were acquired. We could easily give space. He thinks, however, that the through an increasing nobility of their spirit world is not ready for such an un- own natures. For THE BETTER WAY are in the direct line of true spiritual in the parlance of the prize-ring, it will most become canonized in their respecdertaking, and especially as men are so has a heart full of thanks for just such growth and progress. They belong to be "a fight to a finish." warm-hearted patrons, and welcomes its secular and not spiritual news. Our ism. But he champions woman's recog- increasing family, the thousands who readers who swim in any of these rivers, Churchianity reminds us of an incident tional schools, institutions for the edu-

> WHAT SAY THE MEDIUMS? Socrates, Buddha, Confucius, and Je

Socrates saw before him a world of igabrogate all the evils of the flesh.

Buddha was a student of self and learned by introspection that self-denial removed the incentive for cruelty and subsequently injustice, and therefore based his philosophy of life on abnegation.

Confucius, himself an industrious man-perhaps an effect of good health, being "smooth-faced, tall, and portly and a man of good appetite"-saw that indolence was much the cause of poverty and consequent misery and crime, and reasoned that "labor and love for labor" was the true road to happiness.

Christ-whether a true or mythical character—is attributed with a virtue that might be termed tolerance in the broader sense. He rendered unto Cæsar

generosity. We trust all our readers have the science of true life here and here-

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH.

THE BETTER WAY is devoted to the

them in our columns. ers are simply a kind of machinery speech.

Presbytery which let Dr. Briggs go free, tion of the Presbytery to the General As- but the responsibility lies deeper. sembly of the whole Church, which meets on the Pacific Coast in May next. specifications. If there is any Presbyte- public marts of a boasted Christian those who have been blessed by our laws point to the higher laws of spirit, after this appeal is tried, it will not be and undisciplined membership, takes a the fault of the brains or temper of this hand in this robbery, and then becomes enjoyed the day, have been made better after. It does not discuss business and orthodox prosecuting committee. The particeps criminis, by accepting a share movements and parties, for none of these ed fighting and staying qualities, hence names of Church members who have al-

This whole shame and disgrace to in building and endowing denominatake the daily paper which shows their in the days of the old Puritan colonies cation of young clergymen, and generous currents." They do not expect to find of New England and their "blue laws." The town of Ashford, in Connecticut, is ticular sect, every dollar thus given We do discuss morals and relig- located in the northeast corner of that having been won by gambling and ion, because these are spiritual forces State, bounded by Massachusetts and fleeced from others less shrewd, less ungive the incentive or touch the "right methods of salvation which to day may finding embodiment in the real outwork- Rhode Island. In the old times of stage scrupulous, and less venturesome. Ined life of earth. We treat Christianity, travel, a man from Rhode Island visited stead of tolerating such shameful robthe Christianity of to-day, because it the town, and not completing his businorance, and naturally concluded that more and more discloses itself as a coun- ness until Saturday evening, was forced, profits, the Nazarene took a scourge of the acquisition of knowledge would terfeit of the true, spiritual Christianity. by the law, to remain over Sunday. This small cords and entering the Temple at We hate hypocrisy, false pretensions, a he did at the hotel. The town was and Jerusaleni, applied it to the shoulders of simulated goodness, the dogmatic, while is situated on a high plateau or "Green," the dogmatist we pity. The threats, the with an orthodox Church in its center. from beyond its pale, saying, "Ye have fears, the credence, the ignorance, which The hotel, or "tavern," overlooked the Churchianity uses to gain and retain "Green." As the Rhode Islander was a converts, disciples, and taxable support- free-conscience disciple of Roger Wil- Churches to-day? liams and religious liberty, he refused to builded upon a spirit basis which does attend the Church of "the standing orof man, the higher interests of society, out of its sitting-room window. Everyand is a standing menace to individual body was in Church, and the old clergyfreedom of conscience, thought, and man well on to his "thirteenthly," when

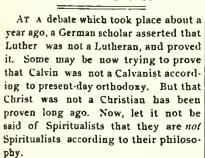
igned the legal complaint, the justice of

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non-suited by the vote of the New York | they cover their crimes from the eyes of justice thus voiced. The real responsihave put on the ecclesiastical war-paint. bility lies not in the law, as expressing They thirst for a scalp, and in order to the social sense or will of the people get it have taken an appeal from the ac- who in this country are the law-makers, It is a bold thing to say, and Mr. Faw-

> cett refrains from saying it, but it is the tive denominations for their liberality sums for the propagandism of their parbery, much more participating in its the brokers and gamblers, driving them made of the house of prayer a den of thieves." Could he say less of many

Bitter as these truths are; galling to the humavitarian soul as are these lapses violence to the laws of God, the nature der," and remained at the hotel, looking from that neighbor-love and helpfalness taught by the sweet spirit and pure life of the Brother of Nazareth, yet we are bidden to hold our peace, because to ara man came driving furiously around the raign such crimes and criminals is to Those topics are legitimate. News hotel corner down the "Green." The traduce the Church. The Churches of touching any of these departments is tithing man in the church portal heard Jesus are to-day rare in the world. So vital. We are alert to note all the move- the rattle of wheels, ran into the road, rare, in fact, that they are without social ments and changes in these fields. For, stopped the traveler, and taking the influence or power to restrain open burto-day, the greatest obstacle to the spread horse by the bridle led him to the con-glars and thieves. The societies of of a pure, spiritual gospel is found in a tiguous shed, and arrested the man, creedal Churchianity are plentiful, and bigoted, concreted, creedal Church, with When the service was ended, the pastor thieves and burglars-under the more what was Cæsar's; admonished those its machinery in motion, in full activity, and his flock formed in a circle in front euphonious names of brokers and specof the church. The grand juryman ulators, complac-utly empty their long purses into the Churchly coffers and take the peace opened court, the tithing man high seats among the honored of creedal testified to the violation of law, and the saints. The pulpit is silenced; the nothing objectionable in either of these the world on a prospective era of peace prisoner was asked for his defense. He creedal press is voiceless: the robbery of widows and orphans goes on openly. Is it any cause of surprise that these Churches are complaining of an increasing lack of attendance; that they are stances, and then he begged to be let go mourning over the lack of conversions; at ouce or they would be responsible for that the foundations of their authority his wife's death and the ruin of his own over the conscience, the truthfulness of home. The justice sentenced him to their dogmas, the sacredness and the twelve lashes on the bare back for vio. reasonableness of their alleged infallible lating the law; the constable triced him standard of moral and religious characto the whipping-post in front of the ter are being closely inquired into and rejected? If gamblers are good Church members, and the proceeds of gambling and theft are good material for the creedal sanctuary and its uses, the ordiseeing the unusual proceedings, left the uary moral, unchurchly mind pauses before taking vows of allegiance to that kind of morality. Because there is a soul in the universe and that soul is subordinate and dependent, there is a religious element in pithy application of the scene in these its nature. Churchianity is a huge concreted machine, seeking an extension of discipleship and power through the subordination and direction of the religious element. While the mental forces of the race remained undeveloped, Churchianity thrived and its discipleship increased. That day has passed. There are too many thinkers and students investigating the validity and reasonableness of Churchly claims to make those claims continuously effective. The demand for a vital, spiritual religion is increasing. Theories are becoming worthless unless literary surgery. And the most pungent based upon solid facts and clearly disand shameful feature of it all is that the closed laws. Faith in what you do not and can not know or make clear to the ignorance and superstition. The Church of the future will be stripped of unnatthis gangrene of the moral and religious | ural dogmas, obscure myths, and unreasonable faiths, and will be based upon a true religion of the heart, an honest life voicing a true neighbor-love, the unity of the race, and the universal paternity of God. Such Churches will establish the true philosophic teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, now almost absolete or lost in



A CORRESPONDENT of the Boston Investigator deployes the fact that catholic priests are prevented from marrying, and thinks that the intellectual and moral qualities of these able and mighty men should be transmitted to the world through offspring. The editor of said paper writes that immediately after reading this epistle of regret he had to retire to his back office to laugh. And according to last reports he is still laughing. We trust it is not catching.

A cause is at last found for the existence and mission of Theosophy. The editor of Light voices the discovery thus:

Theosophy exists for the purpose of checking and manifesting the errors of the pure Theolo gian, who is apt to be so engrossed in the invention of Theodicies /sttempts to vindicate the justice of God in his dealings with man) and enunciation of schemes of Salvation, that he quite fails to see that salvation is no "scheme," but an absolutely necessary, unhinderable evolution; and that a God who is love is far more what man needs than a God who is just in the forensic sense.

THAT Russia has massed 650,000 troops on the frontiers of Germany and Austria and forbidden the exportation of rye and wheat, together with the fact that Germany is dickering with an American firm for improved arms, are all indications of war. But whether between the two nations mentioned, as some people seem to think, is perhaps doubtful. Russia may be "playing possum" against Turkey, while Germany is simply keeping an eye open to business-preparing for war in times of peace, as it were, so as not to be caught napping when the war-trumpet sounds the blast.

The Reform Advocate, a weekly paper published in the interest of "Reform Judaism" speaks of "our anti-Sunday friends" in Cincinnati having voted down a resolution to open the Temple on Sunday for the benefit of those who can not attend on Saturday, and characterizes this as a display of "blind fanaticism." It furthermore very pertinently says: "Here were meu who desired to be allowed to pray, and to learn something about their religion on Sunday.

No one asked others to attend. But because they, the Sabbatarians, will not go on Sunday, no one else must be permitted to spend one hour on Sunday in the synagogue. If this is not fanaticism, what is?"

AT THE meeting of the New York Presbytery, where the time was devoted to the consideration of the report of the committee on Revision, the great "Heretic" Dr. Briggs, was not only present, but secured a modification of the section indefinite postponement or utter failure. relating to "regeneration." The adonted substitue offered by Dr. Briggs reads : Infants dying in infancy, and other persons who are incapable of being called by the min-

stry of the Word, are regenerated and saved by Christ, through the spirit which worketh when and where and how pleaseth; also may other persons who have not been called by the ministry of the Word.

Mothers of infants coming under this revision should raise a fund to "monument" Dr. B., while the "other persons" might celebrate the event by a grand jubilee, and without fear. Surely the Church is becoming charitable in its

old days. It must be dying, and undergoing repentence on its death-bed. Requiescal in pace!

## THANKSGIVING.

The American autumn feast of Thanksgiving will have been enjoyed by most not they add one more to it—one in of our readers before this number of THE BETTER WAY reaches them. It is the great social, home harvest of the family when the children and grandchildren return to the old rooftree, fireside, bountifully provided table, where trinity as the one we can all accept with tried for heresy. And it looks now as if the roast turkey with its brown, crisp out dissent or discussion? What is the he would be. skin, flanked by the crimson cranberry response?

charitable spirit throughout.

Now, we, as Spiritualists, can find theories of salvation, but on the contrary are advocating them as principles worthy of any cause. And while Spiritualists accept the teachings of all of these reformers they worship none of he has acquired. We recall it all, We them. It is herein where Spiritualism were too sauguine. We entertained too differs from all past revelations, and thus becomes a sort of universal religion, applicable to everybody and everybody ized forms in the Presbyterian Church, to it. Now, to satisfy everybody, should an endeavor be made to organize these principles into a so-called creed or a moral code, a very broad platform must

forbids ever closing it against new reve- closing his ugly heretical visage through lations or philosophic truths that may be unravelled or evolved in the course of as "the higher criticism," which claims human events. This, it will most readily to be the identical, simon-pure, old Dr. be perceived, is an almost superhuman undertaking in the offset, and would probably cause delay that would end in heretical joker under the thimble, which To accept the special teachings of either one of the above named philosophers would catalogue us as Buddhists, Christians, or something else, and we would doxy.

be in no respect in advance of any of the religious of to-day. And to accept the special teachings of any one or a limited number of our mediums would amount

to nearly the same thing, besides gaining only the adherents of these special mediums or plan-makers, while accent ing them all would produce choos. What is to be done under the circumstances? Will somebody without a "plan" answer that question? Suggestions are surely in order. What say our mediums-the mouth pieces of the spirit world? Or, are they not to be consulted in this mat-

ter? Through them we received the revelations that we are now enjoying. Can which they are all harmonious? One of which they are as positive as of the fact that they are mediums; that there are spirits, and that they are immortal? Or, shall we base our organization on this

## THE COMBAT THICKENS.

prove their faith. The New York Pres-

bytery acted unwisely, foolishly, and

even wickedly, in the judgment or in the

heresy-hating animus of their converted,

adopted, redeemed, if not sanctified, na-

tures. The Presbytery let a Churchly

heretic go scott free to prey upon their

pet theories of election, reprobation, de-

crees, special grace, and the eternal

roasting of all the non-elect, babies in-

Only two weeks ago we congratulated in Churchly circles, by the action of the said that his wife was dying in the town New York Presbytery in dismissing Dr. above; that he was going for the cele-Briggs as a whole man, with a right to brated physician a quarter mile below; the use of his reason and the education that he had told the officer the circumcharitable an opinion of the "astrals' and "elementals" which have material unknown to the outside world. They do exist. They do not want and will not have peace. They hate heresy and herechurch, stripped him, and gave him the tics. Dr. Briggs is a heretic, or semitwelve lashes, bringing the blood at every be established with a plank in it that heretic, or transcendental heretic, disstroke.

In the meantime, the Rhode Islander, a kind of creedal transfiguration known hotel and mounting the horse-block contiguous to the whipping post, witnessed Watts Calvinism, and still is not. The the scene. When the court "pronounced heresy-hunters say it is only the little the law vindicated and the prisoner free to go,"the Rhode Islander made a short. disappears when Dr. Briggs says"presto! change !" according to the formula, and words : "Ye men of Ashford ! Ye serve disclosed the absence of heresy and the God as if the devil were in you !" presence of eternal, baby-roasting ortho-

Is the Presbyterian Church of to day determined to restore the spirit of old They believe Dr. Briggs to be both a Puritanism and repeat history? If so, heretic and an accomplished juggler of the more's the pity. words and phases. And they propose to

BULLS, BEARS, AND LAMBS. The gamblers of Wall Street get a terrific roasting from the pen of Edgar Fawcett, in the current number of the Arena. It is a piece of vigorous writing hardly paralleled in this age of incisive truth, in its disgusting nakedness, calls for this heroic application of the knife reason, is being relegated to the era of and burning acid.

cluded. They propose to stop this ini-And who or what is responsible for tial free thinking within the pale of the Church. No matter what may result, even an ecclesiastical Waterloo or Getsense of a people which permit without rebuke, the daily display of this offentysburg, a sundering of the Church, a system of Presbyterian guerrilla warfare sive leprosy of gambling, theft, and burglary of the pockets, goods, and chatupon their own Church, educational institutions, and brethren-anything and tels of honest citizens, widows, and oreverything-but Dr. Briggs shall be phans, classed under the title of "lambs?" It is not so much a question of statute law, for gamblers, burglars, and thieves the creedal forms of modern Churchian-

The prosecuting committee, who were have such a fear of penal statutes that ity.

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Reported for The BetterWay. THE DIONITY OF LABOR. Subject suggested by a member of the audi-ence. A discourse by the guides of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, delivered at Cassadaga Camp meeting, Sunday, August 21, 5891.

It is said that labor was the primeval curse. That from the sweat of the brow, because of that curse, man should earn his daily bread. If it were not that the brand of Cain is upon every brow, that kind of labor that is degrading; and if it were not that somewhere in the allegory we find the secret of all human selfishthe legitimate outworking of human inshiping world, we might say that he who brought that labor was man's primeval curse.

We do not know what is wrong about the toil of the hands. But to the hands that are unwilling, the weary, mocking upon the teaming brain that invents stop the wheels of commerce by check void of those that are relegated to the hard, grinding labor that is the result of be the wealth-devouring, ferocious giant howling at the door of labor, that labor toil in the coal mines, or in the agriculin the grinding mills of such industries or forced labor of the galley-slave, who flees but to escape the doom that would be inevitable, that is a curse.

But the hands that perform the labor that is the result of the quickened brain ; the intelligence that perceives the great products of nature and endeavors to the wish to exercise the skill that would or the urgent necessities of selfishness. appropriate the results of the work of or the wish to purchase homes and the surroundings and comforts of life for loved ones; the labor that is urged on by this human sympathy and human existence beyond the bare and barren necessities of the individual life; the labor to which man springs as he would spring to meet the morning, because there is some one to toil for ; the labor that the woman, even though weary, goes through willingly for the sake of the darlings of her heart. All this is honorable.

It is given to the human family alone to labor for that which humanity shall possess. The beasts of the field and the birds of the air have their instinct that makes them build their nests and provide for their young. The manner of building the nest has never been improved upon. Probably in the Garden of E len the first nest builded there was as perfectly built as those in your own Eden here at Cassadaga. There has never been any change, excepting that the But it does not know the value of the are no palaces or hovels in hird-land; are no exclusive possessions shut up in physical strength any of the warring pittance. elements which are his environments, The barren fields are made to yield their izers and phosphates ; wildernesses and age, and other means, through discovery anorting over the prairies. Man's labor is honorable in whatever way he can best perform his toil. Not that it is desirable that every laborer be has just as good a right to use that genrequired to work his hands constantly ius as the man that has a genius for inif it is honorable, but the brain comple-Iron arms take the place of flesh and muscle, and the steam horse goes snort- speculator avails himself of the neces- the few subscribers who lived mostly in ing over the land, and like a veritable with wonder. Man must, indeed, he crowned with added labor of the brain, But there are things that can only be done with the human hands; there are ments as render the eye more perfect. When the hands touch these things they blossom out into wonder of the telegraph and phonograph, and all things that are the result of human invention and discovery, which is the expression of human intelligence. There is no other definition for hu-

application of human thought to human for speculation is allowed to ride rough needs and the usefulness of toil. The drudgery that is performed in the world is only the result of the lack of knowledge and its application.

We believe that the brand of Calu and the curse of the earth, too, must be an allegorical representation of ignorance. that instead of our first parents having partaken intelligently of the fruit of the human life has been forced by this ter- tree of knowledge they partook uninrible brand into all kinds of selfishness, telligently of the fruit of only the small is said that the speculators are poor; it some results that are now accomplished and that selfishness has produced the tree of selfishness, and thereby brought is said that they are continually giving of in ten, why should be not have the benthe policy of selfishness into the world, which is always the curse of labor. Perconcerning Cain and his brother Abel hups Cain was the first man to discover policy, and possibly that is the reason of Gould or Vanderbilt in the mainten- ventions? When all the mills and man ness; if it were not true that the Abels the primeval curse. Perhaps he was the ance of the vast industries that could ufactories can furnish more than is cal machinery that is now in the world, are put to death and the Cains triumphant first man to discover that he could cheat in the world, seemingly; and if it were his brother out of the hard earnings of such hard labor we would recommend should not the laboring man have five and let him not be taught the issues of not also true that that which should be his toil. Perhaps he represents that state them to rest a while and let others bear or eight hours at most of labor and be the hour and he votes just as blindly as which comes into the human mind just as the burden ; we would recommend sufficiently compensated, so that he may he did before. Give him knowledge and every touch of human sympathy the dustry, invention and discovery has been soon as man wishes to take advantage of them to take a summer vacation like the avail himself of more hours elsewhere his vote will be favoring the best methperverted to serve the same Cain-wor- his fellow-man, and get something for working men, instead of going to Hu- for the improvement of his mind and for od in bringing about a change in the and systems bending in divine second nothing. Whatever may be the typical tax rope in their yachts. Let then change recreation? upon labor, it is only cursed when that places with the poor man at the anvil or labor does not meet the reward that it in the mill, whose labor never ends. People any you can not curb individual

deserves. The curse is not upon toll itself-not

new toil-not upon the hard hands and ing competition that old bug-bear. It is the taskmaster, whether that taskmaster grow brighter and brighter, lighter and one; also that competition is the life d lighter as time goes on with the reward trade. We do not believe it; we think i of monopoly, or the wolf of poverty, of its toil; not upon these, but the curse there were an exact system of commerce was and is upon that kind of labor that is the result of the lack of hope. The is enforced by one man over another, because of human selfishness, and greed, value of what every man does were the tural districts of England and Europe; and power; slave labor utilized to augment wealth of kings and empires; illy as never promise promotion, that kind paid labor the result of might over right; the advantage of my neighbor, if I can of labor is man's curse. The unrequited the labor in manufactories, dungeons, or mines that brings no compensation, rest or release for brain or spirit; the labor that the hard taskmaster's greed forces upon the individual life; that the miser or the man in the counttwelve, fourteen, sixteen hours out of benefit thereby; the toil that comes from the day for the greed that is within him,

The kind of toil that serves selfishhuman hands and brain; the work that ness is the kind of toil that serves mamis the result of the care for others, mon, and is degrading. But how lovely are the fields tilled by willing hands; how boyant the step that goes out to the appointed task where love and voluntary toil go hand in hand; how strong the hand of the blacksmith, that son of Vulcan who swings his arm attuned to the heart beats that have their fountains in love; how wonderful the work of human hands thus animated. It is perfectly useless to say that any or all of toil is not honorable when it brings the requisite compensation of its labor.

If the brain be more rapid in its working than a million hands, and the steamengine takes the place of more than that number of human beings, then new avenues of toil are opened, new means of livelihood, the wants of nations increase. It is not true that machinery and mechanical inventions should rob the laboring man of his means of livelihood. It is true, however, that under the present system of human valuations, under the present system of commerce and the subjugation of labor the human hoards up the grain and waits for the bird may purloin a piece of ailk or lace brain avails itself of these inventions to time of adversity and sells the staple from the treasures of some maiden to selfishly cut off humanity from its pro- article of life for double or their treble weave into the fine meshes of the nest, portion of its reward of these added imlong will human labor be at a discount. provements so the laboring man does silk or lace; does not know the cost to not get his proportions of the benefits and speculation rise higher and higher. make that which he, discovering, takes to be derived from inventions. While possession of and weaves so defily into the wants and necessities of the world are the nest for his mate and young. There continually increasing, and the luxuries multiplying, the laboring who man uses there are no streets in bird-land; there the steam engine, or who should use it, is not allowed his proportions of the reprimeval nature. Not so with man, una- sults of the whole, so that the tendency ble as an infant to resist the smallest of labor with inventions is that the of the opposing elements around him ; profits go into the hands of the few, and unable in youth to meet merely with his that the many are left with but a small To meet this problem there must be a and which have hedged him in he still has change of the estimates of values: to believe that the time is coming when an exciting spirit from within a some- meet this problem there must be a thing that prompts him to do that which change in what is called the commercial his brain auggests, and he overcomes the standards of the world. That this change Joseph who went down in Egypt, forevast forces of nature by the cunning of is coming no one who is an intelligent his brain and skillful work of his hands, observer of what is going on in the the laborer, so that those who have world can deny; that it is not coming to harvests by the discovery of fertil- relieve man from labor, but to enable him to use his labor for the best good to awamps are redeemed by sub-soil drain the greatest number of people; and he who labors most shall have the most reand inventions man enables his hands ward, while he who is the greatest idler to do perfect work; from scratching the necessarily have the least. As it is tosoil with a rough piece of a tree to the day, those who are the greatest idlers in fine steam plow that goes steaming and the sense of labor are the ones that generally reap the greatest harvest. People say they are not to blame, that if a man has a genius for speculation he growth.

shod over his weaker brothers, the poor they expect to have anything like justice. Now, here may be one hundred thour and working men, there may be a geniuof speculation like Gould or Vanderbilt. the working men may toll twenty, this do is to obtain a very poor livelihood, ft

brought about by the interchange of the

values of labor in the world, if the exact

standard the world would be better for

it. Competition means, if I can get little

because of this competition.

man labor by human inventions is renty, forty years, and all they possibly each dered so perfect that man will only have important question, this most practical great white throne of God chanting to toll five hours a day to accomplish the their brain and thought to keep both thit of those inventions and have five harder labor than that performed by a share in the great benefits of those in-

have a few hours rest on Sunday.

Now if the time ever comes when hu-

they ignorant? It is not because they convictions of the people. enterprise or industry; If you do you are made of different kind of flesh or blood; it is not because primarily tions or hopes in the heart of the laborless polluted with worldliness and polley; it is not because of this; it is because they have no opportunity to overcome the Ignorance that is within them, because of the poverty that is all around

them, and in their own households. buy a little cheaper and sell a little This question of labor, it seems to us is the one question of humanity in this cheaper, and thereby under-value his lage. If you want a vital question; if commodities, I am skillful and clever in trade. Competition does not mean great! you want something that is practical; if er value in the article presented, but you want that which shall include all tongues of praise, when his strong arms it means a better opportunity for buy other economic propositions, as the soing-room is driven to perform; the ing and selling. In our opinion the lar system includes all the planets that great commercial bubble will collapse revolve around the sun, take this question of labor upon its merit and make

that the test-question. The temperance We do not intend to give a discourse on the existing policy of commerce, but labor has been placed in the scale second questions will just as surely follow in to capital in commercial transactions, turn when the labor question is adjudi cated as the planets in their orbits are the restoration of the correct balance of power is to place the human hands and found to move around the sun.

human brains as the primal factors in Primarily the physical relations of man to the universe, his mental, moral, and the great producing and interchanging social status must hinge upon this quespower of the world. Just as soon as man's labor is the standard, instead of hand, brain, and heart. To-day the ma things, or worse, some fictitious standjority live in the great treadmill of huard that is created by boards of trade and stock exchanges, then will humanity be lifted from drudgery. If man's have nothing to show for it. One tenth labor and his interests shall constitute of the population of Loudon own all the does for his brother's sake he does for of Epiritualism, can give forth as they

question be easy of solution. But so long as it is possible for any speculator on change to make the value of things that men consume, to double the price in a single day, often in a single hour. that long there will be no just compensation for the laborer. Just as long as there are warehouses teeming and bursting with the grain that the farmer has produced with the same toil that he has expended year after year, and he gets no more for his products, but he who value that the producers receive, just so

to say "my lords" and "my ladles" ear- but in hundreds of others, and you all manifest in the love for humanity, weaklings that endeavor to keep up it risges no longer went there on Sundays, help to build the scattold upon which While labor, the crown of human life, the race are sure to go under, nor can but thousands of people did go who labor is hung. Here to it that you do shall no longer hear the brand of Calu, were set free on that day from the gal this no longer. ling chains of toll; they were allowed to If we could have a volce and power of

expression increased a thousand-fold we would go forth to every farming district in the country and preach this most. question of the day, Conserve your labor and its products,

We believe that primarily man's education is in the human spirit. We be ends together; it is said that there is no more hours of rest? why should be not lieve right here at Cassadaga is a better method of carrying forward education on labor question than in all the politinot be carried on without them. If it is needed for human consumption why Give a man a vote on the labor ticket conditions of society and the working shall hear the volces of the arch angels It is complained by many that the in- man; the ballot will be but an expression and angels shouting across the spaces boring class is so ignorant. Why are of the strong, moral, and intellectual "Build ye another world, for labor is

"When a poor man carries to the grave the body of his last and only child, with their spirits are any more degraded; it fainting and throbbing heart and weak weary feet and loving heart that may an old-time theory, as well as a moder is not because of any different aspira and nerveless limbs," in the rule pine coffin, unable to have any other auring men from those in your hearts if roundings, too helpless and povertyyou are affinent; it may be they are even stricken even to have a spoken word above that plain casket, when he goes by night because the hours of the day are denied him, for he must toll for bread;

that is toll, but when on the wings of poesy the morning dawns to meet the human life that springs from rest as the bird springs from the nest, when with Harris & Co, were the last of a class who fresh buoyant heart, from a home that is full of peace and labor, he goes out to Hudson Tuttle's screed in Title BETTER see the birds solute the dawn with many Way of the 7th link, that a few of us are bared for the toil, with no lines of give up another of our grand ideals, if groveling care are upon him, because of not Idols. For over a quarter of a centhe uplifting might of spiritual sympathy, when instead of one there are thousands of aids in this wonderful toil that is deep, pure, free, world embracquestion, women's rights, and all other that is to be for the augmentation of the happiness of the whole. When labor is Indebted for the Arcans of Nature, the not drowned and awallowed up in the Ribles of Science, and many other congreat maelstrom of human selfisliness tributions to the higher literature of and no longer drop by drop man's heart- the day. But to descend from these high blood is given to feed this giant moloch altitudes to the level of the rot and mut that requires human blood. When labor shall bring forth beauteous fields and tion of the value of human labor of plentiful harvests, and they who are now self what good after all does Spiritualpoor in their toil shall be enriched by him bring for the improvement of the the products of their hands, when every intellectual status of the race when T, L, man toil nine-tenths of the time and heart throb is vital with human sym- Harris and Hudson Tuttle, the two repathy and each man knows that what he maining monuments of the early days the only incentive, then will all this land, all the wealth, all the valuable im- himself; when he realizes that there can are now doing that which none but an plements of toil and external means of be no separate interests, no separate lamaintenance; the other nine-tenths are bor, no separate monetary affairs in the themen believe that one supreme power obliged to bend to the dictates of the lives of the family, society, or humanity : rules in all the events of human life? few, those who own the soil and possess when like Robert Ingersoll, he shall the methods of obtaining a livelihood; realize that every member of the house the coal mines, the fields of growing hold is entitled to a share in the earnings divine movement as so-called riches, wheat, all the things that men labor to of the household; that the child, from high social position, and the comforts the very fact of being a child, and woproduce, are in the hands of the few. man, by the very right of being a woman, Yet the Royal Exchange of London shows more maniacs that go out from is entitled to an equal reward and abare this positive and negative form is very its walls than any other one institution "in the results of whatever labor is perin the country. Why? Because in the formed, that the helpless, the indigent, sight into the mystery of life. Does the infirm, are more fully to be cared Hudson Tuttle really believe that the Royal Stock Exchange of London, like the exchanges in New York and Chicago, for, not in asylums, not in places that pleture he has drawn has any ground of are charnel houses and are only sublers | reality to rest upon and that his "augmen are not trying to labor, are not trying to produce something whereby to fuges for selfishness, but in the hearts gestion" should be adopted at the Colum carn their livelihood, but are trying to and homes of those who are comfortably bian Pair? If so, then he is unfit to rep aitnated, when it shall be accounted a resent Spiritualism or the great body of crime in every city or community to Spiritualiate who take now, and will conhave an alum house, and a greater crime time to take, a deep interest in this to have paupers wandering around the streets, when there will not be gopen wrought by the hands of the laboring men in New York City slone wandering work of all nations. The Proletariat and around, not asking for bread, but for the Plutocrat will there meet on equal labor; then shall we have some percept terms and the divine law of equality will tion of that honorable uplifting word labor that means the great wheels by ing city of the world. which the machinery of the universe is moved. Let us remember that the flower weaves its fine raiment from the subtle elements that are invisible by the chemical properties of air and vibrations from the sunand the vibrations from the stars. That although the great Teacher said, "the lilies toil not, neither do they spin." We have seen them, not tolling as slaves toil, but growing as all things fair and bright grow by the force of that which is within, meeting that which is beneathand above. Have you seen the lilies growt Do you know the fine chemical and subtle forces that ever weave their beautiful forms and make their reiment deal of business that is done in the of whiteness? Have you never seen the world that is not called speculation, and flowers of the fields how they lift their not all those on the boards of trade deal heads in response to the sunshine that in options, but the great fortunes of the is above them and bow to the earth that world are made in that way. Just as is beneath them, yielding to them their soon as a fictitious value is placed upon lives? This is not toil, this is honest, beautiful, perfect labor of mind and hand and brain that searches out the great dained in human life simply because, as sunshine of God's love that observed iswedenburg anya, man in nut free except whatever is needed on the earth for its own uplifting.

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only day they could go. It is needless on labor is not only in one direction, homes ablde and the love of God be but the light of the interpreting angel between God and man,

. When in the fields that are bright and fulr man shall not be taught that heaven is to stand rusting idly around the hymns and playing upon golden harps that have no use, but in the great able and flow of human life every spirit, angel, and arch angel shall be one factor in the great impelling labor of the universe, and the greater he is, the more labor, the greater the intellect; the more labor, the greater the apiritual triumph, the more labor, until from making harpa of gold, human hearts shall be the harps upon which the angels shall play and song that angels hear, and all the worlds man's primeval blessing, and labor for the whole man's crown of victory."

INCOLUTION.

As the sun's rays full upon the sleeping flowers and wins by its many arms and helps by its many fingers to do their part, so may the subshine of God's love win you to the great labor of life that each shall fill his part in the great prob lem of the whole. Amen,

"A SUGGESTION."

To the [(d)(or of The Detter Way The sensible people in the splittual latic ranks had come to hope that Teed, are on the wane. J learn, after reading, will have to revise our bearings and tury the name of Hudson Tuttle has been to the writer the synonym for all ing. To his fertile pen are Spiritualists contained in the article with the above caption is disheartening. One asks himanarchist could tolerate. Do these gen-That poverty, wretchedness, and I might say wickedness, is as much a part of the which it is supposed wealth brings. To discriminate sharply human life into superficial and betrays a lack of true inindustrial exposition of the world. There will be exposed to view the wealth and assert itself on the soil of the now com-I have had about forty years' experience in the practical every-day handling of this labor-problem. There is more sentiment than sense in all this gasconade about the inequalities of life ( about , such men as Gould, Vanderbilt, Rockafeller, and the rest of the millionaires. Without these men, or such as these, there would be no advance. The race would recede to barbariam. It is they and not the acculled laborer that keep the world on the move. I have never found in all my experience (and I have had no little) a mingle so called laborar, from Powderly to the poorest industrialist, including Hudson Tattle and T. L. Harris, who had enough administrative and executive talent to run a saw mill All this contrasting talk is all pure sentiment, as with Tuttle, or it is the sacretion of an overworked brain, assuming fautaatic abadows, as in the case of Ilarria, We can not improve upon the or-

A late governor of Pennsylvania said: "Whonoever combine to make a maper ficial value of any article of human necessity is guilty of conspiracy against the State and humanity."

We believe and we expect the time is coming that when there is a super-abundance of fruit and grain the poor in every State will have that super-abundance, instead of it being thrown in the river by the cargo in order to enhance

the value for commercial purposes. We out of the abundance of the earth. earth's children will be fed. The good seeing the time of famine, will care for no bread may then get it, and not pay double price, or treble the price for the bread they need. We think the twentieth century is dawning in this direction. We believe that not only will human hands be lightened in the burdens of the toils they have to bear daily, but in exact proportions as human hands are lightened in their labor will be the opportunity for intelligent mental cultivation and their opportunity for apiritual

Over in the east end of London a mu-

seum was established by charity for the benefit of the working populace. The vention. The difference is the inventor ments the hard hand work of labor, gives his thought to the world, he may museum was opened all the week, but on Funday it was closed, excepting to or may not reap any reward thereby; the

sities or ignorance of his fellowmen to the west of London, but who would and wonderful behemoth fills the sea augment his own resources without giv. drive over to the east of London in their ing any equivalent. Now, if a man is gay equipages Bunday afternoon and born a genius, he has no more right to gain admittance to the museum by being trample over one who is smaller or subscribers, while the poor for whom it weaker intellectually, than another man was instituted could not go; virtually certain touches, skillful appliances that has the right to kill him. If he is born were always excluded, it not being can only be performed by the exactness agiant he will not use his strength upon opened on Hunday, and the other days of the human eye, aided by such instru- those who are weak, but he will endeav- of the week they had not opportunity or to exercise his skill and display his of going because they were compelled power in such a way as will bring to his to toil. In the course of time some infellow-beings something which they telligent and humane people discovered lack; and if he is strong and skillful as that the very object for which this mua champion in the prize-ring he will not acum was crected was of course not at-

pursue his calling merely for the asks of tained, and a motion was passed after sugmenting his wealth, but will use his great agony and threes of Church and physical strength in the interest of these that this museum might be opened tion is only one of the many methods man labor than that it is the intelligent others. If the man born with a genius to the poor on Bundays, as that was the throughout the land. The drainage up then shall beautiful fields and pleasant

rob their fellow-men. No wonder they go insane; to day a millionaire, to morrow a pauper; not from anything their hands have done, but that which they have taken of the products of the earth, man who is too busy to become morally imbecile and too honest to become a

maniac, We consider that the crystallized methods of speculation are but the necessary and natural outgrowth of the smaller streams and channels of speculation that are created and fostered in the present system of commerce. If you teach a boyto trade jackknives, exchanging a poor for a good one, you teach him to steal; if you teach him to steal, you teach him in that degree not to earn the difference between the jackknife he receives and the one he gives, if the former is more valuable. If he does not earn that difference, he is in a fair way to be a speculator. Speculation is the glving of an insufficient amount or nothing for the value received. This is the whole system of speculation. Now there is a great

any article it gives the possessor of that article an increased price that they have done nothing to earn.

One word of warning to the farmer There are a greatmany avanues through

But what would you think of the lify, which this serpent of speculation is sap ping away the life of your industry or rose, or stalk of grain, or field of wheat, that would gobble up all the See to it that you are not tempted to send your hard samings to any speculaproperties of the soil and sunshine and tor on any board of trade; to any fiethwhole? Let each be allowed to grow, tious dealer in stocks; to any man who let every life unfold in its own way; let is interested in floating a large amount of stock for a small amount of return in that housant labor of hand and brain and heart be the highest sublition of the a mining company or anything else, for the moment you part with the money whole human family. Then shall blearyou have earned by your daily toil you eyed crime and vice, and eyed want and are fostering the life of the serpent and pain and accrew no more much the he will turn and ating you by and by. aympathizing heart; then shall great office no longer enlat where men and There are many directions in which mammon rules the world and specula woman jostla aschother in the vain pursuit of worshipping the God mammon.

in appearance. Our "appearance" here is in accordance with the infinite decree, The sharp pangs coming from experiences of good and evil are for the development of self-consciousness the God within. To the angel the hovel scape try to be a hideous conglomerate of the so graphically pictured by Mr. Tuttle, whole f Let each the allowed to grow, would be more than a Rephael Ascanalon or the glorification of the agints in Michael Angelo's "Last Judgment." anget would see the birth pangs of the glorified God in these composite of vice and it may be crime. It is only through suffering that man emerges futo a higher life. This is the immutable law and Mr. Tuttle can not change it, f don't believe he cen improve upon what God hee ordelied and refueld to thange because His universe does not out Mr. Tuttle's convenience. I believe with Pope-whatever in, in right FIAT LOR.

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#### Reported for The Better Way. PHENOMENA PAR EXCELLENCE. OSCAR E. MALS.

A little less than a year ago, I began attending the 'seances for materialization given by Mrs. E. M. Gilman of this city, I.os Angeles, California. Since that time I have attended pretty regularly for the purpose of investigating the psychical and physical phenomena manifest ing through and in the presence of this medium. I must say that the success attending my efforts in this direction, has personally been very gratifying.

In uarrating my experience in the inrestigation of spiritual phenomena with this medium, it is impossible to impart that splendid ineffable feeling of ecstasy which is the common experience of every honest investigator. It is therefore with feelings of thorough inadequacy that I append this hastily prepared narrative of my experience in the pursuit of psychic phenomena with this medium.

Upon one occasion, before attending a seance for materialization, I was impelled to write a letter to a spirit aunt of mine, who seemed anxious to inaugurate a work which has since been fraught with much pleasure and proofs to myself. After the circle was formed, this relative came to me in full form, saying, "Give me the letter." I produced the missive, which she took and returned to within a few feet of the cabinet, dematerialized it in plain view of the whole circle. The transformation seemed to be effected by a few simple vibratory motions of the hand, during which the paper could be heard rustling as any paper will when violently shaken. She then returned, and saying that she would bring in something from without. She vanished through the window like a flash, returning presently with quite a large branch of an orange tree, dripping with dew. She then said she would answer my letter at the development circle, which oc-

curred some few evenings after. I was on hand at the appointed time, and after forming around a small table, I suddenly felt a hand which seemed to be rubbing one-half of a letter on my nose, at each rub of the hand I could feel the letter grow larger, until finally placing the half letter on the table, she gave it a few violent rubs, and I had my letter precisely as I had given it to her some four or five days previous. Opening it, I found a splendid answer written to questions I had asked. The closest scrutiny failed to detect any signs of fraud in the appearance of the letter. In fact the possibility of such a thing was utterly

precluded by certain test conditions placed upon the letter purposely. I had arranged the letter in the envelope and sealed it in such a way as to render it impossible for the most skillful manipulator to tamper with it successfully. In the way of materialization I have witnessed some very wonderful things scription for the person intended. It is

strong voice, at some distance from the cabinet and has inspired interest in more than one mind by her pathetic recital. She exouerates her parents, however, since they have become believers Of late it is a common occurrence to have two kinds of materialization : for after materializing in full form by lamplight, the room is darkened, when the spirits bring their own light and illumination is in order. Many unique and varied tests have been received by this method.

It was lately my good fortune to have a slate-writing with this medium, which being given under the strictest test conditions is worthy of note. This sitting was in broad daylight beside a pleasant grate-fire, which contributed largely to that degree of harmony and good-will so requisite upon such occasions. Having taken seats at a small table, the medium very deliberately cleaned two small school-slates which she then placed together upon a glass of water in the centre of the table. Raps became the order of the hour, and it was interesting to note their frequency and force. Presently that protected the mortal body of the three loud raps were heard, which the medium's sister from the rays of a melmedium said signified that the writing was completed. Upon opening the slates, three beautiful messages, couched in the strong forcible language so characteristic of this method of communication, were found. All the messages were written in less than eight minutes, and in three different colors. In one coruer of the slate was a very bright star and under it a beautiful branch of roses in five different colors, all superbly executed and bearing the impress of artistic conception on the part of the one who inscribed it; but as no name was signed, I can not even surmise who the author may be. This is insignificant. however, in comparison with the worth of the message, which seems to have been given as a paragon worthy of emulation.

It is as follows : "Truth never changes ; always the same. Persevere and all will be right." Other messages were given concerning matters of which the medium had no knowledge whatever. Mrs Gilman and husband contemplate a tour through the East at no late day, and I commend her to Spiritualists as a delicately attuned instrument in perfect consonance with all that is purest, highest, and noblest in the realm of thought, to which fact may be attributed that volume of unstinted praise and commendation she has received at the hands of enlightened Spiritualists of this city.

#### TOUCHING PHENOMENA. To the Editor of The Better Way.

The heart-blessings of the spiritual phenomena has reached this village, St. Marys, Ohio, and its advent here will be long remembered. We had a feast of fat things during the past week with pressed would have given joy, peace, and Mrs. Seery, of Dayton. The details of with this medium. As a rule they do the results accomplished in the few cirnot come from the cabinet, but have a cles she favored us with, in the Bradley singular and most startling way of en- and Bimel families, through whose eftering through the windows over forts her visit was secured, can not which the blinds are tightly drawn and be given at length. Some forty the shutters firmly closed, not to speak persons shared in the special privileges of the glass. None of this serves as an afforded them in these seances, in which impediment, however, as they enter parents, children, brothers, sisters, from the top of the window and jump fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, and down, a distance of six feet, alighting in others, not of the household, spoke to the centre of the circle with an orange- their own, from the other shore, not in But after having visited sixteen meblossom leaf or memento of some de- English alone, but in the French and diums, I am now compelled to say that

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#### Written for The Better Way JINCLING KEYS. PLORENCE E. ALCOTT.

Various are the methods adopted by our departed ones to rivet attention to phenomenal facts that point to higher things. Some years ago, an aunt who was blessed with both clairvoyance and clairaudience, was resting for the night in the home of her sister, but occupied an adjoining room. The sister's husband, Captain Bellows, was then on a return voyage from some foreign shore. On a certain summer night, after the sisters had retired to court "nature's sweet restorer, baimy sleep," the aunt alluded to was awakened from her slumber by the the bed. A close inspection from a some. psychical marvels as occasion offers, so I what long range revealed their move. will give the outline of the history of its ments, and though not quite so musical production in the words of Mr. Archias the mystic bells of Poe's, they were bald Whyte, through whose instrumenbeyond doubt enjoying their own peculiar harmony. When this phenomena ceased, the clairvoyant eye beheld the neans and high social standing, and is form of Captain Bellows approach the bed and pass his hand over the covering 10me. Mr. Whyte thus describes a selou moonlight. The hand was passed the entire length of the form several times, and as he did so, in a low tone of voice said, "Ifettie ! Hettie !". This was the name of his wife, who was then fast asleep in the adjoining room. Here the manifestations ceased. The following day, while enjoying the morning meal, a detailed account of what the past night had furnished was given to the Captain's wife, who up to that time knew nothing of what transpired in the room of her sister. Of course, she was astonished and wanted to know what it all meant. The sister replied, "Hettie, I think we will hear some bad news from the captain." So matters rested. Within a fortnight word came that the captain had died of a fever while home ward bound, and as near as they could fix the time, it accorded with what was heard and witnessed in the room made memorable by the jingling of keys. All this occurred prior to the year 1848, before the star of Modern Spiritualism shed its instructive and genial light. I know some hair-splitting critic will say this is not true, or the Captain would have gone to his wife at once, without making a mediator of her sister. So he would, and probably did, but found her nonreceptive, while the mediumistic sister furnished the conditions required that helped to make his presence known, and through this avenue reached his anxious wife. In those days ghosts and hobgobling worked all the wonders and miracles that haunted the superstitious, and the poor sensitives, or mediums, were ofttimes compelled to bottle up many of the grand thoughts that outwardly exconsolation to many weary mortals, whose earth life had been seared and darkened by trials and tribulations over which they had no coutrol.

#### Written for The Better Way. PHENOMENA AND CONDITIONS. DR. S. E. HERVEY.

It is a fact that many Spiritualists do not believe in the materialization of spirits. But this is due to lack of experience. I, too, was once an unbeliever. very little, if any, was the work of de-

s medium when giving sittings. If all stediums were to observe this fact, there would be less cry of fraud ; for in many instances, the fraud is on the spirit side of life, being evil-minded spirits seeking revenge for their mortal friends who have a grudge against the medium, and if mediums were to give love where it costs nothing, they would receive it in return in every instance.

### A MARVELOUS PHENOMENON. W. J. COLVILLE

I desire to state that I am in possesslon of a painting procured in so wonderful a manner that I almost hesitate to tax the credulity of my readers by offerjingling of her keys, that remained in ing bare facts concerning it. However, the top drawer of the bureau that faced I desire to pay my tribute to genuine tality the painting was produced. Mr. Whyte is a gentleman of independent iving in his own beautiful country

"I ask a select circle of about fifteen, prefer twelve, but extend it to fifteen. ask those I feel will suit. A table is placed in the centre of the room at which I sit, the others form a sircle sbout me. On the table slates are placed and flowers (friends bring them). I only allow them to bring flowers, and accept tothing else, either for admission to cirde, or for what may be produced. I lave always given the slates or plaques and sometimes the glasses that held the fowers have been painted upon) to the parties forming the circle. Well, to tell low they are produced; we start by singing, and one of the slates or whatever it may be is taken from the table and given to one of the gentlemen in the circle to hold above his head; in a few minutes the light is struck and sometimes there is a painting on the slate, sometimes the slate or other article is perfectly plain; sometimes in that case it is passed on to another person and the painting is obtained over his head. Everything is perfectly natural, there are paints and brushes just as if an ordinary mortal were painting; the slates are not closed slates, but ordinary single ones. Some of the circle have seen forms (always white ones) at work on the slates and the gentlemen who have held them feel the vibration as the slates are being painted. The only objection I have is to the darkness necessary to produce them. At times there have been beautiful lights seen; once a butterfly floated round the room; sometimes persons in the circle have felt touches, and a pressence about them. Some very curious things have occurred at some of my seances and very convincing, but these would take rather too long to relate in a short letter. I have an objection to seeing my address in print, and must say, while I know it to be a fact, and a fact that can be attested by all in the seance, that these things are truths, still I must say the general public who do not see, will cry it is fraud, I think I would myself, were I in their place, for it is to me so marvellous. If you choose to write, anything about what I have told you and what yon can learn from others, you are at perfect liberty to do so, but I would prefer to keep my residence out of

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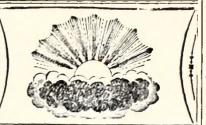
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as any. Frequently a small white spot is discerned some five or six feet from the cabinet, which being watched, moves with a kind of vibratory motion and finally takes full form, the head, face, shoulders, and limbs being plainly discernible in connection with the whole. They then dematerialize in this way, apparently going through the floor. One spirit coming this way assumed a variety of attitudes, typifying faith, hope, charity, etc. Spirit robes and laces, beautiful in design and finish, and silk of the most delicate texture are materialized four or five feet from the cabinet in plain view of all. It is surprising to note with what exactitude and precision these manifestations occur, losing none, but rather gaining in interest. It seems the mediam is specially gifted in most every phase of physical manifestation. As an independent slate-writer, she is the peer of any in this city, as I have reason to know. At her dark circles, I have seen a large music-box, weighing fifty pounds, manipulated with surprising ease and dexterity. Pleasant music is made upon the harmonica, piano, and triangle, and considerable merriment created by the peculiar antics aud humorous remarks of Mr. Owens, a guide, who represents the serio-comic side of nature to perfection. The independent voices which are a

distinctive feature of this medium's circles are at once a surprise and a problem to the skeptic, for at one time a male voice is heard, then that of a lrefined gentle lady, followed by a lisping infant, and last the hoarse accents of the Indian. The skeptic can not account for all this by no known law of ventriloquism, and he goes away with his line of thought considerably modified.

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ception, as I thought on various occasious in the beginning. Experience, however, has taught me that promiscuous circles produce a class of manifestations which cause doubt, and thus we believe ourselves deceived when we are not. If is only the unharmonious conditions which is at fault, caused by admitting persons to the circle who are not prepared to witness anything of so marvelous a nature as the phenomenon of materialization. .

My most recent experience in the lat ter was at a circle held on Saturday afternoon, November 8th, by Mrs. M. E. Williams, of New York. It was one of the most perfect scances I ever attended. Over forty spirit forms appeared, most of whom were recognized as friends or relatives by someone in the circle. The spir it walked out of the cabinet into the room and mingled with the sitters, talking with their loved ones as of old. The son of Prof. Henry Kiddle was present and this, of course, attracted his father to the circle. On his materializing, Mr. Kiddle was recognized, and pronounced as perfect in his make up by those who had any personal acquaintance with him. His son naturally was the first to be greeted and engaged the spirit in conversation, and which, as all know, must be hurriedly done, for spirits in the be ginning can not hold their materialization but a minute or two.

Mrs. Williams, though, is a lady of refinement and culture, and keenly senses conditions, thus can readily remedy them to bring about a barmony that will produce perfect materializations. Nor does she hestitate to request those to withdraw who are not congenial to the circle at large. Her love for money is not the house. so great as to sacrifice conditions for it. She prefers to give to a few thorough satisfaction than take any risks of disappointing many. Thus she never fails to educe the blessings of all who visit her, and to have people's good will is not only healthful and cheering, but Illustrated. Por Sale by THE WAY PUBLING CO., and C. G. HELLEBERG, 177 Auburn / Cincinnati. PRICE, 50 CENTS. prevents ill-humored spirits or those seeking revenge, from encroaching upon

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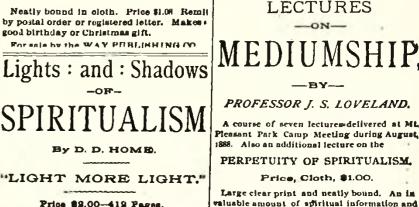
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distaut object for some time, until the Our scientists, after being battered at interior forces finally come uppermost, and worked with for a half a century or under the potency of which the willmore, are just beginning to learn that power becomes mighty for good. Aupsychological and bypnotic forces are a other most effective system is to sit with great truth, although they are still iguoeyes closed every night for a number of rant of their philosophy. Beyond all weeks, half an hour or an hour at a time, president, is the right man in the right guess-work it has been demonstrated and try to see the invisible colors and place. He is modest-perhaps too modthat a force can be sent from one human objects. There are many persons, perbeing to influence or control another. If haps a majority, who in this way may fined, and carries the impress of sweet human volition, in the midst of our learn to see the ineffable glories of light minds, how much better should the more enlightened volition of spirits be enabled to do the same thing in connection with sensitive persons. That this can be done by invisible intelligences has been proved countless times by clairvoyants and mediums who can see them, hear them, and feel them. That these invisible intelligences are the finer pertion of beings who formerly dwelt in this world as men and women, is proved not only by their own words and by their appearance, language, and manners, but by the fact that the clairvoyant eye has often seen the spirit House this week. The principals pleaded ig- On Wednesday I attended the last rites to emerge from its earthly tenement and move off to more etheral realms. These disembodied ones have blood, muscles, bones, nerves, brain, and all the features of human beings, only in such a refined condition that mortal eyes can not see them unless their psychic nature has been well developed. It can be proved by spectroscopy that there is grade upon grade of matter ascending from that which appeals to our present senses to that which is at least between 200 and burg, Pa., A. D., 1891, has taken a seat 300 times as refined, oxygen, hydrogen, and other elements existing in wonderfully attenuated forms. It would reeven to be able to use the highest grade of sunlight with its inconceivably exquisite colors, as signified by the spectroscope, aided by the science of the fine forces. This refined spiritual body, this which sprang from the coze of credulity, perispril, is animated by the exquisite lives upon educated barbarism and says gifts, beautiful and useful as they are, spiritual essence, and both together infidels are dangerous to the freedom form an immortal existence, the body of the people! that veneer which covers being composed of a very delicate grade of atoms which formulate an individual- the musty mind of a sepulchre! And ity, the spiritual essence being a part of there are still to be met with a certain the imparticled, infinite ocean of soul class of Spiritualists who tell us Chriswhich unifies and kindles the universe. tianity and the Church are all right, coarse conditions, get into rapport with womb of progress and virtue the child spiritual sense and flow like celestial those spiritual beings who are so fine as of iniquity. to be invisible to the outer senses and While I am willing to give credit for

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ces which are opaque to the outward It is as if we took a telescope, and standing upon the Washington Monueye, so that those who get into rapport with it can see through them as though ment, turned its inverted end upon me they were made of glass. Such persons French Revolution, while a banshe are called clairvoyants and have the wailed to us the moans of the slaughpower to see spirits and the beautiful tered Hugenots.

If this is an example of Christian tol- their urgent solicitations : realms in which emancipated spirits dwell. As we ascend into the higher eration, with the National Reform Morelife we get under the rule of still finer ment as its voice, how long will it be tre the press-gag will be enforced and nen whose name was David, and it came to forces than the psychic, and the vision armed with ecclesiastical authority nbecomes so glorious that earthly minds. who have not perceived them can scarcevade the office of THE BETTER WAY or any other free-thought publication, and ly understand the abc's of that state of drag the editors to the bastile?

The spirit of despotism is rampaut it is demanding God's name to be placed power by means of which we shall not only be able to rule our own physical systems the better, but get into that t is demanding that the World's Lair higher spiritual condition which shall shall be closed on Sunday-a mostinsufferable effrontery; it has shut up he bring us into communion with the diviner world? I will mention the two city of Pittsburg on Sunday and it vill most prominent methods of accomplishclose every other avenue of liberty and individual rights if it can. And what is ing this result, the treatment or atmosphere of spiritually developed and magthe strength of this dictation? About 5,000,000 against 60,000,000. But that netic persons and the influence of sunlight on the body, especially on the bare 5,000,000 are organized, trained on a ingle line, and imbued with the zeal of body, both of these forces being so refanatics, the three qualifications, which, build a house of rest.' Then Lewis, the fined that they can influence the nerves powerfully and through them the brain in all the history of despotism, hive and psychic system. All sun-lands are made up its triumphs and the defeat of homes of inspiration. The Bibles of the justice and liberty. The lesson is obvious and we need but one of the qualiworld have come mainly from India, Asia Minor, Egypt, etc., the people of fications-organization-to enable us to which would become remarkable if they bury the intrigues of the Church nace could receive the enkindling power of a downward in an oblivion beyond recall. true civilization. Dr. Simms testifies WILLARD J. HULL.

## Written for The Better Way. MEETINGS, MEN, AND MAGNE-TISM.

## LYMAN C. HOWE.

The quarterly meeting at Watervliet was characterized by earnestness, good nature, high aims, spicy speeches. excellent music, and a dismal storm. Mrs. Woodruff, of South Haven, was the spir itual light, and her words were opulent with wisdom and exalting sentiment. Mr. Woodruff made some earnest appeals for the application of Spiritualism to the adjustment of human rights in the State and the emancipation of society from inherited superstitions and the autocrasy of money and titles. Mr. Burdick spoke for the integrity and advancement of the society's work. Prof. Jacobs, of Paw Paw, rendered the vocal music and organ accompaniment with rare taste and exquisite art. His voice and culture make him a great attraction, and his music alone is a full meeting if all the speaking failed. Prof. A. J. Davis added instrumental music to the delight of all. He makes the violin preach to the heart and juspire the intellect. Mr Sirrine, of Paw Paw, the newly elected est for the most effective rulings-re-

o'clock to-night, and half an hour later George was sentenced to fifteen years' elements that make up character. Sen imprisonment at hard labor in Danneognition is far deeper and more reliable mora Prison. Governor Hovey and his party atas the index of the individual. In pubtracted great attention in Mexico belic lives the influence of the woman

cause of the gorgeousness of the uniwhose love and spirituality mould the forms worn by the staff officers accomman, is too much ignored. Mrs. Dr. panying them. Along the streets peo-Nelson is the soul of the household and ple stopped to stare at them, and at the the love that makes them both happy hotels the guests and bell-boys regarded them with the greatest curiosity. Not

DAVID, KING OF MANTUA. presented abroad since the Grubb wed-At a meeting held on the 18th of Ocding, where the Philadelphia troopers shone in their splendor, or the time tober at Brother Andrews in Auburn, O., amongst the literary exercises was the Major Winston went as Minister to Perfollowing short chronicle written and sia. The titled American diplomat in read by the undersigned. It was then bis plain swallow tail is "not in it." unand there voted to have it sent to THE less a State militiaman is around to awe BETTER WAY for publication, but the the people of the effete nationalities.

writer objected on account of its being Mrs. Lawson Valentine, of New York too personal, but has finally yielded to believes in presentiments. Sunday evening she was with her daughter, Mrs. "In the reign of Benjamin, whose sur-Lawrence Abbott, in the Navarro flats in name was Harrison, there lived a king New York, when she felt that matters were not going well at the old Lawson pass that David said to the brethren in homestead in Newburg, which had been the country round about, if it seemeth closed for the winter, and she detergood unto you let us build a camp and mined to go up there at once to see an Englishman, formerly a member of pitch therein a tent in the suburbs of Mantua, and let us send abroad unto our Abbott try to allay her mother's anxiety. brethren everywhere, that are left in the Mrs. Valentine went to Newburg early upon the constitution of a free people; land, and with them also the speakers the next morning. Burglars had ranand mediums which are in the cities and sacked the house from top to bottom. in the suburbs, that may gather them Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, Henry Ward selves unto us, that they might adminis-Beecher's successor, and his son Law ter spiritual food to the hungering mulrence Abbott lost many books and artititudes. And all the congregations said cles of value, including old family relics, that they would do so, for the thing was costly presents from friends, and keepsakes from foreign lands. "Then David, the king, stood up upon

TUMA, A. T., November 14 .-- Colonel his feet and said, 'hear me, my brethren D. K. Allen, who has been surveying and my people. I had in my heart to lands in lower California, returned Saturday. Included in the work was the son of John and brother of David, said, examination of the volcanic region. In 'be strong and of good courage and do one group fifteen of what were formerly it; fear not, nor be discouraged, for there active volcanos were found almost enis more for us than there is against us, tirely obliterated, the only sign of their and they will not forsake you until the former location being huge lava sinks work is finished,' and they all answered almost filled with sulphur water. The with one accord, yea, verily, we will make principal volcano of the north group ready for the building ; we will not build the Giganlianti—is now quiet, as are all with the cedars of Lebanon, but with in its immediate neighborhood, with the chestnut and cucumber from the groves exception of spasmodic bissings of esof Hinkley, and basswood from the farcaping steam and occasional gaseous exoff land of Potter, and pine from the plosions. The east group of 500 volcaland of Gopher. Then David, the king, noes under the waters of Lake Jullula gave to Ed, the carpenter, whose surbreak out every now and then and throw name was Beard, the patterns of all he up pebbles, fish, seaweed, and sulphur had by the spirit, the pattern of the To the south group has been added at porch and chambers thereof, and of the least 100 grand volcanoes during the house thereof, and the hammers of the period of the earthquakes in July last On South Hill, where one year ago no "And it came to pass that the gatherevidence of volcanoes appeared, the ng together of the people was set for grandest of all is now to be seen in acabout the middle of the fifth month of tive operation, with a crater 160 by 40 the year, and lo ! a great multitude asfeet. It fumes, smokes, and threatens sembled in the presence of the king, and general disaster. Col. Allen found Lake behold! the house with its porch there-Jullula, formerly a semi-circular body of of was not yet finished, and the noise of water five miles long by one-half mile the workmen mingled with the songs wide, now a lake twenty-five miles long and praises of the faithful. Among those by twelve to twenty-five miles wide, with who gathered in the tent was one Henry au average depth of twelve to twentywhose sur-name was Andrews, and he five feet. A few months ago the lake came alone from the far-off land of Auwas a body of salt water ; now its waters burn. And it came to pass that his eyes are quite fresh. In returning Col. Allen rested lovingly upon the face of the fair determined to follow a new waterway Corinthia, one of the daughters of a which he discovered running parallel to neighboring tribe, and she communed the Colorado River, and started into i with him of all that was in her heart and with his flotilla of four boats. He found there was nothing hid by Henry that he the stream leading him into a country told her not. And when Corrinthia had entirely unexplored, lying midway beseen the wisdom of his ways and the tween the Colorado River and the Mesa loneliness of his days, the fountain of divide, which separates the Carter River, her heart was touched with pity and love

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tice, rendered a verdict of guilty at 9:58 ing her book gives us an opportunity of renewing our acquaintance with the Marryatt family. For sale by The Way Publishing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. Price so cents.

Mr. E. J. Bowtell, who will be remembered by Truth Seeker readers as formerly a frequent correspondent, and writer of some interesting experiences of his life in a Trappist monastery, sends this note from Greenfield, Massachusetts, to the Banner of Light: "On Sunday, the 8th instant, I had the pleassuch a glittering show has Uncle Sam ure of making my first appearence in New England as a Spiritualist lecturer. On that occasion I addressed the society here in Union Hall. On Tuesday, 10th. at a special meeting called for the purpose, I related my experience in the Trappist Order of Roman Catholic monks. On Sunday, the 15th, I am engaged to speak for the society again." The editor of the Banner of Light adds : We understand that Mr. Bowtell is a recent convert to Spiritualism from a Materialistic belief, and that he has already done good work as a speaker at Elmira and Saratoga Springs, N. Y. We trust the friends will keep him busy in his new field of labor." Mr. Bowtell is what the trouble was. In vain did Mrs. the National Secular Society, and an editorial writer on the London Freethinker when Mr. Foote was in Holloway jail for blasphemy. While residing in this country he has been employed at his profession of actor, but has occasionally lectured upon Freethought and literary topics. We shall be glad to hear from him now that he has found additional light to guide his footsteps .--Truth Seeker.

> Dr. A. B. Dobson and Family Bid **Farewell to a Host of Friends this**

our popular mayor, Dr. A. B. Dobson, wife, son Owen, Miss Lena Ringlep, private secretary, and their servant girl departed this morning for San Jose, Cal., where, if the climate and other expected advantages prove as anticipated, the doctor will settle permanently. It has always been his ambition to spend his more advanced years in the climes of the Golden State, where he has always had an extensive practice.

Dr. Dobson, during his sixteen years' residence in Maquoketa, bas been one of our most enterprising and leading citizens, chock full of public spirit and magnanimity. Along with his own great prosperity he has found it a pleasure to make others prosperous, and scarce a working season has passed without the erection of new buildings in our city by this famous clairvovant, until be now owns eighteen buildings, several of them large business blocks, including the town clock, or City Hall building. In his departure he leaves all this good property in charge of his son-in-law, Frank Ringlep, and offers none of it for sale, as the doctor says he has full faith in Maquoketa's future and the revenues derived from rents of this real estate could not be bettered with the same inrestment anywhere else.

Some years ago the doctor was elected alderman in his ward, but resigned because of his other manifold duties, and last spring the people insisted upon his accepting the nomination for mayor. which he consented to do, and his name was placed on the democratic ticket.

OFF FOR CALIFORNIA.

Morning. With many regrets and fond farewells,

earthly ignorance, can control other and color that belong to the higher universe.

#### IS THIS THE NINETEENTH CEN-TURY?

To the Editor of The Setter Way. PHITSBURG, PA., November 14-Joseph K Emmett, the comedian, and twenty-two others, including Manager E. D. Witt, of the Grand Opera House, and niueteen cahmen, who were arrested yesterday for violating a Sunday law, were given hearings before justice Hyndman to-day and fined \$18.40 each. The charge was made under an old Blue Law enacted 100 years shall, a soothing support. Returning to ago and the offense was committed last Sun- Paw Paw, I halted there for three days day. It consisted of a parade of twenty-five cabs, on which were large boxes, appounding Emmett's appearance at the Grand Opera at the hospitable home of E. L. Warner, norance of the offense, but paid their fines and were veleased.

The "cabbies," in default of the amount. were locked up preparatory to commitment to the workhouse. Mr. Emmett, however, came to their rescue and paid all the fines amount ng to nearly \$600, and they left the Central Station happy. He also made good the loss of a days' wages to each man. The defendants say they will appeal the case.

Here we have the tcho of a shrick which might have sounded at an auto da fe of the sixteenth century. Pittsin the lap of the old inquisition and the moss are all that are now required to complete the transformation, and who and what has done it?

Our boasted "Christian civilization." a yoked hyena! the dictation of a myth! How can a human being, with his which is to say that stagnation is the

sincerity and generous fraternity, which inspires the people with the spirit of unity. Mr. E. L. Warner was ever ready at the call of emergency, and his words and works were important factors to the success of the meeting, while Mrs. Warner, armed with womanly wit and graces, infused a spiritual tonic into the whole proceedings.

I was an invalid suffering from a cold, sore throat, and cough and found the magnetism of Dr. W. H. Nelson, of Marand was warmed, rested, fed, and nursed the memory of J. R. Bathrick, whose spiritual faith illumined the way as he passed under the veil and was lost to mortal view. On Thursday evening a pleasant company met at the residence

of his family and made the hours light with social cheer and the prophecies of love and the sustaining influences of Spiritualism and its moral potency were illustrated in every shade of thought and

feeling. From Paw Paw I next reached the pleasant house of Dr. Nelson in Marshall, where I realized the healing poresurrected skull of Torquemado grins tency of his spirit and witnessed someover the mountain tops of Western Penn- thing of his accurate clairvoyance. He quire an exceedingly advanced spirit sylvania. Screws, racks, garrottes, and is almost blind to this world's beauties, but sees with remarkable clearness the things that are hidden from mortal eyes. Especially is this apparent in his diagno-

sis of disease and the application of remedies. But to me all of these special are of secondary significance to the life and sphere which express the immortal principles and spiritual sentiments that underlie and evolve all phases of phenomena. These in their totality constitute character. They are seldons revealed in acts, although actions flow from them. But they are tangible to

and she cried with a loud voice, I will be your companion, the light of your home, so help me God! and we are all here as a result of that decision."

MRS. D. M. KING.

## NEWS ITEMS. Lake Erie is said to be drying up.

In Palestine there are said to be 78,000 lews.

The Peter's Pence from England, at the last gathering, amounted to less than \$2,500. The pope is much displeased.

Henry M. Stanley is educating three negro boys about twelve years old whom he rescued from slavery by paying three cents apiece for them.

The Peace Congress adjourned at Rome, after resolving that all questions between the powers should be decided by arbitration. Delegate Howard urged that an appeal be made to all Christians to prevent war, but the proposal was voted down because it was confined to Christians.

Sam lones was the driver of a public dray in his native town before he became a preacher. His outfit was a small, rickety, rattling, ramshackle wagon and an old sorrel horse. He was a familiar figure at the railway station, and his most profitable job was hauling drummers' trunks to the hotel. His most profitable job now is to haul sinners into heaven.

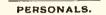
Mrs. Annie Besant's medical advisers have forbidden her to take her proposed trip to India, on the ground that her

health would not stand the climste and have recommended a short rest and change of scenes. Mrs. Besant left England for the United States by the steamship City of Rome last Wednesday.

CATSKILL, N. V., November 14 .- The jury in the case of Rev. Harry W. rhythm from soul to soul when kindred George, charged with manslaughter, in

qualities meet. The magnetic qualities having caused the death of his adopted Marryatt, author of the many sea tales to be invisible to the outer and and the good the Church has ever per- of healers determine, to a large degree, daughter, Lotta Townsend, by malprac- we have all read in our youth, and read-

which flows in Salton Basin from the waters of New River, which flow into the Colorado near its mouth. New River was found to be one of the most beautiful streams on the Pacific slope, at no point less than 125 feet in depth and perfectly free from obstructions to navigation.



Contributious received: S. F., W. J. II., L. C. H., A. H. N., W. W. S., A. B. R., H. T., F. E. C., G. F. K., M. P. R., A. B. F. W. W. Sargent writes that he has often felt that if much of the thought

held in poetry were dressed in prose. many more would read and be benefitted thereby. That's right, but young aspirants will not lose sight of the chance at the laurel crown.

The Farm and Fireside Eibrary, pub lished monthly by Mast, Crowell & Kirkpatrick at Springfield, Ohio, gives as No. 57 a new illustrated edition of Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. The publications are in handy volumn, and the subscription price is \$3 per year.

We sometimes (though happily very seldoni) obtain an offer from some generous soul to take THE BETTER WAY provided we publish certain things or communications, whether they please other readers or not. We can only reply to such, if THE BETTER WAY, at its present standard and only \$1 a year can not be taken except under additional strain or a proviso, that they do without it. We don't feel that the spirit world has any

allegiance with such mortals, and we prefer to keep the company of the former.

> Florence Marrystt's "There is no Death" is a book full of phenomenal facts concerning Spiritualism. It is a undertake to notify every subscriber of the book that you can "band to you neighbor" as an every-day book of travel or experience, and get them interested in our science without personal solicitation. Florence is the daughter of Capt.

He received an overwhelming majority, carried every ward in the city, including the strong republican ward, and was thus elected mayor for two years, which office he now resigns.

Dr. Dobson and his estimable family will be missed by their neighbors and large circle of social friends, and the poor and needy they have so often assisted will miss them too, and verily, San Jose's gain is Maquoketa's loss, and the people of that far western city will find Dr. Dobson and family a valuable acquisition.-Maquoketa (lowa) Seutinel.

MANY people who stigmatize dancing as immoral, says the N.Y. World, lose sight of the fact that it had its origin in the religious festivals of the ancients.

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## Correspondence.

Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Hyser's lecture on Sunday morning, November 15th, at Conservatory Hall, consisted in replying to questions sent up by the andi-ence. And as it is her usual custom, she selects one of the principal questions to auswer in detail, using the others as adjuncts and giving short replies to each. In this instance the question selected was "Reincarnation," which the lecturer claimed was a fact, but explained that it did not embrace re-embodiment. We are constantly reincarnating. Our bodies of to day are not our bodies of yesterday, last week, or last year. We are constantly adding to and throwing off: continually being renewed. From the higher life those advanced parties have passed the trials we are now passing, and look upon us in our present condition as we look upon our children, and thus it is to be seen that it is not so very hard for our friends to act as our guardians. The truest types of angelhood are those who live nearest in accordance with the symbolized charactor of Je-us, and if we were to accept and make this charac-ter our guiding star in life, we should be a long way toward accomplishing that better life that we all aspire to.

All true spirits, in or out of the desh, are seeking the uplifting, the clevation of human-ity. All our faculties should be in perfect harmony with each other We are then in a condition to preach peace and good will to men. and when our faculties antagonize each other, we are in a condition to accept the creeds and religious ideas of the day. When we claim that "I am holier than thou," we are simply assert-ing our egotism. We must exercise our reason each with the other, placing ourselves on the same plane, to work for the generat good, and thus we will be prepared to accept reincarnation or any other truth.

Mrs. M. Evans gave the evening address at Composite Rooms in the eastern district be-fore the Ladies' Aid Society on Sunday even ing. November 15th, taking for her subject that familiar theme, "Faith, Hope, and Charity," which was explained and illustrated to the satisfaction of the audience, which was a large one. The opening speaker was followed by Mr. Pooler, commenting upon the opening address and adding his mite. The balance of the evening was devoted to tests, Mrs. Eck doing the principal work.

This society devotes its Sunday morning set vices to phenomena. A circle is formed of those present, and the mediums give that which the spirit world is able to demonstrate The services are usually very interesting, and the fees thus raised-ten cents being chargedaside from the running expenses, are devoted to a fund for the purchase of a building for

their use. The whole service is a work of love, there being no expense except the hall which Fraternally, is not large. DOCTOR

The Brooklyn Progressive Conference had a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting, our esteemed president again being able to preside the accustomed feeting of harmony and good will was manifest. The first speaker of the evening was Mrs. Dr. Sarah E. Hervy. She said she had attended a seance of Mrs. Williams in New York in the afternoon, and her guides told her to go to Brooklyn in the revening. Al-

though she would have preferred to stay at home, she came in obedience to her guides, as mediums ought always to follow. Dr. Slade had been warned by his controls not to go to New York, but he came notwithstanding, and was waylaid and robbed,

Mrs. Walton spoke on the unity and strength of our conference, and proposed that we join segrether in love and sympathy and send out a singing. united prayer in behalf of our president, to up-hold him in the work he is doing. Dr. Perkins, from California, who was very

heartily greeted by the audience, attracted the attention of everyone present, by his intelli gent and at times withy remarks, on the law of application and its results, saying that we needed big-hearted men-men with willing hands, men of brains, men who possess opinions and will-power to carry on our work successfully. But while speaking he went under control and gave the secretary some very convincing tests, giving not alone the names of father and mother, but describing very accurately and minutely the spirits of Henry Kid-die and many very prominent Brooklynitcs, all of which were recognized

Mr. aud Mrs. Crate being called upon, the lat ter responded with a few remarks. Mr. Richardson, one of our best volunteers,

spoke intelligently on the subject of Spiritual ism as being the mother of Christianity. Mr. Charles R. Miller again favored us with a

E. F. K.

land, across the Bay, with their own mediums. Outside of this, with occasional exceptions in Los Augeles, there are no organized Sunday cept those held in Summerland, the Spiritualist colony near Santa Barbara.

Collifornia had almost had to produce her own mediums for ten years past. Fifteen to twenty years ago we had Foster and Slade awaking en early local test and trance mediums were Mrs. Hendee, the Washoe sceress, Mrs. Eggert-Aitken, Mrs. Ellis, all still doing good work in the field, and Mrs. Wiggins. Then came Mrs. Adah Foye, from Boston, in ballot mediumship. Mrs Belle Sawyer, in materialization, who had to fight the bitter prejudice existing sgainst that phase of mediumship, After her came Thos. W. Reid and Mrs. Crindle-Reynolds, both California-developed mediums, and two of the strongest materialising mediums we ever had on the coast. Then followed Mrs. Souther Mrs. Patterson, and Harry Wild. Percy Clifton and Miss Lizzle Fulton were after developments for materialization, for which all guides say, the magnetic conditions of our climate are peculiariv favorable.

The form-building mediums have all left u for more inviting eastern fields of action, or se tired to private life. Mis. Reynolds, the last to leave, departed only a few weeks ago. But others are developing to take their places. Among the most prominent is Mrs. I. M.Sloper whose natural mediumistic gifts are bountiful and have found channels in test, trance, writ-ing, inspirational public speaking, and lately, in materialization and painting. The lady has the highest order of intellectual controls, and stands outside of the cabinet as the spirits take form at its aperture. We look upon her as a medium bound to achieve a high rank in psychic manifestations. Fied. Evans, Dr. Woods, and Mrs. Francis are our resident slate-

writers. Our spiritual literature is represented by the Golden Way, a monthly magazine, published by Mrs. Rose Hushnell, a fine writer and medium and the Carrier Dove, monthly, published by Dr. Slessinger, a strong ballot and test me dium. The public press here take a general stand against Spiritualism, either through ig-

norance of its truth or from policy. Not wishing to overburden your columns with too much local matter which might not prove interesting to your general readers, we must pass over the many true and tried medi ums that keep alive the fire of faith in the spir itual fold, and are constantly adding to it: numbers by the converts they make

J. P. BOGARDUS.

A goodly number of people greeted Mrs. Lo-gan on the 25th ult., at St. George's Hall, where she presides over her usual Sunday meetings. Many mediums were present, and to show their kind appreciation of the president, many excellent tests were given by each. Following the invocation by Mrs. Logan, Dr. R. Ness made a few remarks. Music and songs were contributed by Mrs. Rutter, and then came the feast of the meeting, an inspirational talk by Mrs. Slope. A subtle something is underlying this lady's lectures and tests which always reaches the heart of the listener, and brings forth the tear from the eye. Her tests were pointed and well received. Remarks of interest were made by Dr. Taylor, followed by an address and tests by Mr. Langly, of Seattle, Wash. Tests were given by Messrs, Crasp. Muller, and Dr. Gee, which were understood in nearly every in-stance. Mrs. Yaite then gave a number of tests which were recognized and thoroughly enjoyed. a lasting impression made upon the hearers. The exercises were concluded with CORR.

-----Los Angeles, Cal.

It may be of interest to those who have the cause of Spiritualism at heart to know that the religio-philosophy is flourishing in this far-off corner of the Union. The present work was begun over a year ago, and has kept up with increasing interest.

First, Mr.Geo. H. Brooks came among us, and revived the slumbering embers. His lectures were followed by his psychometric readings, which were always good. Then followed Miss Susie M. Johnson in her unequalled trancere E Hull stopped a short time on her way to est by her independent slate-writing, together with local workers. Then came Prof. W. C.

ing and evening public test meetings in Oak-land, across the Bay, with their own mediums. meetings. May these ladies have all the suc cess they deserve. We have also several materializing medium

ahead as much as three weeks. The writer at attended one scance at which the number d

forms out at one and the same time was foueach taiking to members present, and we could all recognize the medium's voice occasionally. guiry as they inverted this way, giving private scances of their wonderful mediumship. Our still behind the curtains. This medium with be remembered as the Terre Haute Medium, Dr. Stansbury, with his telegraph maching here, and the writer, an old telegrapher, hat a sitting, and was much pleased at the way the communications were ticked off, as the ready hand of the doctor took them down. His med-umship is truly wonderful. The writer desires to give credit where credt

is due, to George II. Brooks for having shakes up the dry bones of lethergy by his energy aid organized has merged into the one Professor Bowman started, and the meetings are over crowded, giving room for the one at Forrester) crowled, giving room for the one at Forrester) Hall by the ladies mentioned. The city is eighteen miles from the plach borrs of the grand of access the grand the gran Hall by the ladies mentioned.

shores of the grand old ocean, where many me on Christmas day to enjoy a mid-winter's ball in its peaceful waters, and bask in the sun shine or stroll along the wide stretches w sandy beach.

On New Years Day you can have ripe straw herries and cream, and many other fruits, and flowers till you can't rest, and if you want in snow ball you have only to go thirty-five miler

east, Where the mighty mountain sentinels stand

Guard o'er that enchanted land. WILLIAM A. FOX.

Port Huron, Mich. In your issue of October last is a commun cation from my old friend Lyman C. Howe, re ating in part to Haslett Park and its founde Mr. James H. Haslett, I regret that owing to th severe illness of my wife I was not able to mee Mr. Howe during his late visit to Port Huron In speaking, or rather writing, of Port Huron Mr. Howe says: "It was the home of J H Has lett of Haslet Park note. But he did busines in too loose a way to be of any great value i the cause. Haslett Park was supposed to be secured to the association by deed, and such was Mr. Haslett's intention, since he executed the same and supposed it had been made se cure. Butafter his sudden death it was dis covered that it was not recorded. His attorney refuses to produce it. I understand he claims to have no knowledge of its whereabouts, al-though he was known to have in in custody." While I do not believe Mr Howe had any intention of casting a reflection upon the memory of Mr. Haslett, yet the charge that he did business in a loose way, coupled with the more serious charge of in tentional fraud on the part of his attorney would certainly lead strangers to suppose that there was crookedness all around. Now, it is not my intention to write a defense of Mr. O'Brien J. Atkinson, who was Mr. Haslett's at torney, for no gentleman in the list of my ac quaintance is better able to perform that duty than himself. I may say that I have good rea son, however, to believe that the deed in ques tion, after it had been executed by Mr. Haslett was entrusted to the keeping by a gentleman other than Mr. Atkinson, with the request have it recorded at the county seat, in which the land was located, and this, by the way, is no uncommon transaction. This land is too miles or more distant from Mr. Haslett's place of business, and the person entrusted with this duty lived in the vicinity of the county seal

where the record should be made. Besides Mr. Atkinson could have no motive withholding the deed from record. In reference to Mr. Haslett I can bear witness that he never did business in a loose way. knew him intimately for thirty years, and I will be amply corroborated when I say that he was one of the most industrious, painstaking careful business men I ever knew. No mar ever questioned his integrity in matters of bus ness, and certainly no man ever looked more carefully after details of his business than did Mr. Haslett. The cause of Spiritualism never speaking, and others of local faine. Mrs. Matworker or medium ever had a truer friend. Mr. the North. Her inspirational discourses were Haslett never inherited any wealth. His considered a rare treat. During the summer father died when he was a child, leaving him months Mrs. Julia E. Garret kept up the inter- with a wido ved mother without means. He was forced to seek a living by labor, and no boy or man ever fought more bravely the bat-Bowman. With his advent the work was re-organized and the various factions united. economy Mr. Haslett succeeded in accumulat-Never in the history of Spiritualism in Les ing a confortable fortune. And it was his it -Angeles have the people been treated to more tention that a portion of his wealth should be message from Lewis Cass, dwelling on the two eloquent and logical discourses than those of expended in the aid of the religion he loved. phases, the mortal and the spiritual, both fill Professor Bowman. Not only Spiritualists but With this view he conceived the idea of estab-

Haverhill, Mass.

I presume your readers, many of whom have evinced so much interest in the Medlums Or der of Beneficence, will be pleased to know through your columns more in regard to our work. The order was never in a more flourishing condition than now. Never was the out-look more promising than to-day. Our weekly meetings are well attended. As an order we are well equipped, and with no indebtedness and money in the treasury we feel we have cause to be proud of our seven months' work. Within these months through our instrumentality has been closed a chasm which has been growing wider each year for the last seven years between two factions of a once prosperous socie ty in Haverhill. In consequence of our work here these two factions have been brought nearer together, until now they claim to have blended so far into one as to call themselves the "Spiritualists' Union." This, by the way, is fulfiliment of prophecy made on the plat-form of the old Brittan Hall Society five years perseverence. While here he was appreciated form of the old Brittan Hall Society five years as he should have been. The society that it ago by one of the universally beloved mediums for the one lead. While we see that all can held of our land. While we regret that all can not feel to affiliate with the "Union," the writer

> not endorse the present management. The "Moob" was the first, however, to extend its hand and most generously wishes the "union the strength and cordial support that a rea union in spirit so richly merits.

One word about National Convention of Me-diums. Yes, it is a foregone conclusion that the Mediums' Order of Beneficence is a fixture it has really come to stay, and the demand from all around has been so great in favor of another convention that we have decided to hold one on the anniversary of our organizing

We have had many invitations to hold our con vention elsewhere, but have concluded that Haverhill is the place; for these large meetings have a tendency to stir up things, and we know of no place on earth where the spirituali-

ty of the masses is on a lower plane. If possi-ble to be so, we should call it dead, and sadly in need of resurrecting, and possibly the con-vention horns may start some awakening power and set our divinity to working. The convention will be held Feb. 26, 27 and 28, 1892 Arrangements have been completed. Talent of a high order has been secured, and we know of uothing to hinder a grand spiritual feast, free for all who may feel to participate. We will keep your readers informed from time to time as the work goes on. ALICE

## Boston, Mass.

Mrs. H. W. Cushman, the general secretary o the Ladies' Industrial Society, writes that the latter has been holding large and interesting meetings in its own quarters, corner Washington and Dow Streets, this season ; the supperand receptions, however, being given at Arlington and Irvin Halls. On October 22d an enter tainment was given with the Barrenthe family on the program, the combination con-sisting of father and five children, who are all mesters of the violin or piano. Master Carl Hadfield took part in this and earned much praise for his remarkable elocutionary powers On the 29th Mrs. Whitlock, the president made arrangements with Mrs. Maude Jones Gillett for a slate-writing experiment. As an introduction Mrs. Adah Foye delivered an ad-dress. Among others who added to the entertainment were Mr. Lewis, John W. Harris, L. L. Whitlock, Dr. Eldridge, Mrs. Wellington, Mrs. W. S. Butler, Mrs. Hadfield, and Mrs French. A committee was then chosen from the audience—some of them skeptics—to exam ne and watch the slates during the experiment The lest was successful; for several messages were received for parties in the hall, which were acknowledged as being recognized. On November 5th Mrs. W. S. Butler, with aid

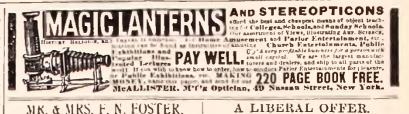
from the Lyceum, gave a unique entertainment, in which Mr. Wiggins, of Salem, Mr Manning, of Lynn, and Mrs. Helen Stuart Richings also took part. For the 19th a test seance, with Mr. Wiggins was arranged, the latter gentlemen having the talent for answer ing scaled letters.

## Wasnington, D. C.

The Washington Society of Spiritualists has been having a great treat so far this month in the ministrations of Prof. W. F. Peck. His lectures have been of a high order He is an eloquent speaker and an earnest ex pounder of the truths of Spiritualism. Large and enthusiastic audiences have greeted this gifted speaker the last three Sundays. GOFF A. HALL, Sec'y.

Montpelier, Ind.

A correspondent writes that there will be discussion between Dr. S. A. Thomas, of this place, and Rev. John Byrkit, of Knightstown commencing December 15th. The subject is to That the Bible. Old and New Testaments. King James' translation, teaches Modern Spinitualism, and sustains it in all its lowest physical to its highest mental and spiritual maniestations." S. A. Thomas, Spiritualist, to affirm ; J. Byrkit, to deny.



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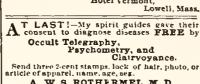
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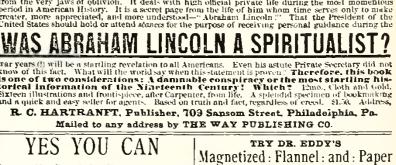
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At Conservatory Hall Sunday morning, November 22d, Mrs. F. O. Hyzer devoted one hour in answering questions submitted by the audience. Is it wise to seek mediumship? The substance of the answer to this question was that the offices of the human organism were mediatorial. One of necessity is a medium, whether he seeks it or not. The wisdom rests sessed mediatorial powers, but in the harmonization of the elementary powers within the organism which shall result in the greatest good to the individual and also to the universal The wisdom of special effort of development in this direction is determined by the results which follow

woven into a lecture with the one question as a base of thought-what is life and its relations

Next Sunday closes the present engagement of Mrs. Hyzer in Brooklyn. Large and appre-ciative audiences have greeted her on every occasion. The law of evolution is plainly illus trated in her present mental and psychic pow ers-first, good to better, and thence to best in the verdict of old friends who recognize her present work as superlative. W. W. S.

San Francisco, Cal.

The condition of Spiritualism in San Pran cisco is growing steadily. We have neither sensational speakers nor sensational medium with us at present to swaken enthusiasm. I may be said we are taking a rest after a series. of absurd delusions, such as the Woodward cruze, of Cyrus Teed a Messiahahip, etc.

The workers in the field at present, giving public platform tests in the various halls, are Mrs. J. J. Whitney, Sunday evenings at Metro-politan Temple: John Sister, at Irving Hall; Benj. M. Barney, Mrs. Lewis, Dr. C. H. Rindes Mrs. Place, and Mrs. Palmer, at other halls. Di Wood holds forth in public Wednesday nights and Mrs. Logan, a veteran worker for the cause presides over a mediums' public meeting every unday morning here and in the afternoon it Oakland. Mrs. Briggs-Voy holds mediums meetings on Wednesdays, and Mr. Barney platform test meetings on Thursday evenings. Dr Ravlin, a former Baptiat minister, officiating for years in San Jone, has given public lectures before the Progressive Spiritualist Society at Washington Hall for a year and a half past or

Sundays mornings and afternoons to sustain ing audiences. John Slater now follows the morning lectures with public tests. The Mis-

others have manifested a desire that is remark- lishing a camping ground, and eventually a able-so much so that the society is contem-

plating moving to a larger hall. The work of the society is divided into com mittees on music, entertainment and festivals ways and means, and relief. Each having its separate work, the interest is kept awake, and the burden lighter on the Executive Board. The Committee on Entertainment gave the first of a series on the oth inst. The second not in the seeking of that which is already pos- article in our constitution says that our ob ject shall be the promotion of Spiritualism in

its two-fold aspect, of phenomena and philos phy, by the encouragement and support of me diums and lecturers, who shall work togethe on the same platform. This has been strictly carried out. At present Dr. J. M. Temple fol ows each discourse of Professor Bowman by

This and other questions were beautifully his platform tests. His success is remarkable being equaled only by John Slater. Dr. Teinple occupies the platform each Sunday afteron, giving tests only. Dr. Temple will leave for San Barnardino about the middle of No-

vember, and his place will be supplied by Mrs A. Baldridge. Two noted mediums have lately come into

our midst, namely, Dr. D. J. Stansbury and Florence K. Rich, who think of stopping here for the winter. Other noted mediums residing here are Mrs. Emms Hurst Hupt and Mrs. N.

D. Miller, both strong materializing mediums.

Others of a lesser fame are Mrs. A. Baldridge Mrs. Rush, and Mrs. Weeks-Wright, but all good in their phase. Besides lectures, socials, and circles are hold every week, keeping the interest well up to the point. Yours for the H. C. O'BLENESS. cause,

A few lines from the Pacific Coast may not be

uninteresting to the many readers of THE BET TER WAY, who, I trust, will bear with me while I state the condition of things in the king's English.

Los Angeles is at present plentifully supplied with mediumistic talent. Our societ holds forth every Sunday evening, the pres.n lecturer being Professor Bowman, who preached salvation and damnation for sixteen years up der the auspices of the Methodist Church. He is a fine inspirational speaker, and draws large crowds of interested listeners. He has had the assistance of Dr. J. M. Temple, a good test medium from Boston.

Recently Florence K. Rich, of Boston, has come among us, and finding our society meetings crowded she opened afternoon and evenings meetings in Foresters Hall. She is assisted by Mrs. Julia Garrett, who produces independent slate writings during the meetings, sion Spiritualists hold regular Sunday morn. which are extremely fine, and many wonder- lng.

sani arium and School at the present site of Haslett Park. His sudden transition doubtless thwarted his intentions to some extent, but whatever may be the outcome in the settle-

ment of his estate relating to Haslett Park, am confident no blame can ever attach to the vame of my old-time friend, James H. Haslett If the cause of Spiritualism shall be the loser in consequence of his departure from the scenes of earth it is certainly no fault of his. I am very truly yours, S. D. PACE.

#### Mantua Station. O.

On Sunday, November 15th, some of the Man tua Camp Association and a number of intimate friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gilbert were inrited to their pleasant home in Shalersville, O for the purpose of holding one of their old time socials. The meeting opened by calling A. A. Barber to the chair, and Mrs. D. M. King secretary. Then after singing a few appro priate selections, questions were given from ach one present. Then the controls of D. M. King entertained the company for a short time by clearly describing spirit forms, which were readily recognized by those present. A preache then gave a very earnest invocation, followed by a discourse, which contained many valuable lessons that were highly appreciated by the audience. When the feast of spiritual things were ended we were invited to the dining-roon to supply our physical needs with a go ter supper, and when we had to say our parting good-bye, we felt like calling the infinite bless-ings of the spirit world to rest upon dur host and hostess the few remaining years of their earthly life. Brother and sister Gilbert have been earnest and faithful workers in the spiritual vineyard for many years; and when the book of life is opened for them we hope they may have but few regrets. SEC'Y.

Anderson, Ind.

Mrs. R. H. Williams writes that Willard J Hull delivered three magnificent lectures in Anderson last week, which were not only well attended but highly appreciated, and he with many others wish to say to their friends, not to fail to hear Mr. Hull when an apportunity pre sents itself. From there Mr. Hull went to Indianapolla.

Mrs. Seery, too, was in Anderson, holding circles and attracting large audiences, with maivelous results. She went from there to Celumbus.

This week Professor Van Hofn served the friends, and thus the good work is progress-

Obituary.

As a tribute to our departed sister twe desire o say that she reached a ripe old age with no blot on the pages of her life's book. But she is not dead.

Twas only transition to heaven from earth, When she wakened she found it was a new spirit birth

In the land she had dreamed of-a land just above,

Where all are received and greeted in love Dh, sing not a requiem with a chord that it sad.

But join with the angels who are feeling so glad.

That a mortal has stranded her barque on their shore, Where earth's pains and sorrows can reach her

H. P. RATHBUN. more. Lily Dale, N, Y.

To our friend A'exander R. Cuscaden, aged sevenly-five years and 18 days, born into ner life October 10, 1891, at 3.12 a. m.

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All anguish, grief, and toll no longer Encumber him, for he is free,

Oh, do not mours for he is happier In that new home helonged to see. And he who loved you, now as ever, Is ready to greet and bless you all. Grieve not, for you are not forsaken, · He is as ever, and with you all,

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that nature at her best, is pronounced wholly incompetent to produce. Originally Adam was a perfect type - although there is no escaping the fact that he was a vertebrate manimal, built on the same organic plan as a whate or a house. He understood the world by intuition, although his descendants have, everyone, been compelled to start on instincts in herited not from him, but from the beasts, or exactly the same sort of inatincts.

Adam was originally in a state of pet feet holiness and perfect happiness. How he could have wanted anything more does not appear, but he did and in joy for himself and all his successors. In fine, Adam was the express image of his maker, created specifically for the of an absolute, Final Cause, therefore, brother of the spes instead of a descend-"We believe man was created in holiness, but fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are without excuse."

The creation hypothesis seems neces-

being exceeding fifthy and unkempt as reaching mortal capacity? to hair and skin here the story shows no Adam and his wife. The biblies] account is exceedingly fair, but we have been unaccustomed to reading it litralby Insolution needs to be insplied by the reader to make it conform to modern fileas.

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sleep on, for surely do thy dreams With aweetest music twine : And spirit guardians hover near To watch without replue.

THE SPIRITUALISTS' PHILOSO-PHY. to the folitor of The Detter Way.

In your home of November 7th, under caption "Theosophy vs. Spiritualism," that new desire, which was childish, was J. D. Buck, M. D. replics to a previous involved a total collapse of goodness and acticle of E. F. Cook, in which he makes use of the astounding pluases, "Spiritualism has plenty of facts and phenomena, but if I may say so without glory of the creator. No limitations of offense, and surely none is intended, power can be supposed in the the case they have no philosophy." "They philosophize, and speculate, and return to printally Adam was perfect morally and their facts and phenomena." Now may physically. This is the hypothetical 1, in behalf of a glorious array of intelli-Adam who is wrought into so many gent and conscientious Spiritualists, schemes of a theologico-cosmological make the attempt to prove the incorrectsort. If we grant the truth of the story, ness of this statement; the many init gives us no dignity except that in signia of knowledge adorning the auplace of the finality and summation of thor's name, notwithstanding. Not exall the past of evolution, inheritors of its actly understanding what he may imply achievements, we are made from the dirt. by "facts," I am naturally somewhat at It gives us one more endowment, the sea regarding that term. I take it for breath of our Maker and then sets us granted that he can not mean any pordown, organically and functionally, a tion of a philosophy, yet, how we can other hand affects the atterial system. "philosophise" without a philosophy while sensualism deranges the nervous ant. I have in mind a half dozen creeds seems quite mysterious. We certainly system. Injustice, malice, envy, jealousy, all of which assert and describe Adam can not feel to quarrel with our evidents as a product of this sort. The first reads, by well meaning brother on the score of "facts," but on the contrary, feel obliged. and happy at his acknowledgment at such a possession; for to a people just under just condemnation to eternal rain emerging from mental and spiritual and stomach troubles, just as intemperthralldom, directly due to superstitious suce disturbs brain action and leads to teachings and "guess work," it seems to nervous disorders.

sarily to involve a fall, and the fall to me that "facts" are "the one thing needinclude the succeeding race. For those fuh" more to be desired than aught else, who deny heredity in Adam are stont and somewhat simple facts too, suitable slicklets for heredity from Adam, Cal- to their limited capacity. But I am vin anys, "I ask how it happened that the pleased and proud, my dear brother, fall of Adam involved so many nations that we call our "facts" a philosophy. A with their infant children in eternal spiritual philosophy, as high as the dome death, without remedy, but that such was of the universe, and as enduring as eter-God's will," The synod of Dort says, ulty. Operating from the lowest ele-"That there is an election of infants ; no ment, upward, and from the innermost less than of adults; we can not deny in center outward. A philosophy of such the face of God; who hates and loves undying, divine principles of truth, that nuborn infants." The gross brutality of alone can actuate Theosophist or Spiritnalistorany other sincere disciple of hypothesis of a creation. We are chill, whatever name, with the loftiest aspira dien of Adam; that is the trouble. If we tions and the most sublime impirations had been children of monkeys, no such that lead to the highest rungs of soul unfoldment. Its scintillations give beaunecessary, because monkeys are not ty and assistance to every condition in created, but developed. No one can fail catth life, and altures the disembodied spirit still upward until the highest pinacle of immortal purity is attained. 1 od with Plate and Lord Bacon, than go to an not prepared, neither do 1 desire to say, that its prime essential are a logical But when I turn to the hiblical account group of the sequence of nature," giving of Adam, I do not read the story at all to the individual a rational and thereas I find it in popular apprehension and fore logical idea of nature, deity, spirit, in modern theology. It astonishes and soul, mind, intelligence, force, space, interests me greatly to find that the "in- time, matter, and phenomena, but it deaplied" authority does not warrant the lifes no avenue of profitable research, material or spiritual, that is real and was a very pityful and weak savage, beneficial to man. On the other hand it Whatever he was in body, he had no recognizes all such, in degree, to be the moral nature whatever until he had diss privilege of every soul. But its first and highest import is the genuine cultivation pened to have dong the other thing and of all those attributes and graces that go to make mortain blean and he bleat. In return, declaring all steps, leading otherwhe than to the highest, specificat realieation of this goal, as false and permi-Oh, what a glorious, tangible philosophy we have. Bearing in its divine increasing tides upon its surface, until at wings healing and hope to the world, at last it burst in two. The smaller part bethe same time demonstrating unvaringly the immutable law of cause and effect. Can you offer to us anything more or better than that, brother? Anything, could make a man did not make a spade that in the present unhappy, agitated, while there was any liquid to operate on ignorant condition of things, would be in the moon, the earth heaped up much more efficacions or more exalting ? Don't greater lunar tides. you think that when you are groping about in a speculative sea after knowledge of doity, intelligence, force, etc.,etc., you are more than likely to strike an unonly raw food and their fingers and seen shallow? Don't you think that their teeth to pull it to pieces, with time spout in such vague research, while platiuum, are now caused to volatilize by only leaves and brush to sleep on, and missry and spiritual poverty are shroad means of the electric current,

Women's Department, only caves or hollow logs to shelter in the land, might be put to much better them from storms, with a probability of advantage, and not be in danger of over-

Lace nothing objectionable to allabit effort in that direction in degree, as a postime to vigorous effort, but mon's first duty is to man. I think the higher we ascend in true wholom, in true progreasion, the less we desire or attempt to explore the ever widening, ever deep ening domain of the fußnite. Our phitosophy, when rightly understood, teaches us to each day glean suitable knowledge that may be applied to the next, toward making it happler and holiet. Now as to the "exhaustion of exrepresentative at the World's Fah," and perfences in all details of phenomena? notwithstanding its imperfections, the as keep it up. But I beg to differ with deficiency of knowledge concerning its requirements and manipulations, to say nothing of the finals perpetrated in the my life five years ago, when I lived at name of true medianiship, it has been flickory Plains, Ark. I still use a both the only aperture through which becasionally and recommend it to others. the only operture through which glimpses of a higher living, a nobler being has come. Hence we are in no whe fuctured to hide the phenomena, but we do deplore sometimes, yes oftentimes, its abuse both by the possessor and the seeker after its disclosures. But we know losophy will in time illuminate it. 1 would that more Spiritualists demonstrated their philosophy in their daily lives. I would that, while the tiny rap the messages of love and instructions that come in various ways from invisible shores, convey unspeakable joy and hope to our tired hearts, they would serve in that gives her reliet." JANR A. ASHIRROOK, nobler effort to every act in life. Then never, never more could brother or sister my (however well meant) of Splittualists so cruelly and untruthfully, "They have no philosophy !"

RELA L. MICHIELAM.

### STRAY THOUGHTS.

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All religions merge into each other when the purely spiritual or the morale of life's philosophy is touched.

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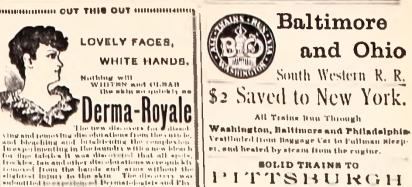
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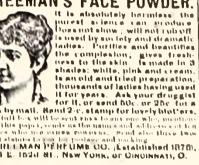
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accredited bellef. By that account Adam obeyed his Maker; and if he had hay remained obedient, he would have remained a savage to this day. He was at the best, only one more sort of beast, made to be sure, but on the same structural pattern, and with the same instincts | lous. an other beasts. When caught in his thon, he acted precisely as your dog would do under similar circumstances he ian into the bushes.

The Garden of Rden was, by this same account, without a house, without a mechanical tool for the creator, though he or a hatchet. It had wild animals in it. and, as it was Adam's business to subdue it, it evidently was liable to be a wilderness of a common sort. Here Adam and Rye, both neked, without towel or comb, without house or fire, with for thirty years. She professes to have powers instilled in her from blith by a witch-mother,

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"No," said Ann, divining her thoughts, he will not die in the lattle. He will hoke to death."

Despite the dictates of her reason, she grieved for her son. A month later she heard that he had died in a Southern hospital of diphtheria,

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## Written for The Better Way TOPICS OF THE TIME. CHARLES CROMWELL.

The growing feeling against the grant of a further charter to the Louisiana State Lottery received another impetus in the recent massmeeting at Chickering Hall, New York City. The meeting was presided over by ex-judge Noah Davis, the platform being occupied by men prominent in religions, educational, commercial, and professional men. Exjudge Davis, in justifying this protest, coming so far from Louisiana, said that it might be asked what business is it to New Yorkers if the people of Louisiana choose to establish a lottery system for themselves. Even if they could do so, our common sense of interest in the uprightness, intelligence, and morality of each and every State should lead us to utter our views against that movement. They can not adopt such a system in that State without throwing out its poisonous influence in every direction, borne upon the atmosphere, borne by the press, and, until lately, borne by our postal system, until it permeates and affects every part of our common country. The men who are engaged in this business are making a desperate assault upon us all. They expect to make in this great city the largest market in the United States for the sale of lottery tickets. That we ought to resist this for our own sake is manifest : that we ought to resist it for the sake of our common country is

of Louisiana as a sister State worthy of our love and regard and in the hope we may save her the desecration and degradation into which she is likely to be plunged.

President Low, of Columbia College, in his remarks drew attention to the fact that this concern, in its schemes of monthly and semi-monthly drawings, aggregates the fabulous sum of \$28,000,000 per annum, and the aggregate of its daily drawing is over \$20,000,000 more, and that they receive annually \$1,250,000 from the written policies sold on the numbers of the daily drawings, apart from the in some way to aid the country, the lottery people have no facts to fall back upon. It neither creates commerce, helps trade, nor in any way develops the resources of the country. It simply undermines manhood, on a basis founded in dishonesty.

After speeches by other speakers of carried. Amid the tolerance of such inramifications to every city of importance in our country, this action may seem are rallying, and nobody could wonder, like

#### cean into tempests wrought

To walt a feather or to drown a fly.

There are scores of otherwise good people who will condone an evil simply because there are evils of a larger and more pernicious influence, which are, as yet, impossible of eradication. The action of the policeman, in arresting a street gamin caught in shooting "craps," awakens condemnation by the knowledge that he or his superiors are powerless in cases that involve evils of greater

in connection with such a choice that should be clearly and caluly set forth and, if possible, to show their incongruity with that mission which is the birthright and birth-duty of the individuality of each soul. The theme of the poem shows two pilgrims "facing forward," undeterred by disapproval or condemna-

tion, to the fortified city "men had thought so frail :" They passed the gates ; they stood upon a hill

Enclosed, but in that strong enclosure free! Though earth opposed, they held the key to heaven.

- On came the turbulent multitude of war, Deshing against the city's walls; and swept
- Through all the streets, and robbed and burned and killed. The walls were strong; the gates were alway
- opeu, And so the invader rloted, and was proud.
- But sudden, in seeming triumph, the enemy
- host Was stricken with death; and still the elty

stayed. Skyward the souls of its defenders rose, Returning soon in mist intangible

That flashed with radiance of hald-hidder awords ;

And those who still assaulted-though they crept

Into the inmost vantage-points, with craft, Fell, blasted namelessiy by this veiled flash, Even as they shouted out, "The place is ours!

so those two pilgrims dwelt there, fortified In that strong city men had thought so frail. They died, and lived again. Piercest attack Was as a perfumed breeze to them which drev Their souls still closer unto God. And there Beauty and spleudor bloomed untouched. The **stars** 

Spoke to them, bidding them be of good cheer, manifest. We ought to do it in behalf Though hostile hordes rushed over them in blood.

And still the prayers of all that people rose As incense mugled with music of their hearts. For Christ was with them; augels were their aid.

What though the enemy used their open gates The children of the citidel conquered all Their conquerors, smiting them with the pure

light That shoue in that strong city fortified.

The international convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union met last week at Boston, Mass., at the Tremont Temple. The society reports progress of commendable work throughout the United States, especial progress regular printed tickets. In professing being made in the Hawaiian Islands, Australia, and South Africa. Mrs. Helen G. Rice, superintendent of the juvenile work, made a stirring appeal to every State union to organize a legion for young people in connection with its own work. Mrs. Rice's summary of the work of the legion shows that in addition to the pledges the children take they work equal power and note, resolutions con- for young people everywhere, for the Indemning this lottery were unanimously dian schools, for the fresh-air fund, for poor and destitute and unfortunate chil-

stitutions as Wall Street, extending its dren. From East to West, North to South the thousands of boys and girls with so enthusiastic a general to lead them. During the first day's session, Dr.

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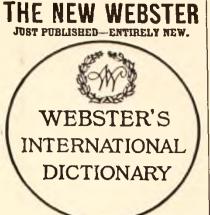
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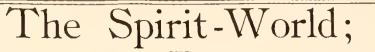
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Would it not seem to us an inexplicable phenomena if a strong member of, and a believer in, a democratic form of government, should suddenly avow himself in favor, of absolute monarchy? of trust in others? Would this not virtnally be a suicide of political independence? What is true of a deed of this nature in the political sphere, will hold as well in spiritual affairs. When religious independence is abandoned, when the soul, conscious of its relation to the work to humanity sacrifices its position and demands that its wishes and wants shall be dominated by the will of an abto its highest mission? Does it not sacrifice that sublime position that F. W. Robertson calls living to God at first hand? In a politi, al sense it is a confession of weakness-independence and freedom have become a burden. In a religious sense the soul is tired of thought and work--it is the sacrifice of the subjective consciousness of its relation to God, an expression of a sense of fear, and that some other combination of equally religiously dependent souls can govern it better than it itself could independently. And yet does not this very choice imply the exercise of will, of independent thought and action? Some months ago the former correspondent in these columns gave an account of George Parsons Lathrop and his wife joining the Catholic Church, and his "reasons" for so doing. It will be perhaps interesting to read, as a further history in this case, a late contribution of Mr. Lathrop's to the Catholic World. We would be understood as denying the right of any one to choose his or her own religious path through life, but there are some things

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to the doctor. In a recent article I sought to show that when an excarated spirit, through various mediums, gave with great speci-cuess, vitally contradictory statements as to his earthly carer. no satisfartory conclusion could be arrived at. Incidentally I referred, to an extent of five lines, to certain psychometric reveal iments received by Dr. Buchanan as being evidently the projected or reflected views of the doctor himself: that concerning the psychometric reading of the same political character or historical person-age, by other clever and developed psy-chometers, very different results were obtained, etc. dentally I referred, to an extent of five

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