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OF PLEASURE; OR, WHAT I SAW AND HEARD.

Enclosed J. C. W., of New Orle Dis. CHAPTER II. tenet more true that what is, is: ma what is not, is not .- Fest stings that startle me or you, mestrange, yet may be true. whish dream, let me enjoy it, trakes me both the happier and bet

··· man--1 1.7. tost of mislaid my pocket diary of 185 I sa compelled to depend upon memory time and space have lo with "Spiritual facts," which I will replaceafter relate, I hope I may be excused who are very particular "about the time" conts transpired.

"We take no note of Time, ion its loss. To give it then a tongue, As if an angel spoke, in man. If heard aright, a knull of my departed hours : teen indeed "hours Those hours

my soul--from centre to circumference there flowed a peculiar something which I cannot describe-I was happy-and a "still, small voice" within said, "your questions are answered correct-

that I substituted other questions in place of the tions might have been answered by guessingvery good guessing too, I thought, but I might be evidence than this. To sum up the whole in a few and said, perhaps the child is dying, and should it reception of Spiritual illuminations, hence woman words I was a skeptic still.

had invited three or four friends who were, like about a minute or two-thoughts traveled quick unnecessary to sav much of this meeting, as it was in-law, she said, "call A---- quick, her child's similar to the previous one, with this addition, that dying. Then it occurred to me that I really had I would receive, alone, such a manifestation of received a Spiritual manifestation, at a peculiar raps as would satisfy me. We all parted company- time too, and from my Spirit child, not only to con-Some convinced, some staggered, and others, vince me of things Spiritual, but also to remind

among them myself, were dissatisfied. There was me, by impression, of the sacred promise I had a something about the rapping on my table which made. I am satisfied now that if I had not been I could not understand, nor my friends, who told impressed to think as I did, and had I not heard me there was no visible cause to produce the raps. those raps, since then made doubly sweet by their 'Twas all a mystery which time, I thought, would oft repeated tones-'tis probable I should have untavel. I reasoned with myself, and said, "Per- gone to sleep, and my promise would not have been in, ave, and ever will, haps I may be en rapport, or in sympathy with the fulfilled, nor would I have been convinced of this Temperance Hall, City of bodied Spirits to do so. I was satisfied that soul- Spirit child, doubtless, to my mind, knew my con-Fourth District of New Or- reading could be done, as I often had been aston- dition and of my promise, hence the manifestaand that he had invited a few ished without knowing the modus operandi in read- tion. I called my brother and sister-in law up, and

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sound, and as it falls in purity and power upon be convinced of Spirit presence, and scarcely had abouts of heaven. But eighteen centuries have ciety as our proper sphere for the present. Under the Jews applied the same epithets to him, that their listening ears, they prolong the melting notes the question been asked, before three very loud, rolled away since then, and the general ignorance their instruction, we are far more contented with they had previously applied to the heathen. Again making the cebes live, immortal as themselves! separate, and distinct knocks were heard on the that prevails throughout the world, than we were before knowing the whole power of the church was put forth to sup-Thus I thought and believed when I began to sofa near my head, such as are now occurring around in Christendom, is marvelous and astonishing .- out of it. Lately, I have found so many to love, and press demonstrations from the world of Spirits .question. A strange, undefinable feeling pervaded me, although not so loud as I heard that night or Many causes have tended to this deplorable state so much to admire, that I am in no hurry to cross But they outlived the Jewish nation, and were very common among the early christians up to the morning.

intended to have asked were in regard to earthly could see every thing distinctly as the moon's bright silent." It is hard to conceive how a woman can mediums. In some of these, the characteristics of atfairs; nor did I know until I was asked if I de- rays beamed into the parlor. The house stood in be inspired to keep silent. If it was the design of the media are plainly discernible. This, howsired to interrogate the Spirits what questions to the middle of the lot, separate from other build- the Creator, that woman should keep silent, we ever, is in accordance with the principles of our put to them. Quick as thought I replied to the ings-the gate was closed for the night, and there must admit that Divine authority is very limited philosophy. For we hold that the waters of the medium, "it I may be allowed to question mental- was no one about the premises except those up- over the female department of this planet. But purest spring will become impregnated with the y, I will do so." She said "Yes." Then it was stairs and myself-it could be no trick played upon man, with his self-created importance, has under-properties of all substances, with which they come me, unless by the imagination, and that was run- taken to carry out, what he assumes to be a failure, first. Every sound upon the table struck a chord ning counter to any thing of the kind. I was as in Divine economy. Man has monopolized the in my heart. Yet I was not satisfied. My ques- skeptical as any one could be in regard to Spiritual Spiritual guidance of humanity, whereas the reintercourse. I thought it strange, "passing strange," verse order, would be nearer the true position .--that my mental question should be answered and Man, by nature is positive, active, and passional. deceived. I thought, perhaps, there is some col- correctly, when I was doubtful of an answer.- Woman by nature, is negative, passive, and Spirilusion here-deception, trick. I must have more Then I thought of my promise to my sister-in-law, tual. The passive condition is necessary for the

die, and she not know it, she never would forgive | is the most proper medium of the divine afflatus. But The same company, with one or two exceptions, me. All that I have related from the time, I first woman has not been allowed to exercise her natuwere present the night following the first meeting. laid down until I ran up stairs, seemed to me ral prerogative, and the masculine priesthood after preaching the world into the grossest materialism myseli, skeptical, to watch the hands and feet of and fast after I heard the "raps." Well, when I are groping among the ruins of Babylon, and these seated at the table, which they did. 'Tis reached the head of the stairs, I met my mother- Ninevah, for rags wherewith to patch up their a sinner to a saint, and an ignoramus to a demi-Conjugal love is primary to that universal love, that dove-like hovers over all humanity.

I was told by a friend, medium. She may have read my mind. But, sweet "delusion," as many call it, but to me among healthy, active spirit. The frame must be well grasp at things beyond our reach. We have been been some rapping said I, if we in the fiesh can read one another's many others, heaven-born privilege of com- fed, and its energies not overtaxed. The Spirit in accustomed to think of Spirits in the light of Inand that the medium, thoughts, how much easier it would be for disem- muning with those in the higher spheres. My the first dawning of intellect must be indulged in finity. We supposed that Spirits ought to know and asked me if I would like ing works I never had read before, to find ideas and told them their babe was about to leave its mortal ance with natural instincts, obedient always to na- Spirits know what they learn, and they have their ecoust the number. I ridiculed the idea at language almost identical with my own. But I tenement for a brighter one. We went into the tural laws. All pleasure is proper that does not associations, and their explorations, in search of

of things, some of which I design to notice in this the border. Still, it is well enough to examine the My first thoughts were that some Spirit in the connection. One, is the utter exclusion of woman, road before us, and learn all we can of a journey period of the establishment of the church of Rome. flesh was near me. I sprang to my feet, looked all from the priesthood of the church. St. Paul, and that is inevitable and unavoidable. I have in my In imitation of the Levites, the Roman Catholic priesthood sought to monopolize all intercourse around the room, under the sofa, out of the win- other inspired writers, make mention, of inspired possession a bundle of communications given at ly," and so they were. The questions that I first dows and doors, but there was no one visible. I women, and yet Paul says "Let your women keep various times in various ways, through different with the invisible world. *Communicating with Spirits by the laity, was

in contact in their course. So the emanations of mind are mingled to a certain extent with all other minds, and I see no better way than to "try the Spirits," in other words, test every thing by its intrinsic merits.

I propose now to pass from Human Life to Spirit Life, by presenting portions of these communications to the public. In doing so, I am prepared to hear any amount of criticism from that unphilosophical class, whose ideas of Spirit life partake of an undue exaltation and elevation, and who suppose that the mere process of sundering the soul from the body by disease and death, can transform worn out theories. A masculine priesthood, living god. It is often said that messages purporting to in a state of celibacy, in a perpetual war with their come from Dr. Franklin, are beneath his capacity own passional natures, are poor instruments through while on earth. It should be observed that Frank which to eliminate that boundless, spontaneous lin was then acting through his own organism, which love, which is the basis of the Christian religion. probably was tolerably adapted to the action, and expression of his mind. Now, he acts through organisms of multifarious calibres, perhaps none of

Man may be compared to a plant. His physical them equal to the intellectual expression of his own frame is the stem ; his intellect the blossom ; his while on earth. It should be observed also that spirit the concentrated vitality or fruit. The for | Spirits address us, as we do children, endeavoring mation of a well-proportioned and healthy frame is evidently to appeal to our understanding and comindispensably necessary to the development of a prehension, rather than to excite our minds to healthful exercise, and invigorating culture. An every thing in the Spirit world, whereas the idea is endless heaven of happiness lies before it, and it just as unreasonable as it would be to expect a man has an indisputable right to pursue that in accord- to know every thing and every body in this world.

the subject of was not satisfied that the manifestations heard room where the little angel was, stood by the bed- trespass on the rights of others, or violate the knowledge corresponding always to the expansion of and hat recorse, although a believer in a Spir- were of a Spiritual kind. Suffice to say, I was side about two minutes, when the freed Spirit soar- healthy action of the laws that govern our being their minds. Their teachings have a double purindividually, and collectively. Physical wants pose. First to explain to us their real position, se-Ut up filmed that I would sit in the circle pro- to detect what I thought and intended to expose left, 'twas twenty-fire minutes past twelve o'clock .-- are the first in order, and their demands are impe- condly, to enlighten us as to our own position. By Five minutes had elapsed from the time I left the rative, and will not be silenced, except by a full this we may learn in the first place that Spiris are child to go down stairs, until it died. I mention supply of the aliment called for. And pleasure is but one degree above us, and in the second place, derived from the gratification of mere animal wants. that "man is created a little lower than the angels." "He that runs may read," and "he that humbleth the ages. We find that humanity is, and ever has

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declared to be witchcraft, and it was forbidden on

pain of death. In the space of one century in

Roman Catholic history, we find that one hundred

thousand persons were put to death in Germany

alone, for the alleged crime of witchcraft, averag-

ing a thousand a year. In England, at a later date,

thirty thousand persons were executed in the space

of a hundred years, under the same charge. Sin

Matthew Hale, who is often cited, as one of the

brightest ornaments of the christian church while

sitting upon the king's bench as first magistrate of

England, condemned a girl nine years of age to be

burned at the stake for witchcraft. Thus, it ap-

pears that the Jewish, Roman Catholic, and Pro-

testant churches enacted laws to prevent Spirit in-

tercourse, because it led to idolatry and human sa-

crifice, as they alleged, to prevent which, they

were guilty of sacrificing hundreds of thousands

of human beings themselves, without accomplishing

the object in view. So called witchcraft is found at

certain periods, among the most devotional and re-

ligious people in the world. If witchcraft is the

work of the devil, is it not strange that it should

have made its appearance among the pious puri-

tans of New England? After being suppressed by

the strong arm of power, in Massachusetts, it has

broken out again, according to Bishop Hopkins of

Vermont, and Dr. Baldwin of Troy, among us

yankees, the most enlightened and pious people on

the globe. Following in the footsteps of their il-

lustrious predecessors of Judea, Rome, and Salem,

the above named church dignitaries have discov-

ered that modern Spiritualism is witchcraft. But

like their predecessors, they stand upon the plat-

form of self constituted authority, refusing to in-

vestigate, and declining to define what they pro-

fess to condemn.

We have reached a point in political and religious life, when law protects men in the investigation of the hitherto unknown laws that govern mind and matter. In the investigation of the mys-

terious phenomena of our day, that have already been visited by the church with all the old stale

epithets of sorcery, necromancy, &c., we find as I

said before, the key that unlocks the mysteries of

been intimately connected with the inhabitants of

the spheres that surround our earth.

of the grave. the I was permitted to bring my own dining- an imposition.

the to the hall, which was a remarkably heavy ne misbeat which I knew there was no hidden stars. He consented. Well, we met-some my own experience in things Spiritual. My sister- each time, and my watch corresponded within a tradict fortee, persons. Eight, I believe, were in-law's little child was lying at the point of death, minute or two to the mantle clock. I mentioned search and my table-four ladies and the same as I now remember, on Sunday night, 27th June, all of the above to my wife, and thought that I number electroletnen. I sat next to the lady me- 1852. Mr. and Mrs. L----, the father and mother time. Three or four boundful Spiritual songs of the child, had lost a great deal of sleep, and I Well, I am satisfied if 'tis a dream. Oh, may I ever warsang-the medium Miss J. leading, she being persuaded them to lie down and take some rest, as aprile at of the ordinary talent in music. And my mother-in-law's wife, a lady friend and myself sphere, for I believe, a better one, but nous verrons. The mask of an angel's dream on bubbling keys would watch and attend to the child through the ze played," I think the

"Volces of motion tenderness, that Mend-With jours and goude musings, till the soul Canninging with the melody is borne. Rapt and diss ly'd in cotasy to heaven,' celd of uself, have awakened in our souls webs and feelings that might have beguiled anbeings from their blissful homes to pour heais an i slivery light on us poor mortals. may, I the ught not so; I certainly felta sweet altallowing influence, such as is always produced tys ny miad by music.

Merthe disting was on rive waited, I suppose stand hom, when fight but distingt sounds were lizhlike drops of water, falling, say ten or fifseties, on the table, which was produced, as I theight at the time, by some one at the table, how Idd tot know. The room was well lighted, and I walk plainly see the fact of all, and none were partie when Each of our hands were flat upon the type, and hey and he what manner the sounds wate main was, to me, a mystery. In a few momentation reservibrations were very loud, sufficlearly southerheard forty or sixty feet from the circle. The malerna said the Spirits were ready to communicate. Many questions and answers vere returned, which appeared satisfactory to those present. I waited "a time with patience," until teorly all, encoperary-elf, were satisfied. I asked seren questions methally in regard to Spirits whom They sufficiently were it in their power to do sothe blotel and loving souls of those conjunctive to myorn. Their cheriched images were stamped with the set of God in lines of light upon my soul. Indicational I of had seen the forms of those blagers, for away in climes, to me, clysianand believed that I really International what is and was-Heaven. But blight that the Spirits of departed ones could he hairs faurs upon me. I thought in times meby, when the Hebrew patriarchs, prophets, thusastles of Josus Christ lived, that such deobstrations were specially given, but with them

sing-conditions being adequate - Spiritual say of things they be! * hi, hnowledge, or wisdom from the "Angel ines the soul, and on pinions of electric speed, it Earth may some purer beings' presence bear." is in the grand scale of development; each har-

night. Mrs. L-said she would not lie down unless I would promise, ave, and solemnly promise to call her up before the child should die. "Oh. do not let my baby die," she said, "and I asleep, I never could forgive you; 'tis my only child, and when he leaves, I wish to be present and feel his parting breath. Do not, I charge you, let me sleep, fear, that as certain as there was a God, I would

fulfill my promise. With this assurance, she retired to find "nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," and poor thing, she indeed needed it, as she was and night after night. At twenty minutes past that point in progression where the Spiritual eletwelve o'clock that night, I felt somewhat unwell and ment preponderates or exceeds in forces the power, very cold, such a feeling of coldness, I never had even in winter. This was June, and in New Orleans is considered quite a warm month, not that the cold was unpleasant, say, rather agreeable .--Twas a heavenly night. So soft and still that not a leaf upon the trees were stirred. But I felt a strong wind blowing, like several persons fanning me. This sensation was different from any thing I ever experienced before. I was asked, "if I felt verv sick," I answered, "No!" I will go down he told us long ago. stairs and walk about. Perhaps this strange and

peculiar condition will pass off." Before going, I to act up to his and her highest conceptions of feit the child's pulse. When I left the room, 'twas right in the matter of progress until human life is others "far away into the dreamy waste of space."

wandered, and in the language of "Festus," I said, before us in this age, is too profoundly grand to when earth, and heaven, and all things seem so be unfolded in the mercantile vocabulary of Yankee- definitely of the conditions, and employments of the Provision on a spontal given, but with them I bright and lovely for our sakes, it is a sin not to dom. We must coin words, and borrow them be, in the New Theology. Now I know that be happy. And I was indeed happy. Earth seem- from Spirits for a long time to come, before we d is not paid in His favors-that all of His ed as if lulled upon an angel's breast "into a can express the sublime realities, that are showerwhere where dispersed, are capable of re- breathless dewy sleep; so still, that I could only ing down upon us from the higher life. There are little of life beyond the border. Spirits can assure

Sweet imaged scene of time uil." Nay, more, the Divine light itself illu- To come, perchance, when this vain life's o'er spent, While musing thus, I mentally asked, without

onious strain struck by the hand of God, expands expecting an answer, if my Spirit child was pred immeasurably refines the finite being, and the sent, and if he would conduct Harren's Spirit, the

still a skeptic, and that I had used every means ed to realms of bliss and love. When the Spirit

And now I come to the most convincing part of the time particularly, because I looked at my watch had gone to sleep, and dreamed what I have stated.

> For the Christian Spiritualist. RADICAL THOUGHTS FOR EARNEST THINKERS. (Continued from Human Life.). BY S. M. PETERS, S. R.

Human life, if it may so be called, merges so quietly, and imperceptibly to the Spirit-life, that while my baby is dying." I told her to have no the point of connection is hardly discernible. In fact, the wisdom of man, is incompetent to discover the exact link of progression, that connects the mineral and the vegetable; the vegetable and the animal; the animal and the human : the hucompletely worn out with watching day after day, man and the Spiritual; or more properly speaking of the ideal, or merely intellectual element. Human life has many phases ; it is made up of circles, and spheres, so intricately interwoven that the whole seems as one sphere. And the begining of Spiritlife is here; it is a condition and not a location. If we suffered ourselves to be attracted by affinities, into societies or circles, with the plain, simple Gospel of Jesus, for our civil constitution, we should realize, that the kingdom of heaven is within us, as

And those unchanging laws that govern us, tell us always when we have enough. We can overload the himself shall be exalted." stomach, but the correction is sure to follow. As the child advances in years, it becomes a

walking interrogation point. The external forms of through the outer windows of the soul. The intel-

arise. These wants also demand a healthful supply, and the demand must be met in accordance. with its wants, or the harmony of the mental structure is disturbed, and it becomes augular, and distorted. No false restraints should be placed upon the aspiring boy, neither should he be placed true one, while at the same time the nations of tions have led me to believe that Spirits have had

Eastern Asia were in possession of an older reveby ambitious parents above his true position. He lation, embodying in its principles, the fundamen- tinue in that belief until some rational explanation should be allowed to follow the bent of his genius, and act only, where he can do so with usefulness tals of the Jewish law. The same state of things is offered.

to himself, and others. If the wants of his intellect existed in Egypt, prior to the exodus of the Jews from that country. Modern discoveries, disclose a by mysterious influences. They are felt when the are properly met, the gratification of every want is a pleasure. He is a Spirit from the moment of his parallelism between the theologies of the Chinese, individualization, and the kingdom of heaven is the Jews and the Egyptians. The nations of westwithin him. But that kingdom must not be bound ern Asia in the time of Moses had modes of comup in the narrow boundaries of creed and custom. municating with the Spirit world, very similar to It must expand in the glow of attractive influences, those in vogue among the Jews. But they admitted a plurality of Gods, which led to idolatry, the strife, and lay down and die; then it is, that a blessed in receiving and still more blessed in givand to avoid this, Moses forbade his people to con- divine afflatus, as it were, penetrates our entire being. Let us illustrate. I could refer to a lady who lives every day in heaven, that is, she lives sult Spirits after the manner of the surrounding nations. He denounced all other modes, except ral heroes. This influence has been denominated, within herself, the presiding angel of her own dothose instituted by himself, as sorcery, divination, almost every thing but the right name. Anciently main.' Her elegant mansion with its artistic adornments, her tastefully arranged garden, with its &c., and yet like every man, who has repeated the inspiration of poetry was attributed to the those terms after him from that day to this, he Muses, Latterly, however, imagination has the shrubbery and flowers ; her literary, poetical, musical, and other associates, and associations, connever undertook to define what sorcery, witchcraft, stituted indeed a paradise. Herself, as a patron of &c., were, except to denounce their practices as as to assert that nothing creates something. The

the fine arts, a generous friend, a loving mother, Besides it is the duty of every man and woman, we find Jewish authenticity of witchcraft and divi- the human race. an appreciative wife, altogether imparted a glow of

happiness to the atmosphere in which she moved, nation. When Balaam was sent for by Balak to In the midst of all this happiness, however, her come and curse the Israelites, the old heathen proas above stated, thenty minutes past twelve o'clock. relieved, of at least a portion of the burdens that I walked about the yard some time, how long, I bear so heavily upon it. There are men among us, phet resorted to that very divination, that Moses uprising aspirations were to her and me good evicondemns to ascertain the pleasure of the Almighty dences of the progressive tendencies of the unshackcannot say, not very long; then I went into the who are moral and intellectual giants. They fear led Spirit. Like the vine that grows above the in the matter. And he was directed through the parlor and laid myself down on the sofa. The nothing in the shape of creed, or custom, with forest tree, and throws out its tendrils, for higher instrumentality of divination, to bless them, and moon was pouring a flood of silvery light into the them, stern, active duty takes precedence of volupwide-spread doors and windows, and as I gazed at tuous idleness; for they know no greater pleasure support, even so she had grown above the ordinary curse them not. And he did bless them, in the language of poetry and sublimity. Query-was the twinkling stars, I thought of the beyond and than an interchange of thought, with others, who support of the soul according to the rules of estabthat blessing of Divine or Satanic origin? Again, the hercefter of the countless worlds scattered far are not afraid to trust God at any time, choosing lished usage; and with the independence of a true Saul, through the agency of witchcraft, received a hearted sledge-hammer and anvil were my enemies, woman, regardless of the anathemas of the Church. and wide apart glistening jewels on the breast of rather to ransack the universe for one solitary gem prophetic and truthful message from the Spirit of and between the two I was cruelly treated and God. I thought of the never-ending journeyings of of Truth, than to live in error. The present life of had engaged in the investigation of Spirit interangelic beings; of their visits to this world, and to such men must be a battle. They expect it-they course. There was something within her own the prophet Samuel. being that demanded an answer to the question, Moses was a wise lawgiver, and just such an expect to have their motives misrepresented, and

higher life.

Far off into the ether dome of heaven, my thoughts their principles misconstrued. Indeed the subject where is heaven, and what is heaven. She was one, as the Israelites needed. He saw their idola satisfied with the world, but she wished to know trous proclivities, and he knew that their plane of

idolatry would demand human sacrifices. Idolatry and cruelty were seemingly innate principles with I must confess, that with all my experience in Spirit-intercourse and investigation, I know very

enlightened class, may have been wisely intended, once have despised us. Once we were useless two great questions presented, in the order of us of their actual existence, but they find it diffibut it did not prevent witchcraft, nor define what pieces of iron, but now you are a useful horse-shoe. may be for the speculation of the age, in which we that wants new language, or new words at least, to it was; neither did it keep the Jewish people from and I a respectable ploughshare." Thus seasonably Spiritual unfolding for the consideration, and it cult to elucidate the surroundings of life in a state live. These are-what is heaven, and where is convey to our earthly educated minds, a just con-idolatry, which idolatry was the precursor of for-admonished, the horse-shoc became silent, and was

ception of the realities of life in the spheres. We heaven? gation of certain classes of manifestations, the commit a greater error than that of repining at our At this age of the world, it is indeed surprizing, can reach a certain degree of knowledge by corthat so little is known of the actualities involved in respondences and analogies, but if we attempt to Jewish Church finally abrogated all intercourse trials and afflictions; for our Heavenly Father often usic of the soul swells and ascends in grandeur name of the sick child's up stairs, from this sphere, these important questions. John, the Baptist, and rise above our proper position, they point us to the with the Spirit world. When Jesus of Nazareth renders these the medium of His greatest mercies. the ethereal yaults of heaven-angels catch the and if so, to rap three times distinctly that I might the carpenter's son, taught distinctly of the where- beauties of earth, and the delights of human so- came, with his manifestations of Spiritual power, -Portland Transcript.

It may be said of these communications that

they elucidate nothing new. I grant it, but they The sorcery of the Assyrians, the magic of the confirm the old. They furnish a key that unlocks Egyptians, the oracle of the Delphians, the fairies dream thus of the beloved souls who have left this nature are reflected in upon its consciousness, the mysterics of the ages; they furnish a clue to of Scotland, the haunted houses of England, the the so-called superstitions of all ages and nations. Banshee of Ireland, and the witchcraft of the Yankees, have never been explained, and no solulect begins to expand in potency, and new wants Every age, and every people has had its revelations, and each distinct sect or form of faith has de- tion but the Spiritual theory yet presents any thing nounced all others as sorcery, magic, necromancy, like a fair elucidation of these hitherto inexplicable witchcraft, &c. The Hebrews, an isolated and in- mysteries. I would not be understood to say that

significant nation, numerically considered, pro- I identify those ancient mysteries with the Spiritclaimed the Mosaic Dispensation to be the only usl phenomena of this time. But my investigasomething to do with them all, and I expect to con-

We are all of us more or less affected at times mind is in its kindest and most sympathetic mood. When the memories of absent or departed friends come over us; when the beauties of Nature are revealed in the glow of the Spring morning; or even when life becomes wearisome, and we would vield ing, transforming us in a moment to poets and mocredit of it. This is about as clear an explanation nenal offences. Nevertheless, in several instances history of an individual is sometimes the history of

> THE DISCONTENTED HORSE SHOE .- A FABLE .-A well shaped horse-shoe, as it hung against the wall in a blacksmith's shop bitterly complained of the ill-usage to which it had been subjected. "No one," said the shoe, in a whining tone, "has endured the fiery trials through which I have passed, without any respite being allowed me. The hardfound no pity. I was beaten by them unmercifully. and the blows I received at their hands would have killed an ox; as I said before, no one has endured the fiery trials through which I have passsed."

"Hold your foolish tongue," said a ploughshare. which had been to be repaired, "unless you talk that people. Abraham was willing to sacrifice his more wisely. Both you and I have been greatly son Isnac. Jeptha did sacrifice his daughter. The benefitted by the ordeal through which we have law to limit Spirit intercourse to a privileged and passed, and are valued highly by those who might malism and dead faith. Begining with the abro- never afterwards heard to complain. We seldom

Christian Syiritnalist.

So long as Men are Honest, so long will Success follow in the Footsteps of their Labora NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MARCH 1. 1856.

THE "NEW CHURCH" AND OLD ISSUES. NO. 1.

Although we promised, some months since, to bestow some attention on the issues made by our near of kin, (the Swedenborgians,) on Spiritualism, we have not up to this time felt moved to do so; and therefore have abstained from fulfilling our promise. We now return to the subject, because circumstances and late developments in that quarter, seem to demand such notice the more; as we wish to have Spiritualists know after what fashion they are estimated by some of the leading members of the "New Church."

We have, therefore an explanatory, rather than a controversial purpose in these remarks, and those we may offer in subsequent issues, since it has been asserted of late, that "some modern Spiritunlists" pretend " their doctrines are founded upon those of Swedenborg."

To tell the truth, however, we "dislike the job." for criticism however mildly applied, is apt to express more or less dissatisfaction, if it does not imply some radical defects, and is therefore seldom, if ever received with a good grace or a kind wel-

Feeling thus, we would gladly escape from this duty, were it possible for truth or progress to come from that method, since all antagonism, however, and by whomsoever developed, only tends to foster those likes, and intensify those dislikes, from whence come all wars and fighting.

So much we feel impressed to say, by way of introduction and explanation, as we have no desire to injure the feelings or bear false witness against any. This caution, however, and the discrimination its counsel enforces, makes us sensitive to those side issues and false statements, which occasionally are made against Spiritualism, and by those too whose standing as men, whose professions as Christians, and whose pretensions as scholars should have taught them better manners and wiser logic.

"New Church," naturally leads to the inference, that with them " old things have passed away, and all things have become new." How far this is the case, will be seen, and we hope reflected on, for nothing short of a practical, actual, living of fuith, sity and theological rancor.

The issues assumed, however, and much of the ditional testimony are introduced. Pity it is so, arguments used by the leading Swedenborgians of and pity it is-that we cannot in some way minis- they have fully investigated, and which they are, this country against Spiritualism, are calculated to ter to their consolation, for we dislike to see pain, therefore, presumed to understand, but of which had stepped out of Mr. Fowler's room, he said to the Spirit spheres. We have not the room for fur-years, I no more doubt than that a Heavenawait awaken and foster both, rather than convince the much more to inflict it; and yet there is no help, for he, for want of investigation, is entirely ignorant, reason, or enlighten the understanding. As proof the facts will come without regard to the pretenwe extract this from the New Church Herald of sions of the theory or the prepossessions of the I treems that in February 23d.

the Christian Church (the New Jerusalem,) to say, from a letter of Dr. A. Harlow's to the People's others, profess to have seen material objects moved that the pretence of some modern Spiritualists, Museum of Lockport, New York. He says:-" It he calls phantasy or hallucination-in other words, that their doctrines are founded upon those of Swe- would afford me pleasure to contribute a little to that we were psychologized, and though we saw was walking along the cart-road through a piece of do not generally criticize and carp and ridicule be- with those of Spirits speaking through erriages denborg, are false and calumnious upon that great your columns in presenting a full and truthful ac- these movements or operations, when, in fact, it man and his disciples. The very fundamental idea count of the mysteries and wonderful demonstra- was a mere delusion. These crudities and absurtions of Spirit power that have been exhibited at of our senses. of the creed of Swedenborg is a profound and intense belief in Christ, and in the Scriptures as the my house ; such as Spirits playing on a variety of Word of God.' musical instruments simultaneously, and keeping

This is not the language of the Editor of the perfect time, independent of human agency; also, Herald, but an extract from an Editorial of the the moving of various articles of furniture around the room, carrying bells over our heads and ring Philadelphia Daily Morning Times, which he copied ing in accurate time with instruments sending forth • with approbation, as it conveyed to his Catholic (?) the most beautiful musical sounds, while touched judgment "a jast distinction," by showing, "that only with Spirit judgers. In short, a great variety modern Spiritualism is essentially infidel in its of the most convincing tests have been given of modern Spiritualism is essentially indeed in its of order may and do become sometimes I promise myself a "good time." Spiritualism, peculiarities and tendencies." The Editor of the *Birit presence, which can be corroborated and Herall* in quoting the above and making the re-marks he did on the subject, was but following. The subject was but following tests have been given of *Birit presence, which can be corroborated and the promise inset associaty, was Birit presence, which can be corroborated and fully authenticated by the concurring testimony of a number of persons whose reputation for honor, modest writer, the learned Judge and all the rest the daughter had in several instances spoken in the growth of freedom, do make a man more the truth and versetity is fully established information for honor, truth and versetity is chart for the daughter had in several instances spoken in the some of society, and less the free child of God stored so that L can around the above and several the above and making the rest truth and versetity is fully established in the above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established in the above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established in the above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established in the above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established in the above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established in the above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established in the above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established and the several above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established above and several above and several above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established above and the several above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established above and all the rest truth and versetity is fully established above and the several above and the sev*

body of men, who are called on by the dictates trace out and quell some mysterious noises that of reason and conscience to endure "the burden were disturbing the inmates. He took six men and heat" of an ignorant public opinion, much with him, four of whom he posted outside the buildless the ministry of the "New Church," for whom himself. While standing in the middle of the floor we have cherished many warm and respectful memo- a startling thump was heard on the floor close to ries, but we are left at the mercy of conjecture, when his feet unaccompanied by any jar. He searched we see men, not yet free from persecution and pro- the house and was convinced that no one was conscription, assume the airs of their bigoted predecessors, and denounce their younger brethren, metal waiter over a sink; he was not more than simply because indiscretion is sometimes a charac- a foot and a half distant from the waiter, when it

teristic of youth. The naturalness of this conduct detracts nothing from its ugliness, and is, therefore, no less wicked than absurd, for it invites all kinds of reprisals and tained several articles of clothing, and while looking retaliations, and tends to put far off the advent of in, was startled by a sound immediately in front grace and the harmony of the brotherhood. See this illustrated in the absurd conduct of the Rev. Joel Grant, of Lockport, (Ind.) who refusing a Rev. Joel Grant, of Lockport, (Ind.) who refusing a of the house. He then went outside of the house brother minister the use of his pulpit,* from which where the other officers were in attendance, and opreach a funeral sermon, adds insult to injury by was standing with two of them immediately in publishing such God-forsaken notions as the following in vindication of his conduct. He writes to the press of Chicago:

"It is scarcely necessary for me to say that into a thousand pieces. But the singularity the views of divine truth held by me are such, that I regard Swedenborgianism as a system entirely outside of Christianity-as truly so as There was no one in the room at the time, and there Mormonism or Spiritualism-the former of which asserts ungalifiedly the divine authority of the Scriptures. There may be more truth in it than in these last, but like them it rests upon a worthy marshal nor any of his aids could acprofessed intercourse with the spirits of the dead, with angels and God, a profession utterly at

variance with the reception of the Bible as the GOVERNOR N. P. TALLMADGE'S REPLY. only and sufficient rule of faith."

And wherefore deny to him the religious privicluded in his ignorance and Spiritual pride, that

than the Swedenborgian logic, which, by a scratch theology.

* The person to whom the pulpit was thus denied, is a Especially is this true of those professing the Mr. Hubbard, a Swedenborgian Minister of Chicago. Those Swedenborgian faith, since their assumption of the who would know more of this disgraceful exhibition of sectarian narrowness and exclusiveness, will find the neces sary information in the New Jerusalem Messenger, of Jan 5. 1856.

SPIRIT MANIFESTATIONS.

of their ways, and do away with sectarian animo-sitiveness, evinced by some of our theorists and called Spiritualism." I cannot but admire the self-complacency and would-be philosophers, whenever new facts or ad-

to notice the Doctor's explanatory lecture, in which we outlined his experience and the cause that converted him to Spiritualism. At the same time we stated more light and other testimony were needed, than the Doctor's, to authenticate his narrative and give cealed. He and Mr. Lees, one of the officers, then reliability to his assertion. The remark was inadvanced and opened a closet in which hung a large tended to call out further explanation from the Doctor or some of his early friends, as many who

ducing a loud noise, yet no one had touched it, heard the lecture, ourself included, did not consider and it hung suspended against the wall. Proceed- the explanation satisfactory, because Spiritual exwas violently struck, as if with a large club, properience so marked, to be followed by a skepticism ing thence, he opened another closet, which conso determined and positive, should have had "grounds more relative" than psychology to jusof him, resembling the breaking and cracking of a

large stick, yet nothing of the kind was visible, and tify it. How far our remarks had the effect to call forth no one was present except Mr. Lees and the lady the following, we know not, but the testimony is no less acceptable, as it gives presumptive, if not conclusive proof, the Doctor's experience was subfront and close to a window, on the inside of which stantially as he narrated it. hung a thick and heavy shawl, when it appeared Aside of this, the testimony is important, as it

as if somebody had thrown a large stone or brick through the pane of glass nearest him, shivering i demonstrates the ministry of angels, is not a mothis fact was, that the glass was neither driven into dern invention, but a part, and a very important nor out of the house, but crumbled just where it part of that Divine Economy, whereby all things are made to work together for good. The testimony we was, some portions falling inside and some out.extract from the Christian Freeman of Feb. 15th, the was no missile of any kind whatever found, nor any editor of which paper, Brother Cobb, is an old acindication that a missile had been thrown. Various other extraordinary performances were related quaintance of Dr. Dods. In an article of some of the pranks of the spirits, for which neither the length. Brother Cobb discusses the relations of Phrenology to Religion, and the testimony it gives count.

The New Church Herald and Mr. T. S. Arthur the phrenological argument, but what is important not long since, made issue on Spiritualists in genlege of ministering to "the necessities of Saints? eral, and PROFESSOR HARE, JUDGE EDMONDS and GOV-Simply and because a *Rev.* Presbyterian had con-ERNOR TALLMADGE in particular, by insisting they Brother Cobb says: were Psychologized into their belief of Spirit Man-Swedenborgianism was a "system entirely outside of ifestations by bad Spirits-if indeed Spirits had Christianity." Absurd as this is—it is no more so anything to do with it. The assumptions and presumptions of their logic and philosophy has already of the pen, makes Spiritualism "infidel," and de- been noticed by us-but the following is too pernics the Christian name to over two millions of people, because they differ with the "New Church" from a letter of Governor Tallmadge's, published addressed to the Editor-and after some introductory remarks-proceeds as follows:-

"You introduce an extract from the "Home Gazette, edited by T. S. Arthur," in relation to Professor Hare's new work on Spiritualism, in which is contained the following paragraph :--

"Like Judge Edmonds, Tallmadge, and a few others, eminent in position and natural acquirements he stands a sad spectacle to sound-minded men, As fucts are acknowledged to be "Stubborn and a warning to all not to venture with too much hope and charity," will convert men from the error things," nothing can be more natural than the sen- self-confidence upon this dangerous ground of so

> extreme modesty of this writer, in denouncing others for expressing opinions on a subject which and, therefore, wholly incompetent to express

ebruary 23d. "In this connection, it is only just to a sect of against the other. To illustrate this, we extract especially from the fact, that I, with thousands of in his experience, which he had never divulged ex-We are credulous; we do believe; and and operated upon without visible agency. This dities are brought forward to overcome the evidence

I was once present at a circle with one of the highest judicial functionaries of the United States. We received some exalted communications, and then some remarkable physical manifestations .-At the close, I said to the Judge; suppose you convict and execute him. Most assuredly, was

of us presented "a sad spectacle to sound-minded

DR. DOD'S EXPERIENCE. In our issue of January 26th, we had occasion

"In the year 1841, Dr. J. B. Dods, a man of

strong philosophical mind, called upon us, and de-

temporary room in Marlboro Chapel, for a Phre-

that of entire strangers. By request of Dr. Dods,

examination first, the reading of which greatly

the experience of the Artist. Indeed the expe- tent by the subsequent labors of others. My pr rience and testimony of Mr. Fenton, the artist, er to heaven is, that the movement may con would alone, make a significant chapter in the his- in the right direction, until all men, and Spirit tory of Spiritualism; as it is from first to last, but a lists in particular, learn to become better and spiritualism; as it is from first to last, but a succession of spiritual visions and impressions, all of and to practically exercise that charity, love, for succession of spiritual visions and hep control, which relate to, and are called out by the progress of bearance, and philosophy, which constitute which relate to, and are called out by the progress of bearance, and philosophy, which constitute the painting. The "Portrait" is a work of love with substructure of the august humanitarian tem the painting. The "Portrait is a work of the now building in the ruins of the worn out fin Natty, though a revelation of are and secardy, the and unstable edifices erected by the blind zeal of others which seems to have been inspired, by the Form and Formula worshipers. After faishing in affection existing between Natty and his Spiritual Roston I took the trains for the Worth Form and roundate trains for the West, on visit to Boston, I took the trains for the West, on visit to Father, Allen Putnam.

ther, Allen Putnam. How far the painting purports to be Spiritual my relatives, and in search of a spot where the balance of my life which are the balance of my life settle for the balance of my life, which will be the may be learned from the following : "Our picture is not, in any proper sense, the long I judge.

I went to Syracuse. I lectured in private Circles cork of spirits, for the execution is by our artist; work of spirits, for the execution is by our work, there, and then went on to Buffalo, which place, which place, may Heaven have ever in its hole to be the second show traces in the different parts of the pecu-may Heaven have ever in its holy keeping, for the show traces in the different parts of the poor brotherly kindness and good will extended the liarities of several of those departed artists may stranger, as I was. While at this place, I think extended the exhibited to min the mousis, and analysis my soul received a great and glorious blessing inace, I thick influences. We doubt whether the world is my soul received a great and glorious blessing inace, I thick ready to see any thing of Ben West in the much that whereas before I went there, I was blin child's figure, of Raphael in the halo around the as it were, in soul, now I see clearly. I was blind boy, or of Michael Angelo in the bolder and gry for the bread of life, and all my wants were darker parts of the picture. There is no pre-darker parts of the picture. There is no predarker parts of the picture. There is handled view of the last journey. I can say from my souls the brush; and, if their distinguishing concep-the brush; and, if their distinguishing concepceptions were impressed upon Mr. Fenton, he ly, I am ready to depart." In a recent number of may have failed to give them such embodiment your valuable paper, my brother, you seem to imas to make any observer detect resemblances of ply that you doubt that other languages are spoken as to make any observer acted the spoken they through myself or others. Permit me to assure the spoken the second states are spoken to assure the second states are spoken to have been much with him, bringing to bear such you that you are mistaken, such is the fact. Absolute languages have been spoken through earthly me limited power as they could."

for immortal life and angel ministration, to illus-Beside the portrait of Natty, there is in the pic-diums, my humble self among the number,---trate which, he introduces the past experience of ture, the likeness of a large " black dog," which which they have not a vestige of knowledge awake Dr. Dods. The reader will think as he pleases of has a deep moral significance, as we learn from Persons are ready to testify to this startling fact in this connection, is, that the general burden of the following : (as much, nay, more so to myself than you,) Span

"Its true significance you have not yet seen. 1 ish, Greek, German, French, Latin, and other the extract, authenticates the Doctor's explanation. have insisted on having the dog, you know, and also tongues, of which I am ignorant, have been spoke

upon having Natty as a child. The dog is a repre- and rapidly, and correctly written in presence sentative of man's animal passions. The child re- those who knew the languages. And should the strong philosophical mind, called upon us, and de-sired us to call with him on O. S. Fowler, at his presents man redeemed : ' of such is the kingdom proof be demanded, I am willing to give it. Broth of heaven.' The dog in the picture, with his sub- er, I believe I can rely on those of my Spirit friends nological examination. He said he had never fallen dued look, standing with patient neck under the who assure me that they will do all they can the in with a learned Phrenologist, and wished to test arm of the child, represents the animal passions convince people of the immortality of the south the skill of Fowler. We called with him. The re curbed and in subjection. The child there speaks that one means, and a very efficient one too, with the sould be man and his master Swedenborg on some points of in the New Church Herald of February 23. It is lation between both of us and O. S. Fowler was of innocence, purity, cheerfulness, and confiding be to use my organs as well as those of others, faith, as subduing the animal, and giving heavenly speak tongnes that shall be translated by scholar who had known us for years, we submitted to an mastery to the Spiritual. This child should be although the mediums shall be ignorant of all say born in each one. In some persons, we see their own vernacular. They have done this, and astonished him. He then took his turn. His pas-scarce any thing but the dog; in others, the child will again. I have labored in the Spiritual field sions and faculties were described with wonderful is partly formed, and in others more fully shaped. for six years. I have ever sought to clicit true accuracy. Coming up to what Phrenologists have This child must be born in the medium before I have had errors and made false moves on the named Marcelousness, but which would more ap- she can see it elsewhere, must be in the great chessboard of life. I have played against propriately be Spiritualness, Mr. Fowler said to him, artist before he can paint it, and in each one be- fearful odds, and been beaten, for I am now com "The Spiritual state is to you something like a fore it can be seen on the canvass in its beauty pletely check mated by disease and death. Is present reality. If you have lost a mother, I should and power."

Natty being but " five days" old at the time my bitter malignant foes, who have ever pursue not think it strange if you had seen her since her decease, and conversed with her, in your waking of his "death," little can be said of his earth his me with vindictiveness, may rest content. What hours." And on this point he amplified somewhat tory, but the larger part of this volume relates to ever good I have done, has been intentional br extensively. Dr. Dods was astonished. When he his doings and sayings, since his introduction to that I have been the tool of wretelies for the last for us, "I am filled with amazement. How-how, in ther comment, but the Spirit of the teachings, pur- the just, and a hell those who do unjustly-the the name of wonder, did he get at all this? This porting to come from him, may be learned from hell of the memory of unkind thoughts and deeds It seems that in the opinion of this writer, this goes to explain what has troubled me greatly all the following, which seems to outline the faith and I retire from the active field with few regrets. If

cept to his own family. His father died when he God that we can be, and do thus. We shall be other department of the great reform, where was in his teens. After his decease, he. John B., arraigned; and yet the world is not a bad one. Men shall not have to bear my own burdens, together woodland, and his father came out of the woods | cause of festering malice. Such things are with | But as a man, and distinct individuality, will in and walked by his side, and conversed for several them the play of the brain, rather than the work part what I may have to give.

minutes. He realized that he was conversing with of the heart. Such sport tends to keep the world I have had a call to take the editorial chair of a him, as from the Spirit-land, and yet felt no be- in order. Sometimes, indeed, a poor frog perishes, Reform print, in a neighboring State. If health wildering excitement until he had disappeared. ____ and others learn to hide in their native element : permits, I shall accept. If so, you may depend And since the death of his wife, which was then but the urchins gain strength from exercise; and, upon it, I shall not forget that my time lessone recent, she had appeared to him in open day, and though they do debar God's creatures from full en- last. Let the galled jade wince. While I shall de were holding your Circuit, and a man was on trial they had conversed together, several times. He had joyment of his sunlight, and from free hoppings fend the truth and its advantes, I shall take estends for his life, and the facts we have witnessed were asked her why she did not manifest herself to her upon his footstool, they do it with no unkind pains to expose guackery and imposture, and row in issue, would not the testimony of any one present daughter. She replied that she had made efforts to intent. Effects may seem bad ; the instru- apply the knife wherever a rotten limb shows is it do so, but could not when the daughter was awake. ments of order may and do become sometimes I promise myself a "good time." Spiritualism

soon retire from the field of life, and then perlats I ever enter it again, it will not be as the advecate We are credulous ; we do believe ; and we thank of Spiritualism, or as a Spirit medium, but in are

day got into an argument on Metaphysics? The

eaptain, " there's an idea and ten big words broke

loose, and we must take in sail straiter." Soit is

30,000 words. But it will not always be so; there's

SPIRITUAL CONVENTION.

A Convention of Spiritualists will be held in the

City of Dayton, (Ohio,) during three days, com-

P. B. RANDOLPE.

a better day coming by and bye.

Respectfully,

marks he did on the subject, was but following truth and veracity is fully established where they in the path of the Editor of the New Jerusalem are known. The Spirit hand has been exhibited men!" What wisdom! What extreme modesty! 16, the following :

" Swedenborgianism vs. Spiritualism .--- While which shows quite clearly the estimation which Swedenborgians place upon the new-fangled docreverence. They consider it the holy cracle of disregard it entirely as having any divine authority, and, in fact, they may be said to trample it under their feet in comparison with the communications that they get from Spirits. Hence, there can never be the least sympath; or union between these parties."

This is not original with the Messenger, but is coapproval, as a "sign of the times." Still the writer of which he has been a witness. had the modesty to add a word in modification of the above, and says :

"So far as regards those Spiritualists who disregard the authority of the Word, this is true beyond a doubt."

To these were it an object, many more extracts of an equally unchoos and significant character. might be added, but as these are recent and from and taking a pen, wrote out with great rapidity the Bible "under their feet ?" In what estimation

Were we to answer these and other questions suggested by the theological relations of our critics trail the instrument all around the floor without and falsifiers, by echoing the sulgar and popular its being in contact with the floor during the operestimate of Swendenborgianism, it is highly protion ! bable. the intelligent reader, would think us anything, but gentlemanly, Catholic or Christian in our ethics. And yet, this is what those Swendenbor- then replaced where he was before, without any gians are doing, when they thus retail the falsi- agency of his own ! ies and crudities of the Secular press—for they not only "bear false witness against their neighbor," but aid in covering his Spiritual character, ever much we might the reality of the wonders with the theological odium and social filth of the contained in the relation itself." times.

The thought is humiliating, when we remember that Swedenborgianism, although nearly a century old, could hardly be said to exist, until Spiritualism quickened the slumbering energies of the festations heretofore have these in common, with popular mind and called attention to the life, labors to the universal sphere of manifestation, and are conand revelations of that good and remarkable man, Baron Swedenborg. Is it for "these courtesies" sequently confined to no nation or age, but occur that Spiritualism is to be abused by the new wherever and whenever the conditions exist and Churchman? Or have the disciples of the "New are complied with. Church" lost faith in "the sure word of prophecy," and taken to misrepresentation like the other theo truthful from the accounts we have already publogical Ishmaelites, on the score of " good policy ?" lished of the manifestations in England and Italy, is again affirmed and demonstrated by the follow-We hope not, for their own sakes, and the sake of progress-yet the assumptions of superior piety, ing, which appeared in a late issue of the Troy Budnet : greater veneratiou for the Word, and profounder

respect for its authority and teachings, all tend Phariseeism. We dislike to write thus of any was lately called to a House in Sutter street to ance with the New Testament,

Messenger, for we find in that paper of February to a great number of persons, and closely and criti- And that, too, without having witnessed any of these cally examined by them. Also, the Spirit forms things himself. I have witnessed thousands of her usual dreams. have been seen and described by my little daugh-"Swedenborgianism vs. Spiritualism.-While ter, seven years of age, who is a clairvoyant, or conversing with a disciple of Swedenborg lately, seeing medium. A room in my house has been he delivered himself of the following sentiment, fitted up by Spirit direction, and dedicated to the use of our heavenly visitants. They have aside by the mere ipse dixit of this writer? And

promised great things, too much to lay before an incredulous public at present, but in due time it trine of Spiritualism : " The believers in the doc- will be accurately handed out and served up, prosound-minded men. trine of Swedenborg, hold the Bible in great bably not to the full liking and taste of all minds." This testimony is positive and the statements startthe words of God, or the sanctum sanctorum or ling enough to suggest to all who are skeptical, the holy of holics, in which they can hold communion propriety of an investigation and to the theorist A large dinner bell, with the handle tipped with with the Lord Jesus Christ : while Spiritualists caution. Still the following from the Rochester brass in a conical form, was, by the rappings, Advertiser is equally preternatural in fact, and directed to be placed under the table. At length knocks were made most rehemently against the conclusive as testimony. The writer says :

"Not twenty miles from this city, in a quiet little village, resides a gentleman of mature years, pos-sessed of good intellectual powers, nided by more was, by every blow, raised completely from the table by the concussion. [afterwards examined the under side of the table, and found indentations than an ordinary share of scholastic attainments

doctrine of spiritual communication with mortals, pied from the Daily Courier of Oshkosh, Wis., with as contended for by a class called Spiritualists-his blows and saw these indentations, when in truth I faith justified, as he thinks, by the demonstrations did not? But the indentations are still in the table, and can yet be seen at any time. There Not long since, a cherished daughter, just verg-

was, therefore, no deception nor delusion. ing upon womanhood, was suddenly removed by Again; a sentence was once written for me, death, while engaged in completing her studies at by what purported to be the spirit of John C. an Eastern institution, throwing a gloom over the family circle of which the deceased was a cherish-Calhoun. The room was well lighted, and no possibility of deception. I afterward showed the ed centre. In the same family was a sister of

"Spirit Rapping, as well as most other things

sentence to Gen. James Hamilton, former Governor of your Spiritualness. The organism is not only some twelve years of age, who had paid no atten- of South Carolina, Gen. Waddy Thompson, former tion to the languages, but who was suddenly imminister to Mexico, Gen. Robert B. Campbell, pressed the other day with an unwonted power, last Consul at Havana, together with other intimate friends of Calhoun, and also to one of his own Swedenborgian head quarters, they must suffice. and ease communications in Latin and French, with-sons, all of whom are as well acquainted with not seen fit to give men, in general, this faculty in And now we ask, who are these men who talk of infidelity, and represent Spiritualists as trampling the report is came from her descentions in Litin and French, with sons, all of whom are as wen acquainted with sons, all of whom are as wen acquainted with is hand writing as their own, and they all pro-that degree, but there are exceptions to all general proof, that "the battle of the" with him, was a hard one. nounced it a perfect fue simile of the hand writing rules, and you are one in this case. Such is our we shall hope, however, for the restoration of his physical the report is, came from her deceased sister, who of John C. CALHOUN. Was I deceived and de had made these languages a portion of her study luded in regard to this writing? Was I psycholo- philosophy. when dead. It is also stated that this young them above named psychologized when they

medium can place her fingers upon a key of a piano afterwards saw it? And bave hundreds of others divulged to you, and ask him to put his views on and without the least apparent physical exertion, who have seen it, been psychologized also?-What nonsense, what an absurdity to put forth such a theory ! And then with flippant arrogance and

Finally : a little brother of the deceased young and reject these theories, as "a sad spectacle to which he had offered, illustrated by the same and thought. What we did intimate, was that Spirits m and lady, some nine years old, is often raised penpendi- sound-minded men." Can ignorance and folly, can other cases. cularly from his seat to the ceiling over head, and superstition and bigotry, go farther?

"SOMETHING (NOT) NEW."

A writer in a late issue of the 'Norristown Olive Branch, informs us that a Rev. W. Felton, lectured in that place "on the Witch of Endor and Spirit-Theory and mental prepossessions must give ualism." He savs:

away before facts like these, for they are charac-"The Reverend gentleman handled the question of the 'Manifestations' on an entirely new basis. terized by all, that any Skeptic can ask, objectivity and uniformity of development. The Spirit mani-He did not generally aim to invalidate the facts or phenomena of Spiritualism, but undertook to prove its strange eventful history. everything in the economy of God, that belongs by Scripture and other authorities that it was no

The principal actor in this, shall we call it a Spiritual Drama ?- is Natty a child in the order of new theory-affirming that like the apparent raisdevelopment, but a Spirit, wise in the graces and Editor of Christian Spiritualist. ing up of Samuel by the witch of Endor, it is done harmonies of the higher life. He works and labors

lin street.

by Diabolic power. The lecturer said he took the to interest and inspire others in his mission, which Spiritualists on the platform of their own pretensions-that the phenomena is really the work of is ultimately to teach the children of earth, in what This statement although sufficiently obvious and Spirits-but that it is the work of Evil Spirits way the gifted of other times and climes-can, leight weeks. In the first place, 1 over-rated my was most kindly received by Brother William S This struck us as a new method of discussing the from their homes in the Spirit spheres, contribute physical strength, when I undertook my recent Hayward and others, and lectured on that and to the progress of art, and the development of the subject, and certainly looks like taking the bull by the horns."

> The only new item in the above, if written in good faith, is the verdancy of the writer, for the five or six mediums, who at various times and tualism at a low ebb here, but under guidance of of much social converse, and whose acquaintance

morning, of having dreamed of conversing with her slave of society, and less the free child of God, stored, so that I can accept the mother, in a manner which seemed more real than than is apparently for his highest good ; and yet Advocate, if so, "please N." who knows even this? There is broader and deeper From Richmond, Va., I shall go to your city, a

"And now," said the Doctor, "I am relieved, I truth in the poet's declaration, "Whatever is, is look out, brother, I shall drop on you all unawards these physical manifestations in well lighted rooms, where there was not the possibility of de- have been worried about this matter: but now I right," than we are apt to comprehend. God's pre- as you are wooing the Muses, or coaxing "court ception or delusion. Is my testimony as to the sence and power are in the censor's brain as much out of those deep profounds, where "copy" has is see that it is all in the brain, a mere fancy." facts in these cases to be taken, or is it to be set "Not so," we replied, "does it seem to our phi- as in the most confiding heart. Beyond limits birth, just on the boundaries of the foggy land. then, with the most unblushing effrontery and losophy. All the natural faculties of the mind have which he prescribes, no erratic comet can rove, fear, my friend, that you are surfield with god self-conceited arrogance, talk of a "sad spectacle to corresponding realities on which to act. If the or- no tornado spread desolation. The comet shall come things, bad things, and indifferent things, in the gan through which any faculty is developed is dis- back to its starting point, the tornado shall hush way of lectures on every conceivable and been

powerful, but healthy. And it constitutes a faculty,

but, I win give the gentleman one or two in-stances of physical manifestations, and then leave eased, its action will be imperfect and unreliable. itself to gentle breezes. Among men, as among cirable subject in Gotham this winter, indexed stances of physical manifestations, and then leave eased, its action will be imperfect and antenable, the stars and the elements, God says, "Hitherto, the papers. But he patient, my friend, there: circle round a cherry table, in a well lighted room. will perceive and do that in its own sphere, which but no further." We work by his permission ; time for all things, and therefore, cant and twain the ordinary grade cannot compare with. And, in critics and readers will do the same ; and from must have their day also. Have you heard in rare cases, a particular organ is so strong, as to the evil, be it on the one side or on the other, he story of the captain and cook of a ship, who may amount to an endowment of its possesseor with the will in time educe some good."

under side of the table, so that a large tin candlestick power of intuition in that particular direction. In-We have not attempted to follow the narra- cook told the captain that Metaphysics was a parstance Colburn, and the boy Safford, in respect to tive, but to interest the reader in its wonders, phrasis of Nature. "And what's a paraphrasid mathematics. Their organ of Culculation was so hoping he will get the book and read it. Its asked the skipper. "Why, sir, it is simply a cit in the hard cherry wood, made by the handle of large, that they could see immediately the result style is simple and at times playful—but over all, cumlocutory and pleonastic cycle of oratorical sets and literary culture. He is a firm believer in the hard cherry wood, inade by the handle of hard cherry wood, inade by the hard cherry wood, ina time and square yards of figures to work out.- of our natures, in favor of Natty and his Por-These instinctive perceptions were not fancies. trait.

The picture is to be hung in the parlor of with most of the popular lectures and lectures They were perceptions of fact, and the answers Allen Putnam, "138 Eustis St., Roxbury, Mass., these latter days, a single idea with a gamest of were true. The mammoth organ being healthy, it was a medium of the mind's intuitive perception where all will be welcome who desire to see it." of truth on that point. "So," said we, " in the case

P. B. RANDOLPH'S LABORS AND PROSPECTS

We give place to the following, as there are many, who or medium, through which Spiritual beings can will be pleased to know of Brother Randolph's wheremanifest themselves to your perceptions. God has abouts and labors. At the same time, it would afford us much more pleasure, did the letter give us less convincing

health, when he gets into the prospective arm chair, as we think he will be much more at home in the sanctum, than and other eminent speakers are expected to be "Well," said the Doctor, " I will go directly m"the world's broad field of battle in the bivouac of life." present and address the meetings. Invitations at back and aquaint Mr. Fowler with the facts I have In the mean time, he should subdue the ferocity of some of kindly extended to the opposing clergy to be prohis intentions, it he wishes to have his moderation known ent and take part in the discussions. Λ has this subject into the written 'character' which he to all men. As to our doubting the possibility or the fact of mediums speaking "other languages" than their "own is to furnish to-morrow." He did so. And Mr. self-conceit denounce those who relate these facts, Fowler wrote out the same philosophy of the facts vernacular," we can only say, we had no such stuff in our thought will be elicited.

out of the body, should speak fewer languages, until interpreters were found to interpret and translate, as otherwise ome mediums may be tempted to act the hypocrite and impose on the credulity of the listener. In saying this, we had no special reference to Brother Randolph, for we had referred to it before, and for a like purpose, i. e. to correct the impression, that a jumble of sounds, was any proof of

That "other languages" have been spoken under im pression, we know to be a fact, but not to the extent specified in the following. When however, the necessary proof

where I had an interview with Solomon Daniels, and DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER: Being about to appointed lectures in Waverly Hall for Thursday proceed South for a brief season, I thought I would and Friday following-

let you know what I have been about for the last On Tuesday I passed on to Hopedale, where I Boston course of seven lectures. It was too much the following evening in their Meeting House. science of beauty. The proof of this is given, not for me, and I have scarce recovered yet from the was greatly disappointed at not meeting Adin only in the impressions and revelations of some prostration consequent thereon. I found Spirit- Ballou, with whom I had anticipated the enjoyment towards Sectarian pride, and smacks strongly of Dharizeeism. We dislike to write thus of any We dislike to write thus of any Dharizeeism. as the places, are impressed to make independent, but an outside pressure, I did an I could to amaterial. I did outside pressure, I did outside pressu authenticated by the history of the Portrait and ing, and the impetus has increased to a great ex- I was, however, greatly gratified by the kind at-

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and playful, but significant and reliable from the is given that these languages thus spoken are made the me many " coincid mees" that enter into and make up diums of intellectual commerce, none will rejoice more heartily than ourself. Till then, we shall be apt to ask fo

an interpreter.-Ed. Ch. Spt. Boston, Mass., Feb. 19, 1856. mencing on the fifth day of March, 1856. The Spiritual Universe informs us that Warren Chast

gathering is expected, and we doubt not not

For the Christian Spirioualsi NOTES BY THE WAY. NO. XXVI.

FRAMINGHAM, MASS, Feb. 25, 1856. BROTHER TOOHEY :--

My last epistle accounted for my movements up to Sunday 10th February, when I was in Daysville, Connecticut.

On the morning of the following day 1 left for Worcester, saw the brethren there, and made arrangements for lecturing in the Agricultural Hall on the following Sunday.

From thence I passed on to South Framingham,

the shown to me, and anticipated the pleasure

Oh I love the mountain, and love the vale,

Where the loved and gentle may peacefully rest.

To answer the voices that swell on the breeze;

I love the oak and the floweret pale.

And upon its bosom I long to be,

And I love the beautiful dark blue sea;

Floating afar to some isle of the blest;

Oh I love to dance in the forest free,

With forms that are visible only to me;

While Nature's harmonies lull me to rest.

And I love to watch the gathering storm,

As it rises and swells in its terrible form;

Its darkness to me has a beauty sublime

As it sweeps in grandeur oe'r many a clime;

And the thunders echo from shore to shore.

And list to the bird as he woos his bride,

In woodlands dark or in garden bowers,

For no secrets from me can they withhold;

And I love in the meadows alone to be.

Where the insect tribe skip joyous and free,

Hold converse with me for many an hour,

And then by the river to wander along,

As it sings for me its sweet evening song.

But most I love on the mountain to stand

And at evening's tranquil hour of rest.

And fancy, 'mid golden tipp'd clouds, I see

Or to dream in some star I may find my home,

When the friendships of earth immortal become.

The blest islands, where loved ones are waiting fo

Where each blade of grass, each leaflet and flower,

To mark the zephyrs steal kisses from flowers,

And I love to sit by the still lake-side.

While the lightnings flash, and the torrents roar

ente fature time of another visit. utile staying here, I saw some very singular The survey interspersed with sundry in sundry sections. I know not who was the bat from the character of the drawings the drawings is should think it likely that some derettons, to lead him a wild goose a wild goose of gold and silver treasure, per-S^{aher} alleged wreck near the Eastern ¹⁰ some and this should meet the eye To list to the murmurs that float through the trees, set the contained in the eye To lay my ear upon Earth's soft breast. the acquirement of earthly wealth, the pure and ennobling influence of is a lead him on to the attainment thes which will satisfy his mind Look upward, my Brother, for treasures are not of earth, and ocean cannot enrich thy soul. Ireturned to Framingham, where to appointment, to very good

years, in this place, has Brother the battle for the truth, unaided .liverated single-handed, against the compass of both church and people, I've an car to hear; and an eye to behold! den did not stop with himself, but is to his family. Nevertheless, his and tha higher light began to shine menstration of Immortality, through machinese. Investigation was then the by conviction of its reality then foltewas first and foremest here in its

became a medium, and for a long And view the cloud-mist as it steals o'er the land, these was open to investigators, but To watch, how in grandeur, and pomp and pride. acts to add in the work, and matters The sun bursts up from the ocean's tide, tanics him with the imputation, which And the hills are crowned, and the tree-tops blaze. a to hear, when the people said of And the dew-drops glitter with rainbow rays. "belia Devil, and is mad." It was not a flore would be fifty people out to that there we us to may people out to be it appears that the dawn of a better to gaze on the still glowing west, skirz. There were on the second t as than one hundred and fifty perst alei a more attentive audience

leaded. Enquiry has begun, and I that I shall have to return hither h three evenings more.

And when the moon her soft mantle has spread ensation I returned to Worcester, where O'er hamlet and castle, o'er cottage and shed, is a yeath twelve years of age. And spirits troop forth, in their joyous glee, they remarkable medium for physical And invite me to dance on the flow'ry leaes at whom I will give you an ac- Oh I quickly fly, and my heart I bring. out the close of this epistle. To join in the chorus the loved ones sing.

me.

God!

New-York, Feb. 12, 1856.

Suite I locured in the afternoon to a providence than 1 expected, the day Oh I love all nature in every part : and string. I shall, by regress, lee- And my home is deep in her innermost heart. the same place-Agricultural Hail- And floating in heaven, or roaming the sea. monstand evenings of 24th February What matter, what matter. Wherever I be ! Where'er I have rested, wher'er I have trod;

asiay I returned to Brother Daniels' at My communings with nature have taught me man where I am new domiciled, and franka ulad March list. We has lay and Thorsday evening I lectured bill't Big tist Church in Milford. The

s was not very large, but they were very ! ness and there were more present than the s extended to meet. I was entertained by The breath of Summer days passed over me, r. P. P. Harington with the greatest kind- And for a single instant, short a space ad hespetality.

As could be measured by the swiftest thought, There fell upon my passive, dreaming soul, THE MANIFESTATIONS. loss permit me to record, a narrative of the A feeling, pure as if an angel bright second calabited through my little me- Had stooped to whisper to my list'ning ear

High thoughts of Heaven and our eternal home. ha that all minds, might be satisfied, I had Λ transport of delight so rich and brief. through for him, so that his feet might be So pure, and all unmixed with earthly mould, edier by a strap and publick-that strap . That then it seemed as if this grosser veil. breath the chair, around the back : That clogs on all our Spirit's faculties, southere capable of being secured by Had for an instant brief been rent away, And freed from all impurities of earth e ar deshede.

I stood creet in heaven's eternal day.

For the Christian Spiritualist. THE MYSTIC CHILD. it is, is also the most Spiritual of the ages, and perfect inner cause. As a theologian he speaks of tell what it teaches of this thing? But the answer written or read.

it has answered to the wants of many hearts; none but regards him as the Great Father who nourishes tion of immortality. know but those to whom it is thus dear. But it is and loves eternally all that He has created. As a destined to become dear to many more; to take a politician he displays no "office-seeking" propensi- from our lacerated heart, that God would permit place as a poem that has never yet been filled.

"True poetry is God's essential truth Clothed in a form as various as the world."

And every poet has his age and peculiar occasion. If he be a true poet, he will recognize this, and will not seek to reproduce the thoughts of other men or other times. He will seek to express that simply of which he is a fit mouth-piece, and will be content, if what he write is not popular, and cally. It is for this reason that the "Lyric of the night! Ida alone in the graveyard ! does not raise him to an eminent place among poets. The literary Warwicks of Blackwood or the Edinburg or other canonical authorities in criticism, will never be consulted by him who is the true and living voice, speaking from God to man.

He should put off the fetters of his time, Write not for present popularity, But be content to wait for auditors,

Till men awake to feel their need of him.

which will inevitably happen in due time. Already many have "awakened to feel their need" of such truths as are brought to ultimation in these remarkable "Lyrics" that Mr. Harris has sung to otherwise, and seldom presume upon it as a matter hundred little associations, to call up the memory

In this volume, there is a remarkable resemblance to the style of Shelley. The same fullness, denseness of style, which renders the reading of Shelley, narticularly of "Prometheus unbound," a strong trial of the intellectual digestion. Thoughts are crowded together so compactly, that the effort to separate them almost bewilders the mind. But Shelley leaves his reader oppressed; a mournful and almost hopeless feeling pervades the mind after given of this, but the book itself is its own best exthe reading of his poems. We sympathize keenly with him in all his sorrow, over a world so perverted from its true and possible destiny; we feel our flesh shrink, and our heart bleed with his over the miseries of humanity; we believe with him in a Trnth and Love which are possible and distant .--With far different feelings do we read the wonderful book before us. In it are also sorrow and sympathy for unhappy man; a minor strain runs through the poem, it is true, but it is only as a foil to the triumphant major. We see clearly that "the kingdom of Heaven is at hand," and that the ultimate and near destiny of earth, and man are glorious beyond degree.

As an evidence of the resemblance of style in this book to that of Shelley, we quote at random the following:

" All that wide temple thereupon grew bright As does the mind when God reveals himself In the deep heart, the palace of the soul. And from the cast, as from the sun itself, Attired in robes of light young virgins came, Each bore a snowy flower, uuknown below, Whose blossoms were of amethyst, whose buds Of sun-bright opal, and whose radiant fruits Like jasper and rose-diamond, and the breath Of these immortal flowers diffused through all That vast illumined arch a silver fiame Of such deliciousness, cach living pore Or the immortal soul drank it like wine, Whose rich, heart-cheering nectar filled the heart, As 'twere a ruby chalice; and they sang Hymns in an ancient dialect, that fill Upon the quickened sense with melody, Containing its own meaning in its voice. And as they sang, there fell a shower of light. Arching itself in rainbows from the dome. And the warm globules, melting in sweet air. Filled it as with an undulating flood, Whose waves dissolved and shaped aerial flowers Of royal purple and transparent gold, Which floated, by their own pure lightness borne, As if they were an hyacinthine sea Transparent, light as ether, formed of light's Pure substance, breathing out immortal love."

that there never was a time until now, when a God and of the relations to him which the universe came in the strange diversity of antagonistic creeds, poem ltke this of Mr. Harris, could have been of men and angels sustain in a manner most catho that all was uncertainty and confusion. Death is lic. He is no sectarian asking God to take sides Death, and an ancient much doubted promise all How gladly many have received it; how fully with one portion of His universe against another, that remained, to elucidate the all absorbing ques-

And the little coffin was closed, with a prayer ties, but is very patriotic nevertheless, and has some ray of light to pierce the gloom, and dispel great faith in the glorious destiny of America as the terrible mystery which enshrouded the fate the future leader and teacher of the human race. of the dead.

But it is as a student of the heart, deep in the lore The grave scene-weeping, wailing-falling clods of human love, purified and refined by that love and hollow sounds-vain clerical efforts to comfort which inflows so gladly into the willing soul! that the mourner-the return-the desolate household we feel the greatest strength of our poet to consist. -the sad fireside-childhood forgetting its sor-He touches our hearts and they thrill sympatheti- row-aye refusing to be comforted-night-dread

Golden Age," as well as his other poems should "Father, is Ida in Heaven? Where is Heaven? not be criticized merely with the intellect. It will How did she get there ?" were the children's frebest poets that ever wrote have suffered from cri- dwelling.

this altogether. I would not, like some, deny that the lone grave ! Lifeless as stone, and pale as the critics have souls; but I verily believe that many of winter's snow ! Here ended our knowledge. Bethem, as well as other men, believe that they have yond was written mystery-mystery ! souls more because it says so in the Bible than Little frocks-little shoes-a little bonnet-a

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the sleeping group, and pressed kiss upon kiss this, but we think many passages in Harris' poems upon the living warm lips of our beloved child .-are quite as musical. Take for instance this little Ida still lived !

"As roses are by sunbeams fed Till their pale hearts grow crimson-red God's love is o'er my spirit shed."

Or this grand song:

"Solemn and vast His inspirations pealing Through the cathedral arches of the breast, Heavens upon heavens of infinite pure feeling Create in man's interiors, God possessed.

Man is that shrine, most catholic and holy-Man is that awful palace-hall of God, Whose inmost forms are consecrated wholly In those bright worlds where evil hath not trod.

Thence he arises in divine perfection, A form of light, so beautiful, that he Reposes with a consummate affection

God so inspires him that his least emotion Flows like a wave from Love's eternal sea-God's thoughts, like stars, that shine in calmest

Kindle their splendor in his nature free.'

IDA; ON THE OLD AND THE NEW. BY A. C. M'C. C.

and we would feel like cursing the Providence that

The hour came. Friends gathered to unite in

the sad ceremonies, and as they looked upon the

sweet one in her little cotfin, would exclaim, beautiful!

and consulting together they would offer the cold

verdict-it is only a child ! As though these sweet

love-links in the eternal chain of true wedlock, were

fit food for this all-dreaded mouster. And then

the voice of orthodoxy spoke to us, bidding us be

comforted with the remembrance that " of such

are the Kingdom of Heaven." We were implored

thousands, nay, millions of years in the future .---

this long dreary delay ? while seasons were com-

ing and going-while centuries were passing into

thus unnecessarily tortured us.

human sympathy and affection, had dared to de-

DIFFUSION OF SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE," informs the

" Ida! Ida! Where art thou ?" we exclaimed.

solves in that trying moment before the active in-

vestigating mind. And when our trials seemed

more than we could bear, our eyes were opened

to the glad realities of life, and the sweet voices

of uncounted bright spirit, fresh with the dews

of immortality, shouted in our ears the glad

Blest communion! God be praised for per-

miting the return of the loved of past years to acquaint us of the glorious truth! Now, truly

we may sing, "Death is robbed of its sting, and the grave its Victory."

Henceforth look up-up to the bright host of

the redeemed of Heaven, for balm in that trying

hour. No more to the city of the dead-no more

to the place of graves, to deck the earthly mound

where sleeps the dissolving clay of the dear depart-

ed. Thy angel child is not there. Here ! still with

thee! Embracing thy warm neck with its loving

This is Spiritualism. This is the much despised

Before the existing sects were aroused to jealousy

light, which so few admire, and so many condemn.

by this new comer, angelic guardianship was the

most beautiful feature of the world's religion.-

myth. Now that it is shown to be demonstrated

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In the interior joy of Deity.

hold idols.

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Still, it is not so much in this poem, which is chiefly blank verse, that we find these "dancing measures," as in the two which have gone before. If what has been said should induce any one to read these poems, we know that good will have been Then it was built but upon supposition-upon UNDINE. done.

For the Christian Spiritualist.

Death came to our household for the first time. Yes, it was the *first time*, this dread ravisher of

FREE COMMUNICATIONS. It is with pleasure that the Society for "THE Again in a description of the inhabitants of a secrate our little love sphere with his heartless pre-

this divine truth.

And what did all this mean? The vision seemed clear. In our sleep we had been carried back to the hopeless bondage of Orthodoxy. Reconciled somewhat to its professed utility, we were tried by its confused code, amid the terrible associations of death; we were shown how the sandy coil dis-

not do so to criticise any true poem or other in. quent questions. Could we answer these, and honor spired production. Critics should be lovers in the the truth ? No. We had asked these questions higher sense of that word, before they are fit to ourself, and failed to acquire the desired information. handle poetry. It is for this reason that all the Orthodoxy pointed to the grave as her present

ticism so acutely. I would not blame critics for Where was our loved one? We saw her last in

notes of a bird-song. Tennyson is remarkable for

and thank God! it was a dream. It seemed a reality. We could scarcely believe our senses, until stealing from our bed, we sought

in to his calls, with a ring on the exwell strap encircling his wrists, the az sathered together and secured by .

its addition waist, with belt rings attachs which his arms may be secured to . character elbows, being secured by a padand of the chair. Thus secured, and I hel done something. But we had anomated our sitting, before the Spirits "Y exepon the locks-the keys of which by judget; and presently the lock securmusis was removed, and carried rattling a room. They afterwards at my request the lack as it was before, and relocked, when at they had the use of the key .ways they have locked and unlocked (

ang nguest.

see and amongst the company.

and summet. Twice the clappers of Floating above the golden sunset door; and bear wrenched out. balls one, having two leaves open. The inward aspiration of the soul,

the company several times.

the Men marks were made upon ad depaildisappeared, nor could it d, the after anythin day, when it was found is follow aboutleon, between the keys I the distributed.

the consistent, when the medium's arms disappointed.

to see beauties in it of the very highest order. ^{s have received both intrinations and indica-} bowever, that these manifestations will be Keats an enthusiast, will of course not judge fav-

arthing tournhable you shall have more see to work, and heat, wherewith their grain is rip-

Ashland the three following evenings. for that for two works at Worcester.

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LONGINGS.

BY ELFREDE.

It needs but scanty impulse from without, A strain of music, half-remembered, dim, Aud sweet with memories of the olden time. Echoes along the dusty corridors And haunted chambers of the memory. Recalling images of moonlit walks, With some sweet face worth all the world beside. Of old romances, with their honeyed tongue, Telling of Venice, with its balconies, Its cavaliers and dames, and moon-kissed waves, And ere the music notes have died away There rises from the very depths of soul A strong and master feeling, that doth make Us all unconscious of the time and place, Filling us with a strange, weird ecstasy;

the about same around the room, and Leading us to the very gates of Heaven, is have been loudly vibrated, and have Amid the splendor that doth stream from thence. and the spectrum that lead to this

Heart ecstasy, this leaping of the soul A size v-papers have been scattered all Towards the light, its primal source and fount, The perfume of the rose's heart in June ; and been rung vigorously around the The icy breath of airs from snow backs blown; deposed on the laps or hand; of the The wind that sweeps above the dim-aisled woods

At night, and makes its harp-strings of the pines; the chas been heard speaking to us | A single fleecy is le of rose-hued cloudThese all have power at times to kindle this,

based over, and laid bottom up, And 'tis their mission to speak unto man, And teach his spirit the grandeur of its birthright, a sheet of clean paper and a lts future, and the God that doth mlie a bacdrawer under the table, the Its every faculty that upward strives.

For the Christian Spiritualist, THE LYRIC OF THE GOLDEN AGE. It has been now for more than three years our Sicclosed it as she found it that happiness to follow the course of Mr. Harris as a "myself-but when I came to look, medium for the unfolding of the New Earth disresponsibility into the lower chamber or pensation. In that time our love and interest have never flagged, because they have been in no wise

anaphy a handkerchief, which was tied _____His last printed work, the name of which stands The hundkenshief was taken off, and at the head of this article, has been already long Francialed within it was not found for enough before the public, so that whatever may be then r was found in the same room said of it now by way of culogium or of criticism, tranch with everything else in the can be fairly judged of by those who have carechosen examined in searching for it. fully read it. Our object at this time, is not so thes manife tations were in the dark, much to speak of the evidences of its Spiritual Yad the power of such a child to pro- origin, as of its purely literary merits, because are not, however, for the public eye, among Spiritualists, it does not need further to be they cannot be conclusive. To demonstrated that Mr. Harris is a medium ; and beals such standart and these phenomena they are cause we are convinced that if literary judges the and such only will be permitted to be would read the book as a poen, they could not fail

Those who pronounce Shelley a madman, and sate light by degrees, as conditions may orably of Harris. Those who esteem the sun of use only that he may give light in which they may

ened, will see little that is useful in the "Lyric of

With happiness too great for utterance?

MYRA THORNE.

For the Christian Spiritualist,

seems as though it must have come from him : "And, speaking through tranced lips, they utter truth

So grand, each word sinks downward into space. As if it were a star from Heaven's vast roof, Dropped sparkling, or a smile from God's own face. Illumed through love, that grand Augustan race Are wiser than all others. They inspire Heaven's breath, they glorify their dwelling place With miracles of art; but most the lyre Apollo strung is theirs, and theirs the minstrel's

world reposing far in the Pleiades," we find the sence.

"This poem," says its author, "is the death-song of the past, the birth-song of the future." No better description could be given of the book than this. It enters deeply into the Spiritual causes that have operated on nations as well as men, to Terrible thought ! produce revelations and crimes, and deep errors in religion, especially false notions of God. Fearlessly it holds up to view picture after picture of the perversions of society and the church, contrasting the inharmonies of the past and present with the ineffable harmonies of the future. It says to the think of the missing little worshiper, that once earth "through want of Love thou wert and art in gathered there her pretty nosegay. Soon winter darkness, but that Love is descending unto thee and shall give thee light."

As we are now regarding the work less in a Spiwith her wail of sorrow, Ida would be all alone in ritual than a literary sense, we shall speak of those the distant graveyard ! The graveyard, so dismal parts most purely Spiritual only as specimens of with silence ! and the descerating snows would language and ideality. Many of the finest passages cover up even the place made sacred by her burial. as regards language are these; and if we consider And we would think how lovingly and trustingly them as flights of the poet's imagination, we shall she once nestled close to our hearts, amid the warm, and cheering associations of our happy home .--frequently be constrained to exclaim, "how fine must his imagination be who wrote these lines !" For Again the unbidden tear would glisten in the eye,

instance, those descriptive of the "Indiangheaven."

"Dimly shone

It was the Indian Heaven that glowed A fragrance wafted from its breast Tranced us in deep, delicious rest And floating through the perfume dim We heard what seemed an evening hymn. Through vast cathedral aisles we sped Formed of mysterious trees that shed From yellow flowers a perfume rare Thrilling our bosoms like a prayer.

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An inward melody As if the soul of that sweet sphere Grew vocal, murmured to the ear. By strange enchantments filled and fed. Following the windings of that stream Of harmony and joy supreme, We reached a crystal streamlet's bed. A golden barge received us, and We glided from that mystic land, The golden waters seemed to be Thought-mirrors of eternity-And all our minds were mirrored there Our thoughts grew vocal in the air, Each thought took on a voice and form. The south wind bore a fragrance warm And steaming; and an island broke Out from the mist. Then Indra spoke, 'Oh welcome to our jasmine grove-O'welcome to our Isle of Love !' "

forgetfulness-while nations were maturing and de-The deep and inevitable connection between ex- caying-was sur loved one to sleep with the dead ened, will see little that is useful in the "Lyric of The deep and inevitable connection between ex- caying was out force the Golden Age." To them the "Golden Age" has ternal circumstances and internal causes, is a of past ages? Would memory survive the dealready come inasmuch as California and Australia theme our poet loves. He is a philosopher, a the- struction of her physical organs, and the image of and swill please direct to me here, till March have furnished so much of the metal, and now a new ologian and a politician in the true sense of these the child be kept fresh in the mind comparent, But strange as the paradox may seem, it is no less true that this age, material and money seeking as the most imperfect outer development to the most You who have made the good Book your life study,

Coward that he was, he pierced with his Whence comes this feeling that doth sweep at times following passage so Shellcy-like, that it almost javelin of ice, the frailest and fairest of our house- public of the continued labors of Miss Fox at the Rooms of the Society, subject to the direc-

Our darling child was dead ! Terrible thought ! tion and pay of the same. She will in this, Our little beauty-our household pet-she of the as in her former engagements, sit, without charge shrill laugh, and ever active spirit, was lifeless !- to the public, for the benefit of SKEPTICS or such Pale, cold, dumb, vacant, was all that our most ENQUIRERS as are not yet convinced of the reality critical search could discover of our little Ida .- of Spirit-intercourse, and know not the consolations Dread memory ! She, whom maternal anxiety, of Spirit Mediation.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22, 1856.

never permitted to go beyond the sound of her Hours, from 11 to 1, every day, Saturday and voice, was soon to be coffined from our sight for- Sunday excepted.

erer ! Soon to be borne away from the home she The Society wish it distinctly borne in mind that had gladdened-never to return ! Was to be laid Miss Fox is employed for the purpose of converting in the cold grave all alone ! No-the slimy worm the skeptical, rather than to contribute to the pleawould be her companion ! And she who was sure of the Spiritualistic believer, and it is expected, beautiful to all eyes, would soon be a mass of cor- therefore, that those who are CONVERTED will NOT ruption ! O! Ida! Ida! Can this be reality ?- occupy the time of the Medium.

This change is warranted not only by the expe-Imagination summoned up the future with her rience of the past year and a half, but suggested by the consideration, that those who may wish thousand images, only to augment our sorrow. Soon spring would come with her flowers, balmy communications from their Spirit friends can, and breezes, and soul-elevating creations; but oh ! as should, avail themselves of the services of other we knelt at her rosy shrine, we would mourn to Mediums.



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Tis not like the dew that sorrow wrings From our aching cyclids here: And our souls, with broken or trammeled wings, Can never lave in such pleasure-springs, As ever are welling clear In the land of the blest, Where the babe will rest In a higher, holier sphere.

Then lift, O Mother ! those mournful eyes And the Spirit that inly weeps-On the wings of Faith let it ever rise Far over the brooding grief that flies To the grave where thy darling sleeps. Thy darling? oh no! But the casket, laid low When its treasure no more it keeps.

And dwell not, Father, with fond regret On the life and beauty gone; With a thrill of joy thou wilt not forget As she with her infant brother has met By a kindred feeling drawn, She will welcome thee When thy Spirit free Looks forth on the morning's dawn.

But brothers and sisters, whose thoughts still dwe On the past with passionate grief, It may be long ere ye say "'tis well" That with ye Florence no more may dwell, That her bright earth-life was brief, But the cares of life With its Spirit-strife, Will open a different leaf.

Yet think not now of the thorns that grow In our life-path's brightest bowers, For strength will come as ye onward go, In a deep, full tide, when ye need its flow To bear ye through darkest hours, And a "still, small voice," Will whisper, "rejoice,' When the heaviest storm-cloud lowers.

Shall I say the lost one will ever be near.³ With her beautiful form of light? That her silvery voice ye may almost hear. And her faltering footsteps so passing clear-Shall I speak of these things to-night? Will ye kindly need The voice of a creed That I fain would believe is right?

I am far from the land where that creed was nursed Yet over me fell its sway : I see the star that I hailed at first, That over my darkened vision burst, And scattered the mist away ; May the Lord who leads Through the myth of creeds Guide us all to our perfect day .- Exchange.

SPIRITUALISM - THE BIBLE AND THE CHURCII.

BY DOCTOR WOOD.

Under this heading, the Econsrille (Ind.) Weekly articles, which promise to be interesting and in- that was set before them. Gen. 19 chapter. structive.

through whom he could communicate his will to tangible, self-evident guidance, and not a blind was denounced from the pulpit as a blasphemous man, and such were the prophets. They were faith. Was this ever so, and if it was, may it not be so sometimes selected as such, after having arrived to adult age and at other times were "conceived in again ! Spiritualists say yes. Those who oppose the mother's womb" for that especial purpose. Jesay no. Here then we join issue.

sus Christ was thus conceived, and so was Sampson. Read the whole chapter, Judges 13, and note especially that purity of diet was commanded, as the mother's bad dietetic habits would affect her offspring. Let our would be Christian mothers God, and the Bible a divinely inspired book, is one profit by this example of the wife of Manoah, and we should soon see a difference in society.

So long as we make the stomach, our God and fine clothes our idols, God's curse will rest upon the people. But I quote the 3d, 4th and 5th ver- ualism at this time correspond with that of the times ses Judges 13, "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold thou Apostles ? I say yes. I say so because I have art barren and bearest not; but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

Now, therefore, beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine, nor strong drinks, and eat not any unclean thing: for thou shalt conceive and bear a child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb, and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hands of the Philistines."

Now I have not a doubt but God always sends his angels when he wishes to communicate with man, but more upon this point in due time.

We find Gen. 5, 45 that "Enoch walked with God." Wickedness increased with the increase great that God's patience is exhausted, and he says, Gen. 6, 3, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." By this we infer and the inference is justified that it was by the guidance of God's Spirit that Enoch was enabled to walk with God. And Spirit is. Man's wickedness finally becomes so great that, "it repented the Lord that he had made man," and he determined to "destroy him from the face of the earth." Noah, however, was preserved in the ark, and thus the race was perpetuated.

Notwithstanding God evidently communicated his will directly to man. Yet he had so little reby confusion of speech.

The next, or indeed, the first real indication that we have of God's means of direct communication come unto Abraham in a vision."

See also Gen. 15, 12, 13. We are by no means to suppose that this is the first time God ever appeared to man in a vision, for his dealings with man have always been, and always will be, comparatively the same.

But new light bursts in upon us, as we progress in this investigation. Spiritualism, begins to unfold itself, and we learn where the "Thus saith the Lord" comes from.

Abram's wife, Sarah, misused her servant Hagar, Abram's concubine, "and she fled from her face. And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water" and advised her to return to her mistress, Gen. 15, 6, 7.

Three angels appeared unto Abraham as he sat in his tent door, and apprised him of an important event that was to take place, Gen. IS chapter .--Two angels visit Lot, while in Sodom. He persuades them to go into his house, and stay all night. They by physical force rescued Lot from a mob. who had assembled before his house, and also mote the mob with blindness. I wish the reader to

Enquirer, of Feb. 14, gives the first of a series of recollect that all five of the angels 'did eat' victuals But still another feature in Spiritulism is found

The writer is evidently in earnest, and writes at Gen. 21, 17, "And God heard the voice of the from the plane of conviction-his stand point being lad: and the angel of God called to Hagar out of cosmopolitan and universal, as may be learned heaven." Again, Gen. 22, 11, 'And the angel of

interference with divine will, and to intimidate foolish men and silly women, they were told that to vacisn men and siny women, they were told that to vace from Blackwood. Read it, and say if you can, that lowing view of things in the popular church :horns would appear on its head, and it would bellow the world has not advanced in morals and intelli-

the writer of this article.

like a bull. Do not smile, reader, this is a matter of I wish all to understand that it is one thing to berecord in the history of vaccination. We say then, lieve in the fact that the spirits are living, and quite Christ came to destroy no law-to repeal no law of another thing to live the life of a true Spiritualist. nature, he came only to fulfil the law and the pro-As much so, as to believe that Christ is the son of phecies that related to himself. Had he not come, both the law and the prophets would have been unthing and yet not live the life and example of Christ is another thing. There are thousands who founded, from whatever source it may come.

believe all of these, and yet live them not. The great question to be settled, is, does Spiritof Moses and the Prophets and Christ and the read of the one and witnessed the other. This be-

comes then, a question of veracity or truthfulness statements nothing need be said; of myself I need son; and no razor shall come on his head; for the justice, and I question whether my worst enemy lieved I would wilfully tell an untruth about the matter under consideration.

If those who oppose Spiritualism at this time better understood the Spiritualism of the Bible, we should have much less opposition.

God sends his angels to minister to the wants of men always, when they live so that he can. The withdrawal of his spirit guidance, follows man's of population of the earth. It finally became so withdrawal of himself from God. I now affirm there is not a nation on earth that follows God, or by the use of the vocal organs of the medium, the the instruction given by his son, Jesus Christ, and spirit speaks to his friends, or to the assembly ---that before I am done with this matter I will prove it. Let no one say, I am opposed to Christianity or the Bible. He that does that, utters a wilful falseat a proper time and place we will show what this hood. No person living will make greater sacrifices than I will for truth, or oppose vice more carnestly. I am fully aware that the assertion will not please for all that, so far as any fault on my part is conheard but gibbering nonsense. cerned. If they who oppose me, choose to be angry

about it, it is a matter of their own; and to be settled between them and their God. Let me ask where the Protestant religion would have been, had spect for his Creator, that it is comparatively but Luther and Melancthon feared to make a similar a few years before he was again obliged to visit declaration, and lacked the moral courage to dethem with summary punishment, which was done [fend it ! I am not laboring for a salary. I am a disinterestd witness, so far at least.

I said when man forsakes God, God forsakes man Is not this true? when men are prospered in their with man, is found, Gen. 15, 1, "And the Lord enterprizes they are very apt to forget to whom they are indebted for that prosperity. This is true of individuals and of nations; one who reads the Bible history of the children of Israel, will be astonished to see how true this is, "And when they forgot the Lord their God, he sold them into the hands of Sisera, Captain of the host of Hazor." I Sam. 12, 9, also 14 and 15.

> The prophets were the true guides, but how diffi cult it was to make the people listen. Moses was absent but a few days and they compelled Aaror to make the golden calf. Moses was the medium through whom God made himself manifest, which accounts for his saying, 'and thus saith the Lord.' God promises to guide Israel, 'Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way,' Exodus 23, 20.

At a much later period Samuel becomes the me dium between the Lord and the people, and he was consulted as their guide, in a word, he was their udge, and he referred matters to God. God had chosen Saul as the first king of Israel. He was to be anointed as such, feeling embarrassed he hid himself among the stuff, as some would have it the plunder, or others the baggage. 'And when they sought him and could not find him, therefore they enquired of the Lord further, if the man should come thither; and the Lord answered, behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff, Sam, 10, 22.

How often was it that he and all the prophets movired of the Lord.' Our opponents sometimes

THE DAYS OF QUEEN MARY.

The following description of the idea and man-The following description of England, we take part of worship. There is some truth in the following as in the following as the following the following description of the some truth in the following the following

gence :---To give only one or two instances of the man-sitiveness, of quarreling and disgust, of revolution To give only one or two instances of Mary's and quartette, until at length, in some congregation ners and ideas of the age in which Queen Mary's and quartette, until at length, in some congregations all that any one hopes or draw lot was cast. It is generally known that Henry tions, all that any one hopes or dreams of VIII. put seventy-two thousand persons, of all re-VIII. put seventy-two thousand persons, of all re-VIII. put seventy-two thousand personal, of during In other churches, having lost every vesting ligious persuasions, to death on the scaffold, during constitute music is recorded outside both the law and the prophets would have been un-truthful. Anything to the contrary of this is un-his single reign; but is it not equally well known sanctity, music is regarded outright as one of the forms of moral amusement in the single reign is the bad on array of three hun-those forms of moral amusement in the bad on array of three hunhis single reign; but is it not equally non amount those forms of moral amusement in which of his daughter Elizabeth had an array of three hun-Many of the manifestations of the present time dred heads of persons, convicted of high treason, may indulge without sin, in the church and the manifestations of the present time dred heads of persons, convicted of high treason, may indulge without sin, in the church and the manifestations of the present time dred heads of persons, convicted of high treason, may indulge without sin, in the church and the manifestations of the present time dred heads of persons, convicted of high treason, may indulge without sin, in the church and the manifestations of the present time dred heads of persons, convicted of high treason, may indulge without sin, in the church and the manifestations of the present time dred heads of persons persons are including those of her the Sabbath : and they plunge their the sabbath is and they plunge the sabbath is an interval to the sabbath is placed on London Bridge, including those of her the Sabbath; and they plunge their hands by are among the most sublime truths of all ages .placed on London Bridge, including those of the pockets and pay for professional singing. Spiritualists are belied, and misrepresented by tic lover Essex; and so far from being shocked at Then King David finds himself in the hands of the thousands, whose interest, ignorance or malice, thousands, whose interest, ignorance or mance, the lover hases, and so had not being ambassador Philistines. The unwashed lips that all the needs of the prompt them to it. A large majority of the the ghastly array, she took the foreign ambassador philistines. The unwashed lips that all the week newspapers of the day who notice the subject at to see it, in order to show "how we serve traitors comes then, a question of veracity or truthfulness newspapers of the day who notice the subject at in England." Protestant historians have recounted operas, now sing the rapture of the old Hebrer of the old Hebrer all, give it a 'lick,' of course, for it furnishes an in Edgement of the bloody Mary cast bard, or the passion of the suffering Redeement. only say my word was never refused in a court of appetite for such things. All this, however, is two hundred and forty men, women and children appetite for such things. All this, nowever, is the hadres during her brief and atrocious reign; When the exquisite mockery is done, and the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; When the exquisite mockery is done, and the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; and the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; and the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief and atrocious reign; are all closed to the flames during her brief at t justice, and I question whether my worst enemy of no avail. I'wo arucies appeared in the boundary is done, and the would be willing to affirm under oath, that he be- a few days since, that have done more to help the but they have not equally prominently brought forbut they have not equally provide the series and eyes too, and the series proceeds. Thus, music, music progress of spiritualism in this city than all else that has been done. One article was an abusive partizans were, by her Protestant successor, secret- apostatizing from piety, is no longer a heaveolr ly racked to the utmost limits which human frame bird, but a peacock, that struts and flares her insult to many who are the writer's superiors in point of morals, chistianity and intellect. The can endure, in that awful scene of human agony, the gaudy plumes in admiration!-Christian Freeman. other was a scurrilous and untruthful attack upon Tower of London.

After the massacre of St. Bartholomew, the ladies of the Court of Paris went out to examine the long But to resume more directly my subject. The rows of the bodies of the Huguenot cavaliers who speaking mediums of the present time, are in common parlance, taken possession of by a spirit, and had been slain during the tumult, and curiously turning them over when half stripped of their garments, said to each other-" This must have been There are hundreds of mediums, both men and a charming lover; that was not worth looking at." And when the fantastic assassin Ravillie was women, who are well educated and of irreproachbrought out into the Square of Louvre, to undergo able character, as citizens and christians, who are during four hours the most frightful tortures which thus made to speak. I have never heard such elohuman ingenuity or malignity could devise, or huquence in all my life as I have heard through memanity could endure, all the ladies of the Court diums, and I have heard some of our most eminent those who think differently. But we can be friends men. Our opponents would make believe nothing is of Paris assembled to witness the spectacle, and as high prices were given for the best places on the THE WORK OF THE SPIRITS.

street leading to St. Paul's, on the approaching occasion when the first and noblest of Britain attend-In these days of progress, we have felt it our ed her greatest hero to his last resting place. duty, as an independent journalist, "bound to

It is perhaps the most difficult thing, in surveyswear in the words of no man," to give a wide ing the annals of the past, to bring ourselves to conceive how human beings could, in any age, under any circumstances, have been brought to lend themselves to such barbarities. But nothing is more certain than the greatest and best did so; they deemed that they were doing God's service when so engaged. Witness Sir Thomas Moore flogging a prisoner with his own hands in his garden, to convert him from heresy. If we are wise and just, we will judge of those who lived in those savage times according to the measure of the ideas with which they were surrounded, and not our

go such sacrifices in their duty to their sovereign, of her Plantagenet forefathers, and the graces of black lead or lamp-black; it may be readily bu terrible trials which either underwent .- Philadelphia Sunday Mercury.

cism before our eves, we have taken that liberty Amid the changing scenes, and the diversified which we never yet pledged away, to observe cersituations, and the varied relations that we as ratain phenomena called spiritual, which rather came tional and social beings sustain towards each other, in our way, and to exercise a little of that reason how necessary is it that love and kindness should be which every sane mind is suppossed to possess the ruling principle of our lives. Says the Psalmist: until lost by lunacy, or benighted with bigotry. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for The excitement consequent upon the facts of brethren to dwell together in unity and love," and Spiritualism seems to have subsided in the public this world indeed would be a vale of tears, and mind, for the reason that they are no longer dislife a dreary path, were not that heavenly principle puted. The Philosophy of Spiritualism now enwith its genial and hallowed influences exerted upon grosses public attention, and is secretly pervading the family of man. Love has power. It speaks the popular mind to an almost incredible extent .- | with silent yet solemn and impressive voice, and We have witnessed many of the so-called "demonforms the most prominent link in the golden chain strations" which had no other effect than simply to that binds together the bright and shining armies

confound us. of heaven around the throne of the Eternal. Love We have published many such with no other and hatred stand diametrically opposed, and are find fault with Spirits and Spiritualists for making motive than to perplex others. We have forborne constantly waging war with each other. And he such inquiries. Will they please read 1 Sam. 9th all opinion of our own, first, because we did not or she who strives to cultivate a spirit of love is and live-pass off the stage of life, and are is know what to believe, and second, because it was prepared to go through the labyrinth of life, armed of no more. Why? They did not do a part Now if it is true, that a medium in 1856 can see no business of our readers what our opinions with the panoply of Heaven. They are prepared of good in the world; and none were blessed the future or the past as did Samuel a thousand or were, if we had any, holding, that every man's to revive and cheer the drooping spirit in the ad- them, none could point to them as the instrum religion is a matter between his conscience and verse hour; to administer the balm of consolation of their redemption; not a word they spekee his God. But of all the phenomena we have ever to the afflicted heart, and point the weary wanderer be recalled, and so they perished ; their light Again if Heaven is up from the State of Indiana, rect in their answer. Samuel was known as, and witnessed, the most grand, mysterious, and ma- to the haven of repose. "If thine enemy be out in darkness, and they were not remember

CHURCH MUSIC.-Henry W. Beecher takes stro ground against choir or quartette singing as A new choir is inaugurated, a new leader, a new

dispensation of ambitious display, of musical sea sang the disgustful words of glorious music with all the inspiration of vanity and brandy.

From the New Jernsalem Messenger. ALL SORTS OF MINDS. - There is a strong disposition in men of opposite minds to despise each other. A grave man cannot conceive what is the use of wit in society; a person who takes a strong common sense view of the subject, is for pushing out by the head and shoulders an ingenious theor. ist, who catches at the slightest and faintest analy gies; and another man, who scents the ridicular from afar, will hold no commerce with him whi tests exquisitely the fine feeling of the heart, and is alive to nothing else; whereas talent is talent and mind is mind in all its branches! Wit gives t ife one of its best flavors, common sense leads to mmediate action, and gives to society its daily as tion; large and comprehensive views cause its a nual rotation; ridicule chastises folly and intra dence, and keeps men in their proper sphere, side tleties seize hold of the fine threads of truth; a alogy darts away in the most sublime discovery feeling paints all the exquisite passions of me soul, and rewards him, by a thousand inward to tations, for the sorrows that come from without God made it all ! It is all good ! We must dead no sort of talent; they all have their seperate ties and uses-all the happiness of man for the object; they all improve, exalt, and gladden like Sidney Smith.

ARTIFICIAL DIAMONDS .- On account of its he ness, transparency, brilliancy and rarity, the own : and reflect with deeper thankfulness on our | mond has always been regarded as one of them happier lot, when subjects are not called to under- valuable of the precious stones. It has been a known to consist of pure carbon in a crystal and the Queen on the throne can exhibit the spirit state. Chemically it differs little from charee her Stuart ancestors, without being exposed to the ed in oxygen gas, and the resulting compound carbonic acid-precisely what arises from the ca bustion of charcoal. In view of these facts then

duction of diamonds in the laboratory has long be thought possible, and at length this wonder achievement crowned the labors of the chemic From a charcoal prepared from crystalized set M. Despretz has produced crystals of carbon has all the properties of the diamond. This result obtained by the long continued action of the vanic battery. The crystals are microscopi clearly recognized as octahedra, some black, ch transparent. Gauden, the famous lapidary, f these crystals to cut diamonds and rub powdered diamonds themselves. It vet remains achievement of chemical science to produce t crystals of a size sufficient for ornamental pur -then will be found the "philosopher's s sought in vain for ages .- From the People senger.

scope and full range to moral, religious, and metaphysical inquiry; furnishing such facts as seem best authenticated, and which come within the sphere of probability, leaving others to draw their

wn deductions and furnish their own philosophy. Among the developments of the age, none have appeared more startling, or made more stir in the religious world, than that what is called the Phenomena of Spiritualism. Why it should thus startle is evident from the nature of the subject. First, it assumes to speak from the spirit spheres, and to bring intelligence from that land which lies beyond the "dark valley and shadow of death;" a region of mystery whose portals according to prevailing theories, have been closed to mortals in the flesh for eighteen hundred years. With these prevailing theories, these new developments seem at war, and frighten, as they necessarily would, the

devotees of an opposing faith, whose social position and pride of opinion are controling considerations. Having no opposing faith, nor the fear of ostra- THE INFLUENCE AND POWER OF LOVE.

the Lord called unto him, (Abraham) out from this extract: "The Spiritualism of the Bible is but little un-Heaven.'

derstood even by those who are its especial expounders, I fear, judging from the position they gel called out from ? Was it a great ways off? and occupy on the subject of what they term modern away up in some place? If so, what a tremendous Spiritualism.

voice the angel must have had. A cannon of the Spiritualism is the same to-day it was at the creation. It should always be man's guide in life. If it was ever worthy of man's confidence it is which way is it from China? Is it up also, from there? And if it is up from these two points, is it now."

Doubtless there is much to learn as to the facts not up from all other points? And if it is not so oni the seer,' again see 12 Chron. 16, 10, 'then Asa and laws of Spiritualism-whether considered as far off, but that an angel's voice be heard, is it not phenomenal manifestations in history or develop- more than probable that Heaven is close by us, house.' See same book 12, 15, 'and of Iddo the years of age, whose parents live in Buffalo, and ments in the providence and economy of God. and must it not from necessity surround the earth. Were it not so, there would be no wisdom, much | Was not the idea of a distant Heaven fixed in the |9, 'and the Lord spake unto Gad, David's seer.' By less benevolence in Dr. Wood's catering for the mind of a man when this earth was supposed to be this it seems that David, the man after God's own in this girl's presence, and we were glad to avail at his command. Then if it is the duty of all to forgotten. No, your name, your deeds, will correction of the ignorant and the conversion of the center of the world? Spiritualists believe so heart, kept a seer on purpose that he might the skeptical. As, however, progression is the far as I know, that Heaven is all around us, and through him as a medium, consult the Lord as to order of life, we are safe in saying it is God's that the souls, spirits, angels (and they are all one) his duty. I wish my opponents to notice another method of educating His children, and that we of our friends are at all times by our side if we will fact, that when a king, ruler or judge became should be putient with the crring, in whatever re- allow them to be; unless sent on missions by an wealthy, they were very apt to forget to finquire lation of life we may find them. We say this by all-wise God.

way of quickening the memory of the Doctor and What kind of a Heaven would it be, if all who all others who, in their cagerness and anxiety to cry Lord, Lord, were admitted into one great room, 12 Chron. 16, 1-12. have Spiritualism understood and appreciated, oc- as some would have us believe Heaven is. Would casionally forget there must be a spring-time before it be as quiet as Barnum's happy family. Pardon there can be a harvest. me reader but the comparison would present itself. We are thankful, however, for the following The fact is Barnum himself never got up so great a

facts and reflections; and hope the Doctor will con- humbug as is the notion that Heaven is at a great tinue the series, until he thinks justice has been distance from us. done to ancient as well as modern Spiritualism. The Spiritualism that existed in the days of

We omit a few of the Doctor's opening remarks, Noah, Moses, Samuel and all the prophets and general argument. He says :

"All laws should be founded in reason, in justice, and undoubtedly was originally, for they could They rejected it, and Christ and the apostles with stituted man's religion.

Religion then is from necessity a thing of reason, accompanied by emotion or feeling. Without rea- the apostles, but do their lives correspond with the Christ and the apostles would not have so soon been other, and therefore in a manner ignorant of God. another.

Without an enlightened reason, man becomes a Spiritualists so far as I know, believe that as a blind bigot, a stupid zealot, or a ranting fanatic. man dies, just so he meets the judgment. It that they are split up into all sorts of isms: and that The question then is, Was there a religion in the is true would not Heaven be a pandemonium spoken of in Gen. 1, 2, and at the 28, also. God to them, and thus saith the Lord, &c. is made essed of a devil. Churches quarrel with each other, use of more or less through the whole of the Old about matters of faith, and their internal feuds, and the people now to enable the priesthood to hold do-Testament. And yet it will be hard to persuade backbitings, and slander, and love of pomp and minion over the minds of men. intelligent persons that God himself spoke direct- vain glory, and of mammon, dress, folly and glutly to man. Whether that is so or not it is of no tony has paralysed them; they are palsied, vital opposed every science and almost every art in their great importance to me so far as my object is con- piety has been crushed out, and the worship of the day. They must progress-be up with the times; cerned.

That God impresses man at his will in some tence and piety has melted away like dew, as such they must grapple with all their might with the subway there is no doubt. As to the means used in | evils have been tolerated. the primitive ages we know nothing, only by in-

ference, from a later period.

But to return. So far as I know Spiritualists of it as another evidence of man's progressive nature

a careful examination of the Bible we very easily ever must be willing to be guided, they must put latter, looked upon with distrust by many of the find that God chose persons to become mediums trust in Him. It must be a rational, reasonable (uneducated' portions of the church, Vaccination Plaindealer. It is now left for us to make this discovery. By the path of duty if they will allow him to, they how- and Geology were both, and are yet, particularly the

Now where is, or was, this Heaven that the anchap., and see if they find any Spiritualism there. more years before Christ, what is the difference. loudest thunder, is heard but a few miles at best. They both inquired of the Lord, and are both corwas wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison

seer.' see also 1 Chron. 29, 29, and same book 21, whose father was also present.

of the Lord,' but followed after their own counsel, and suffered the consequences, as one example, see

Now all this was very proper in the estimation of so many of our opponents as are acquainted with of the room, hold of hands. The gas was turned to cultivate a spirit of love can hardly fail to the facts, but all very wrong now; all agreeable to off and soon the raps began. At first they ap- possess the spirit of Heaven. Let the vivid lightthe will of God in the first place, but all the work of peared on the lid of the instrument : then upon | nings flash, and the muttering thunders sound, the Devil in the latter case.

The great diffi culty many of my opponents labor and several communications spelled out. At length, remain unmoved, for they are based upon that under as to Spiritual phenomena arises from a as they are conjectural and not essential to the times of Christ and the apostles exists now. But wrong impression they have of the coming and mis- one of preludes often played by professional artists. brighter and brighter, though change and unthe mass of people never saw it. The children of sion of Christ. They, as well as myself, were Then came a roar of melodies like the lashing of certainty be stamped upon every thing that bears Israel never saw it in its proper and true light .- taught to believe that Christ's coming put an end the waters, which died away in Eolian sweetness the image of earth. to Spiritual phenomena, while on the other hand it like echoes in a cave. Sudden as the lightning's

have been no other than the laws of God. And it, and so of the people of the world, and of the exalted it, made it more tangible or perceptible to flash, the instrument would seem besieged, and the law from the very necessity of the case, con- church now. They all occupy precisely the same man than it had before been. And had not man louder than heaven's artillery would ring the strings ground. Professors of religion, profess to believe so soon fallen back into an almost utter state of until the very walls of the house would seem to a great business is done in sermons. Discourses now, in Moses and the prophets, and in Christ and barbarism, 'the signs that followed' the teachings of shake and the windows violently rattle. Spectason man cannot understand the Bible or nature, life and character of those men. To profess to be- lost. The Prostestant portion of this country ought be destroyed. The music closed and next was and to be ignorant of one is to be ignorant of the lieve is one thing; to live, to do their teaching is all to be aware that their birth is but a day, as it heard the harsh grating of a screw as if turned by indolent to prepare them for themselves. The the root of all the charities. The the root of all the charities. were, back on the wheel of time. They are but an a wrench while the strings were snapped and acoff-shoot at best of Popery. They should recollect | tually put in tune.

Next came several familiar airs, both parts being all the different sects go to the Bible for their supat the same time well played. Then one end of days of Adam? and if so, was it Spiritual, or was of confusion, were there not separate spheres to port. There are quite too many old schools and new the Piano is lifted, and let down with such force it one of forms, or of both? The Spirit of God is which each one may go, according to his fitness? schools to incline people to believe they are all en- as to jar the whole house. The gas is turned on, Let not some elect predestinarian feel uneasy at tirely right, or all entirely wrong. They should be the room brilliantly lighted, and there sits the meis represented as talking with Adam and Eve," this, I am going to give him and his creed, the be- willing to know, that all the 'education' and Bible dium upon her stool, calm as a summer morn,-"And God said unto them,"-2, 10, Gen.-"And nefit of a careful examination in due time, that the reading is not confined to them. It is different now and here, hold of hands in the centre of the room, the Lord God commanded man." This figure of public may better understand who are infidels and from what it was a few years ago, when no one bat a sits the circle. The keys can hardly be reached speech, with slight deviations, as, and God said un- who are fatalists, and who are deluded, and poss- 'divine' dared express an opinion as to what was, or with both hands by the tallest person in the room, was not truth. There is too much intelligence among and sitting upon the stool the keys cannot be reached at all. The medium cannot play a tune, having never taken a music lesson in her life. No one in the company can play as the invisible agent

mer cloud.

And they must submit to it, they have as a body in the room was found with muscular strength sufficient to raise one end of the instrument from the Lord has given way to extravagance. True peni- when new fields for exploration present themselves, floor.

" Can such things be, and overcome us like a sumject, and if it is truth that presents itself, make sure Without our special wonder?"

We read of Spirits doing stranger things eighteen believe that God in some way will guide them in and the unbounded wisdom of God. Astronomy hundred years ago. The Bible is full of such "manifestations." Many people believe the writ-

called a secr, see 1 Sam. 9, 9 also 18, 19, 'I am the jestic was exhibited at a private house in this city hungy feed him, if he be thirsty give him drink, for more than the insects of yesterday. seer,' says Samuel; see also 12 Chron. 19, 2. 'Han- the other night, in the presence of some twenty in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his thus live and die, O man immortal? Live fors of our most respectable citizens, the Medium being head." Love moves the power that moves the thing. Do good, and leave behind you a Miss Sarah Brooks, a young lady of some eighteen universe.

erful than the monarch that has fleets and armies contact with year by year, and you never w ourselves of a polite invitation to witness the same. cultivate a spirit of love, especially is it the duty legible on the hearts you leave behind, as the s The room was a parlor of ordinary dimensions, the of those that have been partakers of the Divine on the brow of evening. Good deeds will shin Piano was one of the largest kind of Rosewood, and spirit; although bearing different names and oc- the stars of Heaven.

to make the experiment satisfactory the key- cupying different fields of labor, nevertheless, they board was turned against the wall and the Piano are bound by those kindred ties which unite the was set "chuck up." The young lady sat on a sacramental host of God's dear people in one comstool in the rear of the Piano, near enough to lay mon family, and are aiming at one common object, her hand upon the cover of the instrument. The which is the advancement of the Redeemer's kingbalance of the people sat in a circle in the center dom in the world. And those who earnestly strive the strings inside. The alphabet was called for and confficting elements shake the world, they thrumming commenced on the keys, reminding eternal principle that will continue to shine A. H.

THE SERMON TRADE IN ENGLAND .--- It is perhaps unknown to many of our readers that in England are written upon the prominent subjects of the retors started in fright, fearing the instrument would ligious or social world, and sold at various prices, according to their merit, to preachers who are too London Athenaum savs :--

noyed by a nonsensical sermon in his own parish communicate, and more willing to real on the late Thanksgiving Sunday morning, he sought in the evening of the same day for improved spiritual food in the church of an adjoining parish. than the tinman's trade. When the love There in due time to his horror and amazement fires up the passions, puts its lightning he re-heard the same text given out, and was con- brain, then men may demned to sit through the same identical sermon delivered over again, word for word, by another shines the flame that kills him. Compared clergyman. He was at first inclined to believe that this, the emulations of argument, the purs this was mere evidence of a good understanding be-tween the rector of one parish and the curate of tween the rector of one parish and the curate of mation, are as the sounds of automata to the another, a proof of a kind of intercommunage between those reverend worthies, by which one set of man. of sermons was made to do duty for two preachers. did, even sitting down by the keys; and no lady But chancing the following morning to take up one of the clerical newspapers, his attention was ar-rested by the following advertisement: "To the

clergy : Sevastopol.-Sermons ready for Sunday beautiful, which he could not well understand next, being the day appointed for offering up prayer was very much delighted with the vision next, being the day appointed for onering up prayer and thanksgiving for the capture of Sevastopol."— Curiosity led our correspondent to expend half a crown in the purchase of one of the ready-made ecclesiastical articles. On looking at it, he most in a moment however, after the

trapped into listening to on the day before.

Do Good.-Thousands of men breathe, c ment of virtue that the storm of time can Love was the moving cause of man's purchased destroy. Write your name in kindness, low redemption; it exerts an influence far more pow- mercy, on the hearts of thousands you com INTELLIGENCE OF A DEAF MUTE. - A pupil

> Abbe Sicard gave the following extraordina swers: "What is gratitude ?" "Gratitude memory of the heart." "What is hope ?" is the blossom of happiness." What is the ence between hope and desire ?" " Desire in leaf; hope is a tree in flower; and enjoyn a tree in fruit." "What is eternity?" without yesterday or to-morrow; a line # no ends.' "What is time ?" "A line this two ends; a path which begins in the zer ends in the tomb." "What is God ?" "In cessary being, the sun of eternity, the meth of nature, the eye of justice, the match-mat the universe, the soul of the world." "Poes reason?" "Man reasons because he doubt deliberates; he decides; God is omniscient knows all things; he never doubts; he t never reasons.'

TRUTH IN CONVERSATION .- The love of the stimulus of all noble conversation. springs from it may have a thousand brack hey will all bear a golden and generous A correspondent tells us that having been an- It is the loftiest impulse to inquiretemptuous of petty curiosity, but passed glorious knowledge. Speech without it babble; rhetoric is more noisy but les know that a among them. This is the spring of all m and clothes the martyr with a flame

> THE CHILD'S VISION .- A night or inter child of brilliant intellect died in this city "To the Boston paper. At midnight he saw sa

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