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or romarks, (in which the effort are has in modifying spon-

his true that within the last few years my views many things have been undergoing a great change, etrath of my conclusions, I feel less confidence in cosmatters and belief. When I was in C---and Spiritual direction, and to others in a potruth, and at the present time those evimore skeptical upon the matter than myself. I which I saw struck me as being very curious and meto a farther investigation, and with my mind open to conviction of the truth or falsity of the Spiritual theory, I cautiously proceeded in my inrejugnant to all reasonable ideas of Spirit life, but from most of the manifestations which I witnessed, said to have taken place which he had never seen, Church has generally taught. I believe that what I kept accumulating evidence upon evidence of and which he did not believe had ever taken place, Stit identity and intelligence, independent of The could have been known to the medium thigh whom the manifestations were given. But agree to give up his "back-brain,' theory. fit until after more than a year of patient investi-Bailon dol I fully acknowledge, to myself even, that I was a believer in Spiritual manifestations. I knew that the phenomena were not the result of intentienal deception, long before I became a believer in their Spiritual origin, but I was doubtful whether they might not be the action of some element or power in nature which was not understood, and I was glad, therefore, to know that some of the best minds in the country had commenced in carnest to and out the truth or falsity of the Spiritual theory, showing, that in the end, truth was sure to triumph ever errer. Books had been written, and opinions at 1 emplanations given of the phenomena which were hiended to upset the Spiritual theory ; but weid seem, as if, when explanations were given bacount for the phenomena, or some particular the of the phenomena, that new manifestations  $\pi_{\rm is constantly}$  occurring which those explanations well not reach at all. Professor Farraday exby the involuntary action of the muscles of the arm. Professor Hare, of Philadelphia, adopted Farraday's explanation, and wrote, and talked, and lectured against Spiritualism. But when Farraday's theory was published, a thousand witnesses stood up, and might have laughed at such an explanation, while ing against Spiritualism for a time, heard of other

world. And when it was known that he had en-

belief that, from his master-mind. Spiritualism would receive its death-blow. His mind was peculiarly adapted for the investigation of such a subhis belief in Spiritualism of any kind was dead.-He was a thorough Materialist, a disbeliever in the soul's immortality, in the existence of God, or at any rate in His individuality or personality. He

was not a Christian; he did not believe in the miracles of the Bible ; in fact, he believed in nothing which could not be demonstrated by positive evidence. From such a mind the proposition that the Spirits of the departed could and did communicate with men met, in the first place, with positive unbelief. In such a state of mind he proceed-

ed in the investigation of what he believed to be either a humbug or a delusion, with a positive determination to expose and explode the whole Spiritual theory.

He started upon the ground that the professed mediums either wilfully deceived the investigator, or that the intelligence given was a sort of involuntary action of the brain of the medium, making him innocent of the charge of deception. In order to guard against and frustrate both or either of these theories, he substituted a variety of appara-

tus, or machines, for the reception of the manifestations, in place of the ordinary modes of tipping of the table, &c. These inventions of his-the reat least, have attained a more definite shape, and sult, mind you, of a highly scientific mind-he mouch I may be convinced in my own mind of was positive would guard him against being deceived in his investigations, and through which, he conthey for sympathy from those with whom I fidently expected to blow sky-high all the pretenwhat I have said, I refer to sions of a Spiritual theory. But what was his as tonishment when he found that, through his careummer I blated my belief in the truth of fully guarded apparatus, the unseen and unknown That the Spirits of our de- power operated with an equal facility as through the fields can, and do communicate with us. the simple tipping of a table. Experiment after ame, anconsciously to themselves, by impres- experiment followed in his investigations, and evidence of such an overwhelming character crowded tread tangible manner. Of this truth I have upon him, that the manifestations were the result a Spirit communion are open to all who will edge of the medium, or the action of his own mind, festations tend to discredit the Bible? Quite to the

to be one of the most scientific men in this country, its truth, and it cannot be with any good reason; A large portion of the Bible, its prophecies, ecsta. from it, while another would require a more posiand whose reputation, as such, is not confined to for have not other religions also produced insanity cies, visions, trances, theophanies and angelophanies this country alone. His opinion upon any scientific in many instances? No sect could claim exclusion are more or less tinged with odylic characteristics. subject, would command the highest respect and from such a charge, and should that fact argue The physiology, the anthropology of the Bible, is seem to indicate the presence of very evil Spirits, attention from the ablest scientific minds in the against the truth of the doctrines of any sect? If so, where shall truth be found? Not in the Bible, tered upon a searching investigation of the so- for many persons, upon becoming suddenly imcalled Spiritual Manifestations, there were many pressed with its sublime and holy truths, have been opponents of Spiritualism who chuckled in the firm | made incurably insane thereby.

Love has made thousands upon thousands insane, but on that account must that holy principle, implanted within our breasts by the Almighty, and jcct. It certainly was not biased in its favor, for taught by Him through Christ as the very foundation of true religion, be discarded and stifled within us? Money has made thousands insane; but does that argue against its good uses? And so on through the whole catalogue of the causes of insanity the same argument will apply.

That Spiritualism tends in any degree to overthrow or weaken a belief in the true Christian religion, or that it is at war with the teachings of the Bible, I utterly deny. On the contrary, its tendency is just the reverse. It makes the Christian a real living fact, clothed in the beautiful garments which Christ gave it, of Love, Charity, Benevolence, and good works, instead of a dead faith. decked with the gew-gaws of pompous ceremonies, and the rattling shrouds of man-invented creeds.

I do not mean to say that the different sects of Christians of the present day are devoid of all the Christian virtues. Far, very far otherwise, for there are thousands, I know, whose hearts and lives are true to God and Christ, and among such I recognize

tendency of the teachings of the Church, at the present day, is towards a blind faith in written creeds, and in ceremonies, and in basing their hopes of salvation on what occurred two thousand years ago, instead of leaving the heart and mind open to the reception of diviner influences from a higher source. God's laws are immutable and unchangeable, and I cannot bring my mind to believe that he visited the Prophets and Sages of old with his choicest blessings of wisdom and knowledge of truth, and at the same time deny that with suitable conditions, his influences may be as active to-day as then. All through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelations, Spiritual manifestations are recorded, and in many instances identical in character with those which are occurring at the present theshadow of a doubt. The evidences of the of an independent intelligence, aside from all knowl- day. Can it be said, then, that the present mani-

such, it will be found to harmonize with the general principles of human experience in such matters in all ages. If a theory be adopted everywhere else but in the Bible, excluding Spiritual intervention by odylic channels in toto, and accounting for everything physically, then will the covers of the will sweep its way through the Bible, and its authority; its plenary inspirations will be annihilated." In other words, if they deny, in toto, the power of Spirits to manifest themselves at the present day, and attribute all these wonderful manifestations to

simple physical laws, it will tend to destroy the authenticity of the inspired Word, and will eventually make all men materialists.

These "Spiritual Manifestations" are recognized and foreshadowed in the Bible. Paul says: "For, to one is given the word of wisdom; to another, other, the gifts of healing; to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, tongues; to another, the interpretation of tongues."

than these-for He said, "He that believeth in me, the works that I do, shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do."

This belief in Spirit communion is not by any you, my dear sisters. But what I mean is, that the means a new belief; and it appears to me more than estonishing that ministers of the Gospel should be so obstinate in their opposition to it.-guardianship of angels. President Dwight gave miracles recorded in the Bible. Now, to my mind, full credence to the agency of Spirits, and says :- the revelations of Spiritualism make its truth as 'That angels (or Spirits) should communicate clear as the noonday sun. thoughts either good or evil, to mankind, is originally no more improbable than that we should communicate them to each other." Dr. Johnson says, the scenes on earth, where in the flesh they had suffered or rejoiced, seems to have been grafted in the human mind by the Creator." Bishop Potter. of Pennsylvania, says: "Should not this suggest hat are represented as abroad amongst men- afterward appeared first to Mary, and then to his that he was forced to succumb to that evidence, contrary, they go far towards corroborating, and those legions of Spirits that are flying, as God's disciples. And we are to believe that He appearministers of mercy, to his heirs of salvation, or as ed to them very suddenly in all instances-to the Princess Matilda of Schwartzenburg, a young lady the devil's emissaries in the work of death to disciples while they were in a room with closed souls ?" Says Milton: doors; and that He as suddenly disappeared, when performed by Christ. His miracles were the direct """ Think not, though man were none That heaven would want spectators, God want praise; Millions of Spiritual beings walk the earth, Unseen, both when we wake and when we sleep." he left them, showing that material substances were manifestations of to-day tend so strongly to corrobowhile in their presence they touched Him, in order to be convinced that it was really He who appear-The Rev. Dr. Nott, President of Union College, old, that to believe in these, there is not a loop-hole says: "But though the dead be forgotten by the ed to them. Now, how was it, after having been living, the living will not be forgotten by the dead. killed, that He could re-appear to them through closed doors, and at the same time clothed in his The dead may be present, seeing, though unseen; sent back to earth on some errand of mercy; or own human form? To my mind it can be reasonbe a firm believer in the Bible, and in the truths of perhaps, the guardian angels of living ones left be- ably and satisfactorily explained in this way. The Christianity. What I mean is, that Spiritualism,

the manifestations which have occurred, would highly odylic, and must be studied as such. As but before deciding that their intentions are evil, the circumstances of the case should be taken into will be, is quite natural to suppose; and that wicked consideration. Take, for instance, the manifestations which occurred in the house of the Rev. Dr. Phelps, at Stratford, Connecticut, where there was manifest destruction of property-breaking of furniture-destroying clothing-displacing and hiding Bible prove but pasteboard barriers. Such a theory articles, &c., &c. These manifestations, at first particularly, were extremely violent, and Dr. Phelps in the goodness of God, and with our minds and continued for a long time to persist that Spirits had nothing to do with them. But finally, perfectly there is no fear but what, in the end, Truth will be convinced against his own will, he consented to

hear what they had to say, and the manifestations were much less boisterous after the family consented to hold communion with them. The same was you an idea of my thoughts upon this very imthe case in the Fox family, in Rochester, and it is portant subject. And yet I feel that I have not. a matter of doubt if these violent manifestations by any means, exhausted what I have to say, and had not continued for some time, whether any re- if you feel inclined to write me your views, or liable intelligence would ever have been received state any objections which I have not considered, the word of knowledge; to another, faith; to an- from them. As it was, they were driven to the I will thank you. I wish that you would do so, adoption of some mode whereby they could ascer- for there can be no harm done in discussing tain the origin of the power which created the dis- the question, and in doing so we may all approach discerning of Spirits; to another, divers kinds of turbance. Many of the physical manifestations nearer to the truth. given by Spirits are very beautiful in their charac-And what was enacted then, is being re-enacted ter, given, as they generally are, for the purpose of now. Christ even foreshadowed greater thiugs convincing the investigator of their actual presence, and oftentimes as tests as to Spirit identity. Is analagous to that of the taily of hands. It is chiefly exhibited by laying on of hands. These, by themselves, aside from the circumstances There are also manipulations resembling those of connected with them, might appear frivolous, whereas to the honest inquirer they are in the of the hand that the cure is effected, and the name highest degree significant. The resurrection of of mesmerism is entirely abjured; the cures are Christ has always appeared to me to be the most wonderful of all the miracles connected with the Luther, the great Reformer, maintained fully and life of the Savior; and the fact itself has probably our assent to the influence of some extraordinary openly the doctrine of Spiritual intercourse and had more obstinate disbelievers than any of the agency. When cancers are healed, crooked spines

It is recorded that Christ, after having been dead, or separated from his body three days, arose again, or made his appearance again taking unto himself that "the idea of Spirits of the deceased revisiting the same human form which had been crucified cures; but it so happens that they are performed upou the cross. The stone which was rolled away from the door of the sepulchre, was removed by still belongs, to a great variety of sects and faiths angels, or spirits, in the form of men, probably the The Brahmins in India do wonders with the touch same ones that appeared sitting, one at the head the descendants of the Prophet of the greater to us how much like truth are the revelations of and the other at the feet of the place where Jesus Desert are also remarkable for the cures that they Scripture, in respect to the good and bad angels had lain-a purely spiritual manifestation. Christ effect in this manner. The Prince Hohenlehe,

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Spirit of God. Every Spirit that confesseth that tive test by some physical manifestation. Some of Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God ; and every Spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God." That there were false prophets or teachers then, are now, and always men will use Spiritualism as a cloak to cover up their evil designs, as they have, in thousands of cases, so used Christianity in all ages, must be expected. Such men have already attempted to engraft upon Spiritulism their obnoxious doctrines and practices; but with a prayerful reliance and faith hearts open to the reception of Divine influences. sure to triumph.

I have written more than I anticipated when I commenced, but I could not say less in order to give

### THE HEALING MEDIUMSHIP.

The healing mediumship of modern Spiritualism mesmerism; but in general, it is by the firm touch ascribed exclusively to spirit influence. Almost every species of disease has been repeatedly cured in a manner so quick and so decided as to compel made straight, and the sight and the hearing restored, even by common medical remedies, the cases are recorded as marvelous demonstrations of medical skill. But when such things are done without skill at all, merely by the application of the human hand, what can we say but that there is greater healing virtue in a hand than in a drug? Perhaps they are not spirits that perform these by those who believe in spirit agency, and ascribe not many years ago, astounded all the Western world with his therapeutic miracles, by touch and prayer alone. His complete restoration of the of 17, who had been 9 years a cripple, who could not turn herself in bed nor stand on her feet, is one of the best-attested miracles in history. The prince commanded her to rise, in the name of the no barriers against his coming and departure. And Lord Jesus, thoroughly healed. His power declined, and finally left him; but there can be no doubt. notwithstanding the unwillingness of the Protestants to admit the truth of his mediumship, that it was a reality. He was a Roman Catholic, and the Protestants thought that by admitting the fact of the prince's miracles, they must admit the truth of Popish superstition and all its ritualism,-an absurd and illogical conclusion; but so they reasoned. Valentine Greatrakes, as remarkable a healing medium as Hohenlohe, was a Protestant. The power appears to be independent of creed, and gives no attestation of the doctrinal orthodoxy of him who holds it. The Author of Christianity has decidedly said that many shall do mighty works in his name, and yet he shall say to them at last. "I never knew you." But still the works are facts. and the mediumship is a fact, whatsoever the creed or conduct of the medium. We do not subscribe to the Spiritualist's creed because he has one of the gifts. Properly speaking, Spiritualists have no creed of a special or formal character. They believe in the agency of Spirits with every possible variety of doctrine. Spiritual ism is not a new church, nor a church at all, but it is a confirmation of a truth which ought to be held by all churches that have any life in them : himself again-thus accounting for his sudden ap- and if it be objected that these cures are done by Spirits, and not nominally by the Lord himself, as of old, it should be remembered that he promised that what he did we should do also; for we are all one in him. This the Spirits acknowledge, all in some way or other. The revival of the gift seems to have begun with the Roman Catholics, in the person of Prince Hohenlohe, about 40 years ago. Immediately after its decline in his person, it appeared amongst the Protestants, about 25 years ago: no church accept ed it as a fact, but the congregation of Edward Irving, of the Scotch Church, received the manifestations with respect, and gradually became a separate body in the usual Protestant fashion. Mrs. Maxwell, lame for 23 years, and using crutches for three years and a half, was cured instantane ously: Miss Fancourt, Miss Hughes, and Elizabeth Hall, were all similar cases of marvelous and sud spirit-healing, most of which were concealed by phenomena connected with the appearance of the veil of private domestic life. Similar cases itself for some years chiefly amongst the mesmerists: then it seemed, after a few years, to decline many than it used to be some years ago. Traveling through the different phases of principle and faith, it arrived at the Spiritualists of America. torical parallel in apostolic times, and even in those the modern gift was not surpassed except in the This gift is naturally very popular amongst the

interact such a positive character that I will and he is now a firm believer in Spirit communion. thereby strengthening a belief in the truth of the the to sty no one who will investigate the sub- With this belief comes also other belief. He now miracles there recorded. I do not desire to comit will an eye open only to attaining the truth, believes in a Supreme Being. He knows-which pare the present manifestations with the miracles massing how the perfect conviction of its reality. is better than faith alone-of the eternal existence What has heard of the Spiritual manifestations, of the soul after its separation from the body. He acts of the Most High. But I do think that the brailenging and table tipping, and the various knows now that the miracles recorded in the Bible ether alleged phonomena, no one could have been are true. And yet it is sometimes asked what rate the truth of the wonderful things recorded of

good have these Spiritual manifestations done?believed it to be all humbug and deception. Cu- The Rev. Dr. Dods took up the subject of Spiritual to escape from the perfect belief in those. I theretesty, in the first place, induced me to an inves- manifestations, and, Eureka! he had discovered fore think it utterly impossible for a person to befation of the subject. The first manifestations the true secret of the matter, and wrote a book, lieve in the present Spiritual manifestations and not giving a full explanation of the whole thing as  $\hbar e$ monderful, but not enough so to convince me of their understood it. He was a psychologist, and he be-Spiritual origin; but they were enough to induce lieved that the whole phenomena were the result so far as my experience extends, tends in a direct of the action of the back-brain, and people thought and positive manner to confirm the truths which they saw things that they did'nt see. Mediums were enabled to tip and rap out, and write things the miracles recorded in the Bible, a positive and resignions. I saw, from time to time, much that which were quite unknown to themselves, simply tangible demonstration. It is true that the teachappeared to me uusatisfactory, much even that was by the involuntary action of the back brain.-There were certain alleged phenomena which were

> When he could see such and such phenomena, such not a violation or deviation from the laws of naas table-moving without contact, &e., he would | ture or of the Deity, but that they were in strict It is presumed that Dr. Dods has been favored

> tent, for he has become a believer that it is nothing and some of those by the old Prophets, I believe less than spirits out of the body that produced to have been the direct manifestations of the Althese phenomena.

It is astonishing with what perseverance the op- violation of any of His established laws. In many ponents of spirit communion continue their oppo- of the Spiritual manifestations recorded in the sition. When they are driven from one position, Bible, which come under the head of miracles, we by some one capable of grappling with the subject. First, it was all humbug and delusion, or deception angels in the performance of those miracles,—such -then it was animal magnetism and psycologydriven to the wall-they freely acknowledge the many, if not most of the revelations of God's truth reality of the phenomena-say it is wonderful, to men have been given through the mediumship mystericus, can't be accounted for, but it isn't of angels, who are spirits of just men made perfect. spiritual. Or, perhaps, one like Bishop Hopkins, A most prominent instance of this is the Revelaof Vermont, says and believes it is spiritual, but it tions given to John in the Isle of Patmos; and the upon examination, they have been found to be is the spirit of the devil! Ah, yes, it is the devil angel who gave those revelations, it is distinctly world, going about seeking whom he may devour. the earth in times past. Ile says, "and I, John, But what is the work which this arch enemy of saw these things and heard them. And when I mankind is doing? Has he turned reformer and had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before philanthropist, casting away the sword of evil, and the feet of the angel which showed me these things. holding in his right hand, instead, the balm of Then said he unto me, see thou do it not, for I am there one phase of the phenomena, the moving Gilead? healing the sick-making the blind to see thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren the prophliked his views, declaring that the table was moved deaf-making the lame to walk-guiding the book; worship God." And still further, with regard which flows from the city of our God, and on are not in accordance with the Bible, let us hear whose banks grows the everlasting tree of life, what the Rev. Charles Beecher says upon the subwhose leaves shall be for the healing of the nations? ject. Mr. Beecher was appointed by "The Congre-I, for one, protest against the idea that it can be an gational Association of New York and Brooklyn," evil spirit, who is doing all these good works. It to investigate the "Spiritual Manifestations." It declaring that tables, and other material objects, may be said that it is not good alone which results should be borne in mind that he is the pastor of a one man, who had even been an entire skeptic beupon the Church, and a war upon the teachings of jetting through the crevices of a dyke." He con-

tellable manifestations, which he found could not the Bible, and that it gives a character to the Spirit- cludes his report as follows: "Whatever physiolobe explained by the theory which he had embraced ual world, which is undignified and frivolous. gical law accounts for odylic phenomena in all ages, from Farraday. He was, therefore, induced to a That the subject has made some, nay, many people will in the end inevitably carry itself through the fuil examination and investigation of the subject. insanc, cannot of course be denied. But that Bible, where it deals with the phenomena of soul

body of Christ was, to be sure, a human body, but hind ' Positive "Spiritual manifestations" occurred in it held more than a human spirit. God manifested is remarkable a manner as any of the present day, himself in and through the body of Jesus, and con-Christ taught, and adds to a faith in the belief of in the family of the Rev. John Wesley, the founder sequently the life of Jesus was purely spiritualof Methodism; and he was a firm believer of their free from all guile or the possibility of it, and also, immediate presence and their ability to commu- as a matter of course, his spirit had full and perings of Spiritualism give a different construction as nicate and to make physical manifestations. And fect control over his material body, and his body to the character of the miracles, than that which the so hundreds of other instances could be cited, even became as it were Spiritualized before his where men of the past-good men and true-have death. When he was crucified his Spirit left the is called a miracle, as recorded in the Bible, was believed in and advocate the truth of Spirit com- body for awhile, but he had the power to assume munion; and it is left to this day for men high in or enter into his form again, and did so. Also that the church-men who claim apostolic honors, even He had the power after his resurrection to throw accordance with those laws. God is immutable and unchangeable, and His laws are in harmony with to teach the doctrines of Christ-to be bold enough off or dissipate into the atmosphere his material by the sight of wonderful things to his heart's con- His character. The miracles performed by Christ to deny the faith of their fathers, the belief of their body at pleasure, and at pleasure draw it unto churches, the belief of the apostles, and the almost universal belief of the Christian world.

pearance and disappearance to those who had bemighty, but that they were all done without a held Him. It is a well established fact among The other objection made against "Spiritual manifestations"-that "it gives a character to the Spiritualists that, under favorable conditions, Spirits Spiritual would which is undignified and frivolous" have the power of producing from the atmosphere, -I answer, in the first place, If the manifestations in connection with the emanations which proceed which would some channel which was not understood, and sition. When they are driven from one position, Bible, which come under the head of inflates, not a distort, in the second states, in the second states and states an from the medium or circle, material forms, such as permitted them to take place for the good of man- a perfect hand. These have been distinctly seen as the rolling away of the stone from the door of kind; and if they were not in accordance with His by very many-seen to float around through the now it is one thing, and then another, until finally the sepulchre, &c.; and we are led to believe that laws, it would not be possible for them to occur.room-to write communications and perform other physical manifestations; and they have been touch-Spiritual communications teach, and I believe, that the Spirit or soul of the man, upon its dissolution ed and examined thoroughly, and on being held from the body, enters the Spiritual world in the strongly have become dissolved into the atmossame state of development in which it left this phere.

These facts I do not expect you to believe, and world; and in proportion to its development in this world, is its ability to progress to a higher state in I only state them for the purpose of showing you When y have been found to be is the spirit of the devil! Ah, yes, it is the devil! Ah, yes, it is the devil! Ah, yes, it is the devil angel who gave those revelations, it is distinctly world, is its ability to progress to a night state in 1 only state one is the spirit of the devil! Ah, yes, it is the devil angel who gave those revelations, it is distinctly world, is its ability to progress to a night state in 1 only state one is the spirit of the devil. Ah, yes, it is the devil angel who gave those revelations, it is distinctly world, is its ability to progress to a night state in 1 only state one is the spirit of a man who had lived upon the life hereafter; and such manifestations as are that if they be true, as persons who have seen them and these were but a few of the many cases of an upder state is to understand the spirit healing most of which were concealed by made of a frivolous or an apparent evil character, cannot doubt, how easy it is to understand the goodness, But it is a serious question in my own Christ after his resurrection. It is certain that, afare made by Spirits who have not progressed in mind, whether all and every Spirit manifestation, ter his resurrection, his appearance was not the same as before his crucifixion; for when Mary whatever be its character, may not have its good uses. There are different classes of minds, each first saw him and talked with him, she did not amongst them, the power being far less vigorous in d ables, den-and, after some experiments, he pub- physically and spiritually-opening the ears of the easy of the easy of the sayings of this one of which requires a different kind of evidence know who it was, but thought it was the gardener; to convince it of the same truth. Now, to my mind, and it was not until her spiritual eyes were opened weary and heart-broken to that river of peace to the idea that the present Spiritual manifestations the most important fact disclosed or proved by the that she knew it was Jesus, the same with respect to where it has shown, for the last few years, greater evidence of Spirit communion, is the simple truth, his appearance to his disciples. To my mind, vigor, and on a more extensive scale, than that the soul of man lives on after the death of Spiritualism has thus philosophically damonstrated has done in historical times. With them, the powthe body, coupled with the truth of its ability to the truth of the records of the Apostles as to the modiums who not with much but resident in the hold communion with man while in the body.— positive, tangible appearance of Christ after his re-Now, to be convinced of these two simple facts, surrection.

It has been objected that the modern Spiritual had been seen by them to move without any human to move without any human from a belief in Spiritualism: that it makes people regular orthodox church. He says: "Whenever fore might be so convinced by a vision, or seeing manifestations, the communications, are contradic-the modern Spiritualism: that it makes people regular orthodox church. He says: "Whenever fore might be so convinced by a vision, or seeing manifestations, the communications are contradic-the modern Spiritualism: that it makes people regular orthodox church. He says: "Whenever fore might be so convinced by a vision, or seeing manifestations, the communications are contradic-the modern Spiritualism: that it makes people regular orthodox church. He says: "Whenever fore might be so convinced by a vision, or seeing manifestations, the communications are contradic-the modern Spiritualism: that it makes people regular orthodox church. He says: "Whenever fore might be so convinced by a vision, or seeing manifestations, the communications are contradic-the modern Spiritualism: that it makes people regular orthodox church. He says: "Whenever fore might be so convinced by a vision, or seeing manifestations, the communications are contradic-the modern Spiritualism: that it makes people regular orthodox church. He says: "Whenever fore might be so convinced by a vision, or seeing manifestations, the communications are contradic-the modern Spiritualism: that it makes people regular orthodox church. He says: "Whenever fore might be so convinced by a vision, or seeing manifestations, the communications are contradic-the modern Spiritualism: that it makes people regular orthodox church. He says: "Whenever fore might be so convinced by a vision, or seeing manifestations, the communications are contradic-the modern Spiritualism: that it makes people regular orthodox church. He says are contradic-the modern Spiritualism are contradic-the modern Spiritualism are contradic-the modern Spiritualism are contradic-the modern Spiritualism are con Contact. Consequently, the muscles could have had nothing to do with it. Professor Hare, after speak-ling arguing to the Christian religion—that it is a war repressed from communicating, than water from One man may be convinced by reading the evi- Spirits, and if so, how are we to distinguish the pillar of the Christian faith, and is very powerfu dence of what occurred two thousand years ago, good from the evil? The First Epistle of John, in converting minds who argue from the outward dence of what occurred two thousand years ago, good from the evil? The First Epistic of John, to the inward, as most men do. But it is never while to another mind such evidence is not suffi- iv, 1, 2, 3, answers that question : "Beloved, be-absolute or certain in its employment, except in while to another mind such evidence is not suffer iv, 1, 2, 0, answers that question. A solute or certain in its employment, except in cient for conviction. One man may be perfectly lieve not every Spirit, but try the Spirits, whether Christ the Master alone. It fails with Spiritualists convinced of the presence of his little child by they are of God; because many false prophets are as with the Apostles themselves.—London Spiritual Professor Hare, you must know, is acknowledged ought not to be advanced as an argument against and body as mutually related, acting and reacting. simply receiving a characteristic communication gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Herald.

# Christian Spiritualist.

Bo long as Men are Honest, so long will Success follow in the Footsteps of their Labora.

### NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MARCH S, 1856.

A MARVELOUS STUPID "OBSERVER. If wisdom authorized the prohibition of "much study," because it became "wearisome to the flesh," the world's experience has long since de monstrated that protracted observation is injurious to a full and harmonic development of the mind .-Indeed the proof is accumulative, since it is generally conceded that partial and exclusive mentality, sooner or later tends towards, and culminates in mental obliquity, causing men "having eyes to see not." The calamity, however, is none the less, because its development is natural and the perversion common, for it in some sort, predicates the necessity for wrong seeing, if indeed it otherwise does not distort the natural relations and fair proportions of the objects reflected. All this is true, and much more might be said to illustrate the evil tendency and pernicious consequences, that so often overtake the most gifted, when prejudice interferes with good sense, and otherwise disturbs the harmony of the Spirit. But it is hardly necessary, since the memory of nearly every reader. will supply him or her, with examples of the conflicting and contradictory opinions, which in most ages and nations, have been offered by the contending parties, for and against this, that and the other improvement in government, invention in mechanics, or reform in social usages, as the world's history is full of them. Still, as Spiritualism is most perseveringly antagonized by the churchman, and meets with its most determined foes among the theologically educated, it may be well to remind the reader, that of such is the kingdom of dogma tism. We have proved this so often in these columns, that we could well afford to leave the statement with the reader without further proof, did not the constantly unfolding relations of life, present us with new cares of mental perversity, that call for correction, and if possible cure. For instance, the N.Y. Observer, a theological organ for Presbyterianism par excellence, having spent the larger part of "thirty-four years" in taking notes and Spirit and one sided in judgment, that healthy acin its columns. We quote from its issue of Feb. 18th. The writer says :

"We have seen a poem said to have been writlievers in this delusion speak of the poem as one of our modern Christians. the most brilliant and profound productions in the are under a most extraordinary mental cloud, if cholera, says :-they are sincere in their eulogies."

This is a specimen of theological criticism on Spiritual publications; \* the one in question being a timents, will bear a close comparison with any other poem in the English or other languages. We say dislike to poetry on the part of the reviewer, as a department of literature, for take the above extract

# confessed, but apparent.

other book-truth-loving candor and thoughtful dis- angels. crimination being the essential and necessary quali-

ties of the mind.

There is, however, something more than accident in these marked antagonisms and extreme differences of opinion, for now, as in the days of yore, the offense must come" ere "old things pass away and all things become new." And this, in some sort, must be taken as the moral of all change and conflict, since it brings us into rapport with the see that where sin did abound, grace will much, more abound.

Thus are we freed from the need of such consolation as the Observer offers his readers in the followsophy yet to be explained."

This general confession of Spiritual know-nothngism, is neither complimentary to the sagacity of some of the curious. the Observer nor the piety of the Christian, since it predicates the necessity of making God party to an issue that ignores all moral distinctions and obliterates, if it does not destroy, the crowning excelphilosophy of Presbyterianism, or set forth in the persons are under an illusion, and he can prove it does not pardon Judge Edmonds and ex-Senator

# MODERN PROPHECIES.

thirty-nine articles.

Although prophecy, like every other phase of the preternatural, has long since become problemmaking comments on man and things after the atical with many, still, facts prove that prophecy is fashion of that school, has become so warned in not only possible, but actual-even in this, the nineteenth century. The truth of this is found in tion and truthful observation is no longer possible. if the fulfilment of Louis Kossuth's predictions about we are to judge of its general character by the late | Sevastopol, and many others, made through modissue made on Spiritualists and Spiritual literature ern mediums. Nevertheless, the majority continue

skepticism is in some sort justified, since the Spiritten by a man in Brooklyn, while in a state of Spi- ual and prophetical gifts of the primitive church ritual intercourse with other minds, and the be- have almost, if not quite, passed away from among Facts, however, prove that prophecy still lifts English language, worthy to take rank with the her voice in warning, and that prophets are still writings of Milton and Coleridge. We have es- subject to persecutions and imprisonment. To ilsayed to read it, but in vain. It is simply down- lustrate which, we extract the following from a let- the four psychological subjects, the table was right nonsense; it has no claim to consideration ter published in the Boston Evening Traveler. Febeven as a respectable composition, by a youth of ruary 1st. The correspondent writes from Beirout ordinary powers; and the comparison of it with (Syria), under date of December 21, 1855, and the works of master minds, shows that its admirers after describing the development and spread of the

"A Moslem from Tunis appeared in the city, who predicted that, on a certain Saturday, it would rain violently; on Sunday the city would be deluged. poems which for purity of style, beauty of diction, ordered him to be imprisoned, least the disease aptness of illustration, and diversity of measure, to should be increased by fright. And true enough make no mention of its thoughts, truths, and sen- it did rain in torrents day and night Saturday and persons in the form, were no mediums at all, only Sunday, and Monday morning there was a clap of thunder which seemed to shake Lebanon to its foundation. It struck a stone house in Beirout, and Prof. Spencer to produce such raps and tests as I as follows :this advisedly, and after we have made large and killed six persons, all its inmates, by the walls fall- have seen given in public through Mrs. Coan and liberal allowance for theological bias, and a possible ing upon them. So much of coincidence was there Mr. Conklin; I think the ballet test would puzzle between the Moslem prediction and its fulfilment." The same letter furnishes the following extract, which enables us to distinguish between the *true* me.

each one form his own valuation of this or any in demonstrating immortal life and the ministry of says :-

# PSYCHOLOGY ---- BREAKING TABLES.

An individual by the name of Spencer has for over a week past been spending his breath and some of his spare change, at the Tabernacle, in attempting to convince his audiences that Spiritualism and psychology were one and the same thing. This assumption has been so often and so variously stated, without proof, that we had not the method and government of God, and enables us to least curiosity to hear the Professor's theory, or witness his exhibition, although his large " bills" and monster capitals promised the most perfect success

at demonstration. Besides, we have heard of this individual's efforts elsewhere, and knew from coming :-- "What to make of these things, we are not | petent judges that his criticism of the philosophy prepared to say. We know that God does suffer of Spiritualism is a "twice told tale," besides being men to be given up to a strong delusion to believe a "flat, stale and unprofitable" explanation of its a lie, and that there are also many things in philo- phenomena. We call attention to the Professor's labors, therefore, only to introduce the following communication, as the programme may interest

MR. EDITOR:---I attended a lecture of Professor Spencer's at the Tabernacle last evening, to see him demolish Spiritualism. After he had harangued cellors, gives the same opinion, and uses the followlency of His nature-Wisdom in Love. We are the audience half an hour, he commenced, with ing language: 'I would very readily have pardoned willing, however, that the New York Observer shall his psychological subjects (four or five taken from him (Lord Chief Justice Hale) for an undoubting rage, and that its readers shall imagine all sorts of the audience), to perform some experiments in belief in witchcraft, and I should have considered VAIN things against the Lord and His providential psychology, similar to those of Williams or Ben- that this belief detracted little from his character vais things against the Lord and His providential psychology, similar to those of Williams or Ben- that this benefit deflacted inthe root in South and humanity. The Hold Scrip-manifestations; for others, seeing the bad effects of ton. This was carried on for about an hour, for discernment and humanity. The Hold science was fixed. The prethis sort of religious culture, will "cease to do cril, after which came the table tipping and breaking. tures teach that in some ages of the world, wicked and the time of his departure was fixed. The preund learn to do well." In the meantime, "philoso- The Professor's theory is, that no Spirit can tell persons, by the agency of the evil Spirits, were phy" has yet to go to school and learn, through the you any more than what is in your own mind, permited, through means which exceed the ordi- his loving wife entreated him not to leave that day, ministry of angels, that there are indeed more or the medium's, or some one's in the circle, and nary powers of nature, to work mischief to their for fear she might not see him in the flesh again ; things-as well as heights and depths of wisdom- that psychology or clairvoyance can do all this; fellow creatures !' in heaven and earth, than are dreamed of in the and when tables are moved without contact, the

it by psychology. But his attempt last night was Tallmadge for believing in Spiritualism. The world, a perfect failure, for nobody believed it but his or a portion of it, is growing more bigoted every four or five psychological subjects, out of an day: instance the crusade against Catholics. How

as good as the Spirits can give, every one in the how persecution adds members to churches-how house would have seen the table go up.

called a medium), sat at a light table, and after Protestant churches, and the rapid and increasing being psychologized to pull the table over, spelt growth of Spiritualism, answer. The writer of out a name which he knew, also the age, and these lines is very firmly persuaded that the relidisease of which the person died. These he also gious theory of the Spiritualists is false and unsatknew. Nevertheless, this was considered a won- isfactory, and that it will prove temporary; but he skeptical, because that is the fashion, perhaps the derful triumph on the part of the Professor. thinks that indiscriminate ridicule and abuse injures disease, of the times. To say truth, however, this After this, the four subjects were psychologized those only who use such base weapons; and moreto hold the table up over their heads, and then over, that all creeds, whether "native" or foreign, to push it about over the floor with one sitting are entitled to upon it until the legs of the table were broken. Then a longer table was brought, and the spirit of Samson summoned, as well as a strong man

from the audience to hold the table down. After a few moments desperate pushing and pulling by smashed to pieces, with one of the subjects sprawl- for the Evansville Enquirer gives his second letter ing on the floor. Spiritualism being considered on the above subject. The Dr. is in carnest, and demolished, the audience dispersed. He stated that in St. Louis he produced raps loud enough to changes in Evansville, if we understand his allu-

be heard 90 feet from the table. I think he sions. might be accommodated with the raps in this city, by some of the mediums, rather louder than psychological subjects. I think it would puzzle his psychological subjects. On the whole, his expose of Spiritualism was a complete failure, and Spiritual phenomena of a much higher order than better calculated to increase the faith of the true

insensibility and Spiritual obliquity is not only self- edly a gift from God. And when pharisaical and issue of the Evansville Enquirer, as the larger por- present all Spiritualists to be. The circle I belong the pattern by which this beautiful figure has be edly a gut from God. And when pharisaical and issue of the byans the lager por probability of them are Presbyteri- wrought. They let me look upon the under side as be saddusaical theologians make this concession-a tion of it was introduced into the Supreme Court to has six mediums; two of them are Presbyteri- wrought. They let me look upon the under side as be saddusaical theologians make this concession-a tion of it was introduced into the Supreme Court to has su distributed, one Episcopal, one to me nn-and this is the picture I see: A lady is passing the street on a cold December d Nevertheless, the opinion of Gov. Tallmadge was concession warranted and authorised by "reason in their benait, beside which it mustates one of the members are pro-not given as an "article of faith," for good sense and revelation"—theology will be no longer at war many forms the discussion is now taking. not given as an "article of faith," for good sense and revelation"-theology will be no longer at war many forms the discussion is now taking. The anomal stores, and steps will soon be standing upon a corner, a poor boy, miserably and the gospel of progress make it obligatory that with the developments of fact, for both will unite writer, after alluding to the charge of "craziness," fessors of other churches, and steps will soon be standing upon a corner, a poor boy, miserably and the gospel of progress make it obligatory that with the developments of fact, for both will unite writer, after alluding to the charge of "craziness," the anomal steps will soon be standing upon a corner, a poor boy, miserably and the gospel of progress make it obligatory that with the developments of fact, for both will unite writer, after alluding to the charge of "craziness," the anomal steps will soon be standing upon a corner, a poor boy, miserably and the standing upon a corner, a poor boy, miserably and the standing upon a corner and the steps will be a correspondent of the standing upon a corner and the steps will be a correspondent of the standing upon a corner, a poor boy, miserably and barefooted with a backet of the standing upon a corner and the standing upon a c taken, I hope, to organize a church of our own."

"In the case of Addington 23. Wilson, V Porter's Indiana Reports, the Supreme Court discourse as follows :- "From the visits of the angels to Lot and "A SPIRITUAL IMPRESSION" OBEYED.

Daniel J. Combs (who is now in the Spiritual others of the Patriarchs (without referring to the house not made with hands) was in the fall of '53 scenes in the garden of Eden), down to the time when the Spirits, like Poe's stately midnight raven, on a tour at the city of St. Louis. The time was rapidly approaching when he expected to take pascome gently rapping, rapping at the chamber doors of modern mediums, some of whom are eminent persons, the world, Pagan, Jewish, and Christian, bosom of the Father of Waters to his native home. have, to a greater or less extent, believed in Spirit- But no sooner had he commenced preparing for ual existence-some being good and some evil, the pleasant voyage, than an impression was indelwhich have maintained a connection with, and man- ibly fixed in his mind that, if he took passage on ifested their powers through human beings-in the that boat, some fearful accident would happen soon after their departure. He was so anxious to case of the witch of Endor to even raising the dead; while scarcely any pretended to be, and no dead; while scarcely any pretended to be, and no arrive at nome that he resisted so much as to go to acts, and rich with the perfume of loving deeds, one, in fact, is able to explain the mysteries, to un- the boat to depart anyhow; but when he got acts, and rich with the perfume of loving deeds, there, the impression was two powerful for further fold the manner of their operations, or lay down resistance, and he gave up to the ministering angel, the laws governing them. The prevalence of the and returned to the hotel and commenced reading belief, however, and the authority on which it rests,

are sufficiently extensive and respectable to shield a newspaper. Just then the boat began to plough any individual indulging it from the charge, if not the deep blue wave for her port of destination, but of weakness, at least of insanity, simply on account of such belief.' Pretty strong, for the Su preme Court of Indiana!

"Lord Campbell, in his lives of the Lord Chan-

but he resisted the persuasions of his wife and the whisperings of his guardian angel, and embraced "The world is not so liberal as Lord Campbell his little family weeping, saying, "I may never see you all clothed in flesh again." He then passed into his buggy and started on his journey, but he cast many lingering looks towards his residence, audience of 400. If the performance had been religion is advanced by abuse of our fellow manand went on his way sorrowing. He arrived that day at the aforesaid city, and dispensed with his Spiritualism is overcome by vilification and ridibusiness, and on the following morning took his One of his psychological subjects (whom he cule, let the morals of Evansville, the prosperity of leave for home. On his way he came to a certain water, over which spanned a lofty bridge, without

### SPIRITUALISM, THE BIBLE, AND THE CHURCHES.

Dr. Wood, of Evansville, seems determined to keep his "fellow-citizens" thinking on the subject of Spiritualism, now that agitation is in progress, likely to effect some practical as well as theoretical

We extract the larger part of the letter, as there are some local facts which prove conclusively that that. The whole exhibition, however, of last even- the Spirits are "no respectors of persons," since ing, went to prove one thing, and that was, that all they have ministered unto and converted members persons who are capable of being psychologized by from the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches, to a knowledge of the ministry of angels. After some introductory remarks, the Dr. continues

"Christ says, I come not to destroy the law, but to fulfil the law and the prophets. We say, then, his coming only exalted, and transmitted to man

A PRESENTIMENT OF DEATH.

sentiment was that death was just before him. and

is crying. Other ladies, richly attired, have heard For the Christian Spiritualist.

his sobs, but have passed haughtily and unfeelingly

by. This lady stops, and asks him why he weeps He says, 'My poor mother is sick at home; I have no father; we have no fire or wood; my bulk size ters are crying of cold and hunger, and  $l_{d_{n_1}l_1}$ know what to do.' Her heart is touched; she kalk rapidly approaching when he expected to take push him she will go home with him, and see if he tells sage on the steamer, and be borne along on the him she will go home with him, and see if he tells a true tale. She accompanies him to a cheerless home, and finds all too true. She at once supplies their needs, sends a physician, and hope and joy dawn once more on those suffering ones. This the deed which has formed so beautiful and rich figure in this carpet;\* and you, who would weak arrive at home that he resisted so much as to go to a carpet on which those who come after you may delight to walk, and which angels may condescend

clad, and barefooted, with a basket on his arm;  $h_{\rm e}$ 

to admire, go and do likewise. How far this and the other manifestations given in the appendix can be said to be Spiritual per  $s_c$ will depend on the reader's intimacy with the pheere fifteen minutes had elapsed, the boat had nomena and its philosophy ; but the moral of the blown all to pieces, killing a great number, and wounding the remainder.

vision all can understand, and in some sort reduce to practice, in the various relations of life.

\* The lady to whom this applied was almost a stranger Again, in July, '54, the same Daniel J. Combs to us, and we never learned whether the seene desented (whose residence was Bloomington, Ill.), had some had actually taken place; only we were informed, by these very urgent business to attend to in the city of acquainted with her, that she was in the habit of de Peoria, that could not reasonably be put off till just such things.

> tion of the Phenomena of Spirit Manifestations, and their application to Human Welfare. Feb. ruary, 1856. No. 1, Vol. 1. Published Monthly by H. Bailliere, 219 Regent Street, London, and 290 Broadway, New York.

The above is the title page of a new European publication, which contains 32 pages of closely printed matter, all of which relates to the facts philosophy and history of modern Spiritualism, It is in book form, and is well printed-the paper being good-and the type assorted.

We therefore welcome the Herald to the jorfe mission of bearing the glad tidings of immortal H and spirit intercourse ; as many such instrume. talities will have to be used, before the winter skepticism shall have passed away. And doubt not the Herald will be an efficient and por. erful agent in aiding progress in that direction, judging from the number before us. The following extract specifies the object of the publication, and outlines its philosophy of the manifestations :---

"The object of this periodical is to present t subject of Spiritualism to the people of Englat in facts and arguments, and to supply the deficient of the popular press, which seems determined keep the public blind to the greatest mental revolution of modern times. These facts will be so plied from the numerous details of the Americ ually wise men of this generation, and opposers of papers, and from the wonderful phenomena n the divine philosophy of God (as taught in his for the bunefit and instruction of those who for the benefit and instruction of those who candid and intelligent enough to investigate most remarkable crisis that has occurred since E opening of the Christian era."

The modern spiritual manifestations have take the world by surprise. They were not exper by philosophers in an age of materialism. perhaps philosophers have yet to learn that gressive movement is conducted by reaction a that either extreme produces its opposite. Wi this is understood, it will no longer seem strate that Spiritualism should; have revived in any like this.

Spiritual manifestations are familiar to all as and countries. There is not a province or para n Christendom which has not its tale of the says and countries. There is not a province or part in Christendom which has not its tale of the sug-The best thing to be said for this clearly-written natural. Many, perhaps most, of these are far

We have room but for another extract, and th

railing on either side, near the centre of which his horse took a fright and jumped from the bridge, throwing him headlong beneath the buggy, and breaking his spine. He was taken up as dead by some mowers who were passing that way, and conveyed to a house, after which consciousness soon returned. The sad news was carried to his wife, FAIR PLAY. who in a few hours was by his side, to cheer and comfort him by kind acts and words. He was taken home, and lived in the body from the 3d of July to the 27th, and then passed to the Spiritual realm, a firm believer and advocate of the teachings of the Spirits. Can the would-be Spirit-

all in all, it is the worst specimen of theological bigotry, mental insensibility and Spiritual intolerance, it has been our luck to meet with in a long time .---Still, we have no right to be amazed or surprised, since the sphere and past education of the Observer and extravagance. The writer says :has been anything but Spiritual, if it is true, that "the kingdom of heaven comes not by observation."

Nevertheless, we regret that whatever good sense dignity.

Besides, the philosophy of modern criticism has long since insisted, that among the many qualifications of the reviewer, catholicity of mind, and appreciativeness of spirit, should be prominent-if criticism was to be instructive, truthful, and educational. How far these qualities of mind and heart are constitutional to the writer of the above, the perusing the following. He says :-- "The same remarks are applicable to the book+ published under the auspices of the Hon. N. P. Tallmadge, and said to have been written by a young man of no education. Mr. Tallmadge pronounces it a production of such transcendant ability, that its sentences cannot be improved by the most practised and finished writers. But upon opening the book, we find it so out a great effort, and many an expression of astonishment that Mr. Tallmadge should be willing to endorse its rhetoric and logic."

Here, again, we are admonished to make liberal taste, since these confessedly have much to do with count for the profound stupidity evinced and insisted on in the above extract.

strongly, is true; but it is also true, that that in the Garden of Eden." opinion was formed after a calm and dispassionate

tering commendations. This, however, to a Pres-

\* A Lyric of the Golden Age. Thomas L. Harris, New York; Partridge & Brittan, 342 Broadway, pp. 381. †"The Healing of the Nations." Charles Linton and

Gov. N. P. Tallmadge.

dium and the enthusiast; for, the predictions of the one are followed by objective proof, while the pretentions of the other are characterized only by rant

"Superstition appertains to human nature and is sure to appear in times of danger. In the height of the disease, a nun disappeared for three days from one of the many convents on Mount Lehanon the writer had, did not restrain him from making who, upon returning, said she had been taken up into so vulgar an estimate of a poem, the most super- heaven, where she saw Christ holding three large ficial reading of which should have destroyed his pieces of red-hot iron in his hands, which he confessed insensibility to its beauties; for modesty Mary snatched them from his hands, saying she threatened to hurl upon the earth and burn it up. might have said so much, without disturbing the would hold them in her hands for a certain time, complacency of his Spiritual pride, or theological and if the world did not in the meantime repent, he might hurl them down.

### THEOLOGY VS. FACT.

The conflicts between Theology and Fact have been so often and distinctly made-so broadly marked and so perseveringly carried on-that i is hardly necessary to make special note of any new manifestations that may spring up in that quarter. reader will be better ablè to infer, after attentively Still, the following extract from a late issue of the Advent Herald may interest the reader, as it will enable him to institute a comparison between the needs of and the benefits likely to spring from the advent of modern Spiritualism. The writer having predicated some reflections on the authority of Deut. XIII., 1-5, proceeds to say:

" Spiritualism would lead us to other sources for truth than the Word of God, and it would lead profoundly stupid, so deficient in all the elements us to regard as truth what is in that Word of greatness, boasted of by its editor, that the plainly denied. Yet we are not to follow it, notin accordance with sacred truth. But what are its teachings ? First, that the dead are conscious, and communicate with the living; an idea which both reason and revelation, if they are allowed to have

their proper bearing, instantly repel; and second. allowance for a difference of faith and literary it professes to have for its main object, to convince skeptical minds of the immortality of the soul: in other words, that man has inherent imthe operations of the mind-if, indeed, they do not mortality, which is the first and greatest falsehood color most of its conclusions. But having done so with which Satan has ever cheated our credulous to the best of our ability, we are still unable to ac- race-greatest, because it has had the greatest effect in our world, and because mankind generally are content, notwithstanding the experience of six thousand years, to swallow down the same

That Gov. Tallmadge's opinion is expressed bait with which our mother Eve was first caught

The spirit and logic of this extract brings us comparison of "the logic and rhetoric" of the into such close rapport with the ancient "Sadduwork, with those productions of industry, learning, cees," that we have a renewed and an intensified and genius, which the majority of mankind have consciousness of the NEED of some Spirit's bringagreed, up to this time, in calling "great." And ing "life and immortality to light." Besides this, that opinion has been reiterated, to a greater or it furnishes one of the many singular illustrations less degree, by nearly every one who has read the that spring up in the mind as soon as the intelbook, and reflected on its teachings; from many of ligent reader attempts to draw a parallel between whom-including some of the best minds of the age the philosophies and theologies of the first and the clusions of over two millions of minds. Still, the tion, saying, the Lord saith : and the Lord hath not -the book has received not only friendly, but flat- | nineteenth centuries.

The theology of the above, however, is as defecbyterian "Observer," is one, if not the chief cause, tive as its arguments are material, for it seems to to accuse the Apostles of being drunkards," of its condemnation; for "how can two walk to us almost absurd for a professed Christian to quote gether, unless they be agreed ?" Still, the opinion the prohibitions of Moses, when we have the posof Gov. Tallmadge, and others whose good sense is itive testimony of Paul, that Moses was but a lists; but the spirit and essence of their "wine" was superior to their prejudices, will, in all human prob- "schoolmaster to bring us to Christ," through distilled by "the Holy Ghost," and put into "new ability, go as far and be remembered as long as whom immortal life was "brought to light," be- bottles," that henceforth they might be "vessels of the party colored dictum of a writer whose mental cause demonstrated in his resurrection, and by his honor."

ministrations to his disciples, prior to his "Ascension."

Christ, therefore, was a witness for, not a bestower of immortality, since that is obviously and confess-

Spiritualist than to shake it. Yours in truth. A SPIRITUALIST. New York, Feb. 26, 1856.

### A PSYCHOLOGIST PUZZLED.

small hall, which is well filled for a country place- He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ; the interest constantly increasing. Of course the but he that believeth not shall be damned, and these majority do not believe that Spirits communicate; signs shall follow them that believe: In my name but the speaking and other exercises are at times shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with so far superior to the known ability of the medium new tongues; they shall take up scrpents; and if that some are forced to acknowledge that 'some they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them : strange thing has happened unto us.' Indeed, the they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall retruth that is falling upon us from the spheres of cover.' Now, was language ever plainer, or is any light and love, is securing the attention of the peo- one so stupid as to say this language referred to a ple to that extent to warrant success, though the suspension of those gifts. This was addressed to progress and development may be slow.

"Last evening I attended a private circle for the follow him that believes. It is by no means condevelopment of media. After some conversation, fined to the apostles. Twenty-six years after Christ smaller circles were formed round the stand, by uttered this to the eleven apostles, Paul recognizes adjoining county (who was scated by me) if he was | says, 'but the manifestation of the spirit is given subject to Spiritual influence? He said he had to every man to profit withal.' 1 Cor. 12, 7. Again been something of a tipping medium, but not much. he says, 13, 5: 'I would that ye all spake with Presently many hands were moved, to make some tongues, but rather that ye prophecy.' Again, at

direction from him-I asking for Spirit influence to prophesy, one by one, that all may learn, and all move the gentleman's hands. Soon his fingers be may be comforted; and the Spirits of the prophets gan to move, and in a few minutes-to his great are subject to the prophets.' surprise-his hands were actively exercised. He "Now, I would ask those who deny that the in this way!' Some one remarked that many this and what Paul says to the Hebrews, Heb. 1, regarded these developments as mesmeric. I assured 14; and with what John says in his first epistle, 4, him I was no magnetizer, and had never witnessed 1-3? Do any of our preachers who so stoutly a psychological experiment in my life. The gen- claim they follow Christ, claim they follow Paul's tleman said he understood the principles and rules exhortation ? If so, where are the signs that follow? of psychology, he being a psychologist of some Not a week passes but I see at the circle of which and hence his surprise, he being readily and pow- our 'over-wise' opponents call all such evidences of believe the influence to be Spiritual?' and he said, gibbering nonsense. 'I had not so believed up to this time, but I now

developed as a writing and speaking medium."

### ARE SPIRITUALISTS CRAZY?

the middle of the nineteenth century,-an experi-low their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O test-facts, Spiritual rejoicings, and philosophic conquestion has been asked,-prompted, no doubt, by sent them: and they have made others to nope that the same profundity that moved the mocking rabble

Nevertheless, it is true, the Apostles were full of tion, whereas ye say, the Lord saith it; albeit I new wine," and so also are the modern Spiritual- have not spoken.'

We do not propose to discuss the sanity of Spiritualists, however, but give the following, from a late

See Acts 2, chap.

with the prophets. His coming did not by any means do away with the working of miracles and eloquently expressed communication to the inventions-the creations of popular bewilderman or any other gift bestowed upon his immediate followers.

"He says, while yet in the flesh, 'Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also.' St. John, 14, 12. Again Friend Corwin, of Five Corners, N. Y., writes us: he says, while in his Spiritual form, 'Go ye into all We are holding public weekly meetings, in a the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

perusal of a page could not be accomplished with- withstanding its miracles, unless its teachings are exclaimed- How strange it is I should be handled Bible supports Spiritualism, what they will do with of life form the warp of these carpets; and your In addition to the rotary movement, the the experience; still, he had never met with the mind I am a member, more or less of the signs of Chris- mistakes sometimes, and have been obliged to go cession, and the movements of the table with capable of producing any effect of the kind on him, tianity that are to follow a belief in Christ. But back, take out their work, and do it over again; erfully handled. I remarked to him, 'You do not Christianity as Paul recognizes, 'tom-foelery' and and imperfect-the figures are badly formed, they the table, which it was requested to remede a

"Now, what does Ezekiel say of just such as give it up.' The gentleman, at this date, is being deny that the Spiritual Christian is Christ's follower. By their own showing, and their opposition to give the characteristics and something of the life- articles could no longer remain on. Money ## Spiritualism, they make the following apply to history of each individual present;\* but as that placed on the table, and, at request, it was made themselves. They must not blame me for seeing This is a modest question to ask, and a queer one the likeness; see Ezk. 13, 3, 7: 'Thus saith the to discuss, after the experience of seven years, in Lord God; woe unto the foolish prophets that folence that comprehends the investigations, methods, Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts \* \* \* they have seen vanity and lying divina-

they would confirm the word. Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divina-"I now ask, again, the candid reader to read 1

Cor. 12, 18, 14 chapters, and the quotations above, and then settle in his mind if Christ has such a church on earth, so far as those who oppose Spiritualism are concerned. They give not one of the

evidences the Bible requires. "I repeat, I am not opposed to the Bible Chris

tianity or the Church, as my opponents would re-

Church, aside from the earnest, honest, and con- and timid superstition; but there is a deeply road sistent testimony it bears for the Ministry of An- faith in all countries and in all ages that Spira gels, is the fact that it has passed through an edi- agency on solid matter, and spiritual appearance tion of *five thousand* and has taken out a renewed in solid form, are possible. A spirit is a bit

works, word, and by his Spirit), explain the above

on any material principle found in their records?

LITERARY NOTICES.

THE MINISTRY OF ANGELS REALIZED. A letter to the EDWARDS Congregational Church, Boston.

By Mr. and MRS. A. E. NEWTON, members of the

Church. With Notes and an Appendix, embrac-

ing facts illustrative of Angelic Ministration, and

the substance of a reply to the Congregationalist.

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W. B. S. COMBS.

Yours, in the cause of truth and progress,

If so, we are anxious to be enlightened.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Feb. 18, 1856.

lease of life and usefulness in a "stereotype" form. sui generis (of its own kind)-a spiritual body-Mr. Newton is so generally known to our readers ceptible to the senses of the inhabitants of the as the editor of the New England Spiritualist, that world under certain conditions. Angels appear we deem it unnecessary to introduce him, or insist of old in bodily form and ate and drank-th on his merits as a writer; the more, as one fact rolled away stones-they drew bolts and opene explains another to thinkers. doors-they struck off chains and fetters. Wi

Mrs. Newton, however, is not so generally known. they did then they may do again, or our faith and we therefore extract the following from the vain ; for it is founded upon such facts." appendix, in illustration of her mediumship :

we take from a "Public Discussion on Spiritual "THE CARPET-WEAVERS. - [This vision was ism," which forms a large and an interesting par given in presence of a large company of persons, mostly strangers to the visionist, assembled for of this number. The arguments of Mr. Reed social purposes. She perceived that great numbers favor of Spiritualism are well sustained by the the disciples by Christ himself. The signs shall of Spirits were present, all urgent to make them- thority of fact and logic, in illustration of wh selves known to their earthly friends; but seeing | we give the following, Mr. Reed says :-"I have seen a table of my own, rotate ray that to be impracticable on the occasion, they had consulted together, and decided that one or two of under such circumstances. On one occasion I way of experiment. I asked a gentlemen from an the same fact, in his letter to the Corinthians, and the more advanced of their number should present vited a few friends to my house for the put something which might convey pleasure and profit of forming a "circle." We sat down, six or s to all. A panoramic scene then opened before her in number, round a circular table in the manual vision, which she described as it passed, not having have described, and after patiently waiting it herself the slightest idea, in advance, of what was about an hour, the manifestations comment passes across the top of the stand, in an opposite the 31st and 32d verses, he says: 'For ye may all to follow. The following will give but a faint per The table turned at first slowly, then more mark ception of it:] 'I see each person present engaged until at length we had some difficulty in first in weaving a carpet. These carpets are symbolic it. Our hands were resting gently on the d

of your varied lives. The magnetic life-cords of the table, and we directed our attention frequest which unite your hearts with the Infinite Source to the fact that we made no absolute pressure every act, and word, and thought, are the *filling*, gradually moved from one end of the room to t which, day by day, and hour by hour, you are other, and then back again several times. It weaving in. Some of your carpets, I perceive, are quested a lady present to play a tune on the particular of the particu very beautiful,-the figures are all perfectly formed, which she did, when the table began to the fabric is soft and pleasant to walk upon,-while those of others are badly woven ; they have made tune. Several other tunes were then played its and, when done the second time, it looks botched do not match well, and nobody walks upon them invariably the request was complied with it the with pleasure. By describing thus the carpet table inclining forward on two of its three less which I see each one forming, I could doubtless that the top was slanting in such a way that the

might not be pleasant to all, I am directed to select jump up and down by rapid jerking movement one of the more beautiful, and give you some ac- of the obedient piece of furniture. A gendent count of that. It is the richest and the softest that was present, not forming one of the circle, I ever saw. Angels even love to walk upon it and simply a spectator, whose christian name admire its beauties; while to the foot-sore and weary of earth it is specially grateful. The weaver | cordingly asked him to repeat several names has just completed a most superb figure in her carpet; it represents a basket or bouquet of flowers. at the right one. The gentleman, who, I she They are so fresh and real that the very perfume exhales upon the atmosphere, and little cherubs, like humming-birds, gather sweetness from the table tipped, as directed-thus giving the "circle opening buds. The angels say that upon the under an item of information which not one of them side of the carpet may be seen a picture of the fore possessed. I then asked a gentleman press

\* This same symbol was once afterwards repeated in the esence of some four or five individuals, equally strangers presence of some out of a cknowledged that their charge to the visionist; and all acknowledged that their charge ters, and the important incidents of their lives, for meny

backwards and forwards, keeping exact time 12

ways promptly changed as required, in edit keep time. Several heavy articles were plant known to no one in the room but himself. I cluding his own, and requested the table to "f say, was decidedly skeptical, then repeated seres names slowly, and at the mention of his own, the

scene in the life of the weaver which has formed to put all the money he had in his pocket on the table, which he did. The pieces were placed the centre in such a manner that no one could P abby county there are they ware, and the g

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and the table tipped sixteen times; and, very easy, and must be done. We delight to see and the money, it was found to consist you mingle in love and good feeling towards each damining the money. (Applause.) Some other

amining in another, (Applause.) Some estions were also correctly answered-the anestions were (I call your special attention if the answers to be ascertained after they had having these and other similar facts, which given in Thad time, I have seen with my stream and they have taken place, not in the of any medium, but amongst my own e of any meter friends. (Hear, hear.")

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NUMBER II .- THROUGH A. K. Rejoice with us, that the angels of God have been commissioned to unlock the doors between the visible and invisible worlds, which have been

closed for a long, gloomy period of time. Heaven and earth now commingle together. world, hold converse with the sons and daughters

of men. I see not here the golden throne of God, with His son in state, on His right hand; but I see the the imaginative, descriptive, and glorious workmanship of the Deity; and ir the deof his race. It was the purity of his nature that

developed him on earth, a teacher of Spiritual truths. That same purity elevates him now, above all who have been dwellers on this planet.

D. W.

### NUMBER 111.-THROUGH A. K.

You have Spirit friends and teachers always near by you. Although our habitation is above the lower strata of atmosphere wherein you dwell, yet is unmistakable, with proofs that rejoice the heart, a single thought at once brings us to you. In the silence of night we are near; in the more busy and joy. No doctrine has yet been received on and joy. No doctrine has yet been received on a state of angle are never long absent. We are directing earth that has so overwhelmed its worshipers with thoughts to your inmost minds, and constantly en- the exalted idea of the boundless and the infinite deavoring to divert your thoughts to us. When in the body, I sometimes wished to travel over the form of existence, that dwells in light, and in every world, and view the various scenes of every country. I did not imagine, then, that I should so soon encircle the whole circumference, with the velocity of light. W. П. П.

NUMBER IV .- THROUGH W. M.

Winter with you has passed; you are now en-

world that I received instruction from angels. and opening the internal vision to the beauties of W. B.

### NUMBER V .- THROUGH W. M.

Do Spirits communicate? Ask thy own heart. In the stillness of a summer's eve, hast thou never spirations of the olden time, that man would denv of the Creator, hast thou never heard their voices? Their presence, has it not been manifested to you, in all manner of forms ?-In the bright day-in the eve of night? and when thou hast been alone. self, and could'st not conceive? The Spirits! And are you not satisfied that you have their presence

availy dougs at of Max-Volume VI, No, with you at all times, and at all hours? Can you their power to come into the presence of man? return?

ing each other in bondage, either physically or ary line wherewith Spiritualism encloses its chil- and valued friends, and surrounded as you are by MISS Fox is employed for the purpose of converting

For the Christian Spiritualist WHAT IS SPIRITUALISM ? BY CORA WILBURN.

It is a belief admitted to the unshackled heart's truest and divinest aspirations for Immortality; if is the revealment of the indwelling angel, subduing man's grosser nature ; it is the awakened voice of Truth, heralding approaching freedom; the breath of heavenly life, filling with hope and fragrance the The inhabitants of the celestial country, or Spirit hitherto darkened and blindly groping soul of creed-enschackled humanity.

Freedom. true unperverted holy liberty, comes to the soul that receives its sublime teachings; and unfading Hope blooms radiantly upon the brows of God's true worshipers, the believers in a future unveloped purity of the Spirit-land dwells my Spirit ending life of gradual and sublime unfolding .master, Jesus, a teacher of truth for the elevation Better than any of earth's varying and conflicting creeds, and priest disputed dogmas, does Spiritualism convey the knowledge of a future state; that hopeful intuition of earth's children, now no longer

an intangible conjecture, or cloud woven hope, but The Spirit-land-O, how beautiful; none can a blissful certainty, a beautiful and felt reality !describe it. Now the light of love beckons me No tradition of the Past, no bygone miracles, can give to the earnest seeker, that completeness of joyful conviction, that Spiritualism bestows .--Guided by reason and self investigation, the

troubled heart of doubt, receives the firm assurance of a life beyond the tomb, with evidence that and lead the storm tossed soul to a haven of rest love of the all pervading Spirit that animates every form of beauty, in every manifestation of earth's loveliness, in every starbeam's celestial lustre! Holy one! Infinite mercy, changeless love! The bigot and the scoffer would impute to the Spiritual be-

liever, the setting aside of the heart's worshiping prayer, the denial of thine attributes of majesty ioving the beauties of Spring: soon will all the and power; while they invoke Thee with never vaglories of Summer burst upon you; then cometh ried prayers, (as if the same petitions were adaptthe Autumn, and with it the harvest. This is ed to all hearts' needs,) and glorify thy goodness in typical of the progress of truth. The Winter of costly temples, kneeling upon downy carpets; readthe despotic sway of priestcraft has passed: the ing Thy name emblazoned in golden letters; limit-Spring of truth is with you, and the Summer of ing thy presence to that temple's narrow walls, and the same truth is at hand: soon will the harvest be calling themselves only Thy children! If a human gathered by the angelic bands that are hovering heart is capable of being filled with the most exaround you. Go on,-we are with you. I was alted idea of the Divinity; if a human soul can one of the few that gained a knowledge of this feel the rapturous strains of a heaven-descended great truth while on earth. I regret that I did not inspiration, raising the adoring Spirit from the clay possess the moral courage to acknowledge to the surroundings to communion with higher natures;

the supernal mansions, it is the heart, and soul of the true Spiritualist, that responds to the call of the knowledge that brings faith; that feels the in-

authority. It boldly challenges mankind to the scrutiny of its pure and elevated philosophy; nor felt their presence? In the solitude of the works to the present age, filling his soul with adoring and fears the reputation of its Heaven-sent mission. voiceless praise; rendering the homage of a boundless thankfulness, for the good received, the joys vet to come.

What creed upon earth, teaches the utter abnecommuning with thyself, who has given to thee gation of self, the self-forgetting and forgiving Spithoughts and feelings that thou had'st not of thy- rit, wherewith Spiritualism leads the soul aloft, unfolding its higher views, its far reaching aims of Love and usefulness?

"Do as ye would be done by," is an oft repeated doubt the power of Spirits to communicate, or of maxim, but how far does its practice extend? To "love thy neighbor as thyself," is made to mean Ask thy own heart. O man! can one of you say, that neighbor who follows in the same train of that in the silence of the evening's watch, you thought, and outward action, who recites the same have not felt that you was in the presence of the prayers, worships at the same altar, and aspires to Spirits of those you loved, and who loved you in the same fenced in Heaven, and who fears the same fire and brimstone. For the so-called unbeliever

My friends, Spirits do, and will communicate to without the sanctuary, the sympathy is unfelt, it is you, and a part of their mission is to break the for the brother in creed, not for the universal brothchains that enslave the minds of men, and destroy erhood of man. But, world wide as the over archthe power of an intolerant, unmerciful, and bigoted | ing heavens, universal as the vivifying sunshine, priesthood. When the minds of men become dis-Spiritualism receives all pure and willing hearts, all enthralled, they will see their true position to each nobly aspiring truly religious souls, all truth-seekother. Then shall they see the sinfulness of hold- ing and all repentant Spirits. There is no bound- loneliness (consequent upon the absence of dear

place rings out the inspiring watchword, "Onward another, then is it true that the Spirits of our and upward;" the joy notes of encouraging Spirit dear departed friends come back and communivoices, and there is no fear and trembling in obey- cate; that they hover around us continually, and

ing the call. Surely, it cannot be evil to strive for seek our welfare and happiness. If you had but knowledge that increases the soul's veneration, seen, my dear brother, a tithe of what I can relate expands its innate capacities, and exalts to angelic in my own experience, you could not resist the purity its earthly attributes, its humane feelings; conviction that would force itself upon your heart until divested of every remnant of terrestrial fra- and understanding.

ilty, the earth-born Spirit becomes an angel in | I will give you an instance fresh in my mind, boundless love, a seraph in celestial wisdom ! Is as it occurred to-day, at the rooms of the Society not this a true, a noble, a laudable ambition? And for the Diffusion of Spiritual Knowledge, 553 you think, you creed wranglers, and would be Broadway, Miss Kate Fox medium. A gentleman expounders of the Infinite, that we forget the came to the rooms this morning, as he afterwards Prime Cause of Love and Mercy?-that we deny related to me, entirely skeptical; but as he had Him the attribute of justice, wherewith you im- lost a companion a few months since, to whom he pute to the pure, the holy, and All-perfect one, so was fondly attached, and his friends had urged many deeds of tyranny and cruel injustice? It is him to come and see if he could not get a communiwe who worship Him with trust and abiding cation from her, partly to please what he consid- Prices as above. faith, knowing him to be a loving, all-visible, all- ered a whim of theirs, and partly from curiosity, he pervading Spirit and Father, that we tremble not was induced to come. There were perhaps as with abject fear and superstitious dread in the many as twenty persons present in the room presence, which is ever around, above, beneath, when he sat down to the table. It was but a moment before his wife identified herself, and gave and within us. Forget God! when his manifestations surround us wherever we turn, where his life a most beautiful and characteristic communication, II. Consistencies and Contradictions; with an Appendix. II. Capron. The above is the most orderly and authentic breath beautifies the world, and his inspirations thrill the receptive Spirit? And the more we were so unmistakeable, the affectionate solicitude seek to penetrate his many wonders, to compre- she expressed for him so touching, that the strong hend His seeming mysteries, to investigate the hitherto unknown land of the future's being; the more are we attracted to that creative Spirit, the deeper glows within our bosoms the desire of perfection, the elevation of each thought and feel-ing to angelic harmony. Does the seaman, guid-ing to angelic harmony. Does the seaman, guiding his frail bark along the waste waters, any the dium, and to all present. It is such evidences as ing his frail bark along the waste waters, any the less adore the visible presence of majesty and power shed upon the ocean's stormy bosom, or the beautiful serenity adorning its calmer mood; person believe he had not held converse with his the beautiful serenity adorning its calmer mood; person believe he had not held converse with his because he has attained to the knowledge of companion. Is it to be wondered at that Spiritualguiding his vessel amid the ocean's wonders, of ism is increasing so rapidly, with thousands of sailing unharmed over the wide expanse of waves, such facts occurring daily, or that the anathemas amid the warring elements? Does arrogance and of the Church, or the scoffs of the materialist, are presumptuous human pride swell his bosom, dis- of none effect? daining to acknowledge that Higher power that The Spiritualists, as a body, will compare favorasublimates and beautifies the unbounded view of

bly in point of character and ability with any other sea and sky? No, the sailor adores the God he class in society; in fact, the great majority are feels, the guarding love, the manifested power, men and women of investigating minds, who have dwelling in the star studded firmament, and in the carefully and coolly gone into the examination of deep blue gleaming waters, in the sunshine's ray, the subject, and have only made up their minds

and in the lightning's flash. The wonders of the upon the clearest testimony. To ridicule any subject without investigation, however opposed to preconceived views, you will admit is not the part of wisdom. But to attempt to deny what the church claims for its basis, and that upon which the whole christian fabric is virtually built, when the evidence is so easily atno mysterious coverings; nor shields its reasonings | tained, is the height of folly. And now, my dear behind the screen of time-honored, or faith-received Brother, I think I know you well enough to say, if you will earnestly and honestly go into the investigation of this subject, you cannot fail of being convinced. Besides, this is a belief that does not It appeals to the hearts of suffering humanity, require a man to sacrifice his reason. I did not It appeals to the hearts of suffering humanity, require a man to sacrifice his reason. I did not overcomes the prejudices of a life-time, by its intend, when I commenced, to say so much on this daily and hourly proofs of the existence of a pro- subject, but I was carried along by an irresistable The Philosophi of Man. Spirit and the Spirit World, by The Philosophi of Man. Spirit and the Spirit World, by The Philosophi of Man. Spirit and the Spirit and the Spirit World, by The Philosophi of Man. Spirit and the Spirit and the Spirit World, by The Philosophi of Man. Spirit and the Spirit gressive Spirit life. Its consolations tell of the impulse,-perhaps influenced by a Spirit who feels renewal of love and memory in the realms of bles- a deep interest in your welfare.

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> For the Christian Spiritualist. GOD IS WITH THEE. As in silent marbles, slumber Forms of beauty undefined, So, great thoughts, in untold number

Let thy words be clearly spoken, Though few hoarts seem to accord. Though the world give thee no token. Or the cross he thy reward.

Hidden lie, within the mind.

If thy truest thought be given, If thy purest love be known, Thou shalt help some souls to Heaven, And bring Heaven into thine own.

And the wave by thee pulsated, To Creation's verse may roll : For all minds, to thine related, Feel the throbbings of thy soul. MYRA THORNE

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MEAVEN AND THEE. In dreams of Heaven I see thy face Divinely sweet, divinely fair, And on thy brow I cannot trace, As when thou'rt here, the mark of care. It seems as though the seal of Heaven Had stamped upon thy radiant form Eternal youth, and fondly given A heart with love forever warm.

As dream I thus of Heaven and thee, In starry watches of the night, My spirit longs, like thine, to be An angel in the realm of light-To walk the crystal of the skies, And dwell in cloudless calms above, A living gem in paradise-A gladness in a world of love

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vading Spirit of beauty, life and holiness, a life finding fault with it. We each possess, within, the Mediums. giving influence, a blessing Father, not a Being of elements of true happiness, far superior to that atwealth and vengeance, delighting in destruction, tainable from mere external circumstances; and consigning his earthly children to sorrow and trial just so soon as we set about the work of correcting upon earth; to a future life of unending torment. vine natures, mere externals will sink into insignifior unvarying monotony in an ever stationary Heaven. Spiritualism builds no costly temples. erects no monuments of architectural pride and frowning grandeur, to the worship of the one true God. It builds no marble altars, it gives no golden chalices, no velvet covered news; its preceptslive right-who lives not for himself alone, but to they stand written fair and clearly legible, upon the divinely impressed page of nature ; they need no do the work for which his Father sent him. Aye, ponderous, gold clasped prayer books to guard even in the breasts of the most depraved, his inthem sacred. The true Spiritualist, beginning here fluence for good will be acknowledged. his immortality, taking those steps on earth that is not so bad as we have often in our misguided lead to an angel existence in the worlds above. beholds the traces of his father's wisdom in all sur judgment deemed it to be. Indeed, when we come rounding objects, beholds the all pervading Spirit to reflect upon it that the rank weeds of evil are of the Deity, quickening the heart pulses of nature, permitted to take root in the human heart, it is a and attuning to angelic minstrelsy the human heart | matter of astonishment, as they have become mulof love and faith. No narrow circle limits the true | tiplied from age to age, until they have threatened Spiritualist's endeavors for universal good; all to turn this comely garden into a comfortless wilearth born are brothers and sisters without regard derness, that any beautiful flowers have found their to creed or station. The toiling African is a less way into the sunlight : or, to leave the figure, when developed, but yet to be cared for brother; the we realize how much men's selfish passions and poor degradad outcast is still a sister, though propensities have been pampered and fostered from the Spirit's brightness be overcast, the soul's lustre generation to generation-visiting literally the sins dimmed by vice. None dare say, "I am holier of the fathers, both moral and physical, upon the than thou;" but the bestowal of aid and sympathy children, it must be a matter of surprise to to the desponding and the degraded; to raise the the reflecting mind, that there is yet so much of fallen angel to the plane of hope and progression ; the divine principle manifesting itself. Truly, to bestow the hand's gifts of food and clothing, and |" There is a divinity that shapes our ends, rough the soul's meed of consolation, is the duty, and the hew them as we may." Yes, there is a latent spark given mission of every true Spiritualist. It is true, in every breast, which may be kindled into a flame that all creeds teach charity, and deeds of kind- of pure and holy love,-love to God! and love to ness, but they restrict their sympathies to "their man. If we trace the world's history, we will find own," while Spiritualism demands a world-wide in all ages men who have been, by virtue of blametenderness, a far-spread humanizing Spirit to light less and pure lives, bright exemplars to the race. and beautify the earth.

They have been the world's saviors, keeping alive To the deeply impressed believer in the holiness those virtues that constitute humanity what it is toand convincing beauty of Spiritualism, there is no day. Were these not, like us, men? and may they utter despair on earth; there is no irretrievable not be the prophesy of what all may become? Yes, my brother, it will be so; humanity is sorrow, no loss without future replacement, no true joy without its eternal perpetuation; no eternal separ- struggling to burst the bonds which have so long ation from the heart's chosen loved ones; no con- held it enslaved, and it will be free : free from soventional barriers to holy and eternal reunion; cial, political, and priestly bondage. Light is beamno gloomy fears to terrify with thoughts of haunt- ing in upon the world, and those who wilfully close ing dread the transition from earth to Spirit life .-- their eyes upon it must continue to grope in dark-No death! No cessation of thought and memory; ness, although in doing so they are pursuing a suino icy hand of forgetfulness laid upon the warm cidal course to their own true interests. And now heart of love, no cloud-barrier intervening betwixt to the subject nearest my own heart, for my hopes the knowledge-seeking mind and the worlds be- for humanity lie garnered up in that of which I am yond; no restraining voice forbidding the soul's now about to speak. It is Spiritualism which introholy enthusiasm's search for the still higher realms of thought and action. "So far shall thou come, and no farther," is a sentiment the Spiritualist re-ceives not even in this, our rudimental sphere; it is unheard in the supernal worlds; but in it one truth more capable of demonstration than leading \$1. Mrs. Platt Will hold it is unheard in the supernal worlds; but in it one truth more capable of demonstration than leading \$1. Mrs. Platt will hold constrained to be the common Father of the whole human fam-ily, and recognizing the universal brotherhood of philosophy enables us to comprehend. If there is it is unheard in the supernal worlds; but in it one truth more capable of demonstration than leading \$1. Mrs. Platt will hold circles for Spiritual Communication, when not otherwise enadvance in the path of endeavor, quenching a duces into our world a religion acknowledging God it is unheard in the supernal worlds; but in it one truth more capable of demonstration than gaged.

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Vale of beauty, though we sever, Part, perchance no more to meet; Recollection burning ever, Oft will stay my wandering feet ; I shall turn in midnight slumbers, Through the shades to walk alone, Still inditing rustic numbers, All unknowing-all unknown.

Vale of beauty, friends can soften, Every ill that fate can send ; I have asked our Father often. One to give, one genial friend; One my summer walks attending, In the wildwood on the lea; Flora's greenest garlands blending, With the gems of poesy.

Vale of beauty, I am going, Where the chrystal wavelets play; Chased by western breezes blowing, From the prairie wilds away ; Where those waves the rocks are laving, There my brothers, sisters dwell ; Where the lofty trees are waving, I am going, Fare thee-well.

FORGIVE AND FORGET.

BY CHARLES SWAIN. Forgive and forget ! why the world would be lonely, The garden a wilderness left to deform, If the flowers but remembered the chilling blast only, And the fields gave no verdure for fear of the stor Oh, still in thy loveliness emblem the flower. Give the fragrance of feeling to sweeten life's way : And prolong not again the brief cloud of an hour, With tears that but darken the rest of the day ! Forgive and forget ! there's no breast so unfeeling, But some gentle thoughts of affection there live ; And the best of us all require something concealing, Some heart that with smiles can forget and forgive. Then away with the clouds from those beautiful eves, That brow was no home for such frowns to have met. O, how could our spirits e'er hope for the skies, If Heaven refused-TO FORGIVE AND FORGET

### PROGRESS AND INDIVIDUALIZATION.

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rative law of progression, from which there is no mediately to a sitting posture, and answered disescape. His natural order of unfolding is, to ad- tinctly : 'Ego nescio loqui latine,'-('I do not know vance from the helplessness and ignorance of in- how to speak Latin'). I was so struck with aston- country, in a retired and Christian village, it seems fancy, to the power and wisdom of a celestial an- ishment that, overwhelmed, I withdrew, fearing to hardly necessary to urge the observance of the gel. He may retard his destiny, but he cannot interrogate him farther. gel. He may retard his destiny, out he cannot interrogate find lattice. Saboath. It is ancary subclude of the maxay. She was a lovely did it never strike you as strange, that there is he here associations ever to be abandoned. Once in angel came and took her away. She was a lovely did it never strike you as strange, that there is here is he prevent it. He must needs, sooner or later, wheth-cr he would or not, blossom into Spiritual life, see him, and commenced by some test commands, seven days the ordinary occupations of business child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that that is a very re-child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that that is a very re-child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that that is a very re-child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that that is a very re-child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that that is a very re-child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that that is a very re-child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that that is a very re-child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that that is a very re-child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that that is a very re-child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that the second distance is the second distance is the second distance is the second distance is a very re-child-gentle as a lamb; the pet of the whole mention of love here, and that the second distance is the se

with powers and capacities greatly increased, and observing constantly to speak Latin, of which, as I are laid aside. The streets are deserted, surrounded by means and appliances fitted to the said before, he was entirely ignorant. Among magnitude of his new state of being. These he other things, I ordered the spirit to throw him to may still continue for a time, perhaps almost an in- the ground, and was instantly obeyed, but he was

finity of time, to pervert and abuse as he did his hurled with such violence that, strained and rigid lesser advantages and faculties here; but the pe- as were his limbs, one would have thought it a log, riod will ultimately come, when the persistent love rather than a man, which fell. of the Father will reach his heart, and he will be "Weary with his long resistance, I resolved to softened, be made willing, and be taken home make a last effort; it was, to imitate the example

of the Bishop of Tilopolis on a similar occasion. I among the blessed. There is a reason why the law of progression is ventured to attempt an exorcism, by commanding imperative and irresistible, and operative every- the demon, in Latin, to raise him, feet foremost to where and upon everything; and it is because the the ceiling of the church. Immediately his body Deity is always infusing into all things more and became rigid, and as if he had lost all power over more of his own vitalizing energy, as each unfold- his members, he was dragged from the middle of ing increases the capacity to receive. There is the church to a column, and there, with his feet

also a reason why, in the order of nature, like drawn together, his back to the column, without the aid must produce its like; and it is because each order of his hands, he was elevated, in the twinkling of an of created things, and each thing in the same eye, to the ceiling, like a weight that had been The volume of eternal life is read, and then follows order, is a separate and distinct creation by itself. drawn up quickly, from above, without any appar-The mineral kingdom and each mineral; the floral, ent action of his own. Suspended with his feet the state of the dead, or the duties of the living. and each flower; and the animal kingdom and each against the ceiling, and his head downwards, I animal, are each and all individualized formations, made the spirit declare, as I had proposed to do, the doors, and disperse along the road. with forms, organizations and qualities, diverse in order to humble him and force him to withdraw his influence, the falsity of the Pagan religion. I from all the rest.

compelled him to confess that he was a deceiver. This will appear the more evident if we consider the origin of forms. The prevalent idea that forms and at the same time to acknowledge the truth of our religion. I kept him in this position for perare ultimations of matter is incorrect. Some even haps half an hour, when, being myself much go so far as to say that form cannot be predicated of anything above the natural plane-thus in effect frightened at what I saw, I ordered him to be denying form to spirits, to spiritual worlds, and to brought to my feet without injury. Upon the word, he was dropped to the floor before me like a the Deity. Just the reverse of all this is true. bundle of rags, without apparently receiving the Forms exist in spirit before they do in matter, and thence ultimate themselves in matter; each spirit least injury. From that day, my enermugen, tho' of a thing giving to matter its own form. The not entirely freed from the strange influences, was proof of this is in all analogy, and in our everyday much relieved. Day by day his troubles diminish-

experience. The production of the artisan is first ed; but particularly when I was in his house, he shaped in his mind-his spirit elaborates it on the appeared so tranquil that one would have supposed him quite cured. He remained for five months spiritual plane-and then his hands clothe it with a material form on the plane of matter. But never connected with my church: at the expiration of in the external can he equal his ideal, because be- that period the influences had entirely left him : ing a birth of the superior, it can never, on the and he is to-day, perhaps, as sincere and devout a inferior, be made to equal the original. Christian as is to be found in Cochin-China .----

Matter has of itself no power to combine itself into diverse forms. The minute atom is in itself a form, completely organized; and in order thus to organize it, it was necessary that it be endowed with a spirit, according to its order, from the source of all spirit and all life. But having been thus endowed, it has no power, either alone or in moved upon by a higher power.

of these I knew that about noon, when all would If this be not so-if matter acts and produces spontaneously-how shall we account for the diver. be quiet, I could steal up into her chamber. I imasity of its growth? Why does it not, under like gine that it was exactly high noon when I reached the chamber door; it was locked, but the key conditions, produce all diamonds, all roses, all oaks, all leopards, all men? The reason is simply, that was not taken away. Entering, I closed the door each one of these, and all other things, are endow- so softly, that although it opened upon a hall ed by the Deity, each with a spirit, according to which ascended through all the stories, no echo ran its order, which works out and moulds its own along the silent walls. Then, turning round. I As the theory of progress is more or less funda- form and quality in matter; reproducing in the sought my sister's face. But the bed had been mental to all phases of Spiritualism, the following external, what the Creator had previously wrought moved, and the back was now turned. Nothing thoughts may interest, and aid the reader in con- out in idea, and fashioned in the germ, on the met my eyes but one large window wide open, structing a rational and religious faith. We ex- celestial and spiritual planes. So it never happens through which the sun of midsummer at noonday tract from the "confidential experiences of a Spi- that rubies turn to gold; or that roses turn to was showering down torrents of splendor. The ritualist," now in process of publication in the N. pinks; or apples, pears; or fish, birds; or mon- weather was dry, the sky was cloudless, the blue keys, men; but the bodies of men being inhabited | depths seemed the express types of infinity; and it | was not possible for eye to behold or for heart to We know the writer to possess a thoughtful by the spirits of men, and the particles of which mind and much religious experience, and think the they are composed having taken form after the conceive any symbols more pathetic of life and the following worthy of an attentive reading.-Ed. Ch. form of the spirit, and being held together and glory of life.

vitalized by it; and the monkey being thus tenant-\* \*

Those writers and reasoners on anthropology, ed by the spirit of a monkey; fish, by the spirit of From the gorgeous sunlight, I turned round to who contend that the disorders of the world are a a fish; flower by the spirit of a flower; and the the corpse. There lay the sweet childish figure, necessary adjunct to a certain state of human de- gem by the spirit of a gem; each develops in its there the angel face; and, as people usully fancy, velopment—that evil is one of the stages in the separate existence according to its diverse order; it was said in the house no features had suffered growth of good; a lesser degree of the same thing; but all in such relations and so beautifully blended, any change. Had they not? The forehead, in- broker who has gambled on a magnificent scale all or at most but a negative quality, implying only as to constitute the harmonious whole of nature. deed, the serene and noble forehead, that might be the absence of good, as cold is but the absence of It may be difficult for us to conceive the exact the same; but the frozen eyelids, the darkness tical swindling analyzed and measured by the "New heat; commit the same error that a mineralogist nature of a spiritual body or a spiritual form, be- that seemed to steal from beneath them, the marble would, who should undertake to explore the qua- cause they are above us, and our faculties are as lips, the stiffening hands laid palm to palm, as if lities of a gem, simply by the sense of touch. In yet only familiar with material forms; but it is repeating the supplications of closing anguish, order to make their theory at all plausible, these nevertheless true, that the intelligence of thought could these be mistaken for life? Had it been so, philosophers are obliged to consider matter the must originate all forms, and determine their quali- wherefore did I not spring to those heavenly lips mother of mind-dust the father of intelligence- ties, on the plane of thought or spirit, before it is with tears and never-ending kisses ? But so it was to find the germ of man in the mineral, and to possible that they should have birth in matter. not. I stood checked for a moment; awe, not fear, trace him thence through the vegetable to the ani- And in this order did creation extend through a fell upon me; and whilst I stood, a solemn wind mal: and through sponges, polypii and morads, to succession of periods or days. The vitalizing and began to blow, the most mournful that ear ever the monkey; whence he blossomed naturally into organization of minerals was one work, or creation; heard. Mournful! that is saying nothing. It was his present stature of physical and mental beauty, and the successive introduction of vegetables, of a wind that has swept the fields of mortality for a fitted, as the principal and ultimate of all natural animals and man, as the globe became fitted to hundred centuries. Many times since, upon a sumproductions, to take his place at the head of earths their production and reception, were each separate mer day, when the sun is about the hottest, I have and ores, and all minerals; of corn and grapes, creations. Granite and iron, with their solidity remarked the wind arising and uttering the same and all vegetables; of reptiles and elephants, and and strength; gold, with its richness; the crys- hollow, Memnonian, but saintly swell; it is in this tal, with its sparkle; each flower, with its special world the one sole audible symbol of eternity. And According to this theory, and assuming that grace and beauty, and the quality of its perfume; three times in my life I have happened to hear the man's progenitors, the apes and the insects are na- and bulbous roots and shrubs, and trees; mites, same sound in the same circumstances, viz., when turally vicious and carnivorous; and considering butterflies, singing birds, and beasts, and all the standing between an open window and a dead body that his more remote ancestors the vegetables and hosts of animated life which people water, earth on a summer day. the minerals, are many of them deadly poisons, it and air-each and all, were first fashioned in the Instantly, when my ear caught this . Eolian inis certainly not to be wondered at that the race, germ in the spiritual world, energized and convey- tonation, when my eye filled with the golden fulhowever rapidly advancing, have not yet arrived ed thence to the natural world, there to work out ness of life, the pomp and glory of the heavens out-for six long days. Then stepping the other side of vius has been raised from the sea, he said, as had at the purity of angels. This of necessity must in matter, through the agency of their own inhe- side, and turning when it settled upon the frost the wall, they wish the minister to assuage their also all the regions round about Rome. Dormant be a work of time and progression. To rid him- rent forces, their own proper forms, and assem- which overspread my sister's face, instantly a trance fears, to comfort their consciences, and furnish Volcanoes encircled the Eternal City. The soil fell on me. A vault seemed to open in the zenith them a clear ticket and assurance for heaven. By was composed of volcanic ashes. The ancient cataof the far blue sky, a shaft which ran up for ever. such a shrewd management, our modern financiers of finding fault with the present posture of the SPIRIT POSSESSION IN COCHIN-CHINA, ONE I, in spirit rose as if on billows that also ran up the HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO YEARS shaft for ever ; and the billows seemed to pursue the throne of God ; but that also ran before us and AGO.

"A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER." SABBATH IN THE COUNTRY. Upon people who have been brought up in the Sabbath. It is already sanctified by too many

"And all the world lies still."

Suddenly over the hill is heard the sound of the church bell; and forth from their dwellings issue church bell; and forth from their dwellings issue was with us only a few months, out the break beaming eyes which give life and animation beaming their little children in heaven many years, and she must have loved beaming eyes which give life and animation with by the hand, and brothers and sisters walking side finite, for everybody loved her. If a little voice ing, and talents, the greatest, perhaps, that every body side, and all with grave steps wending their flowers are sconest plucked. If a little voice ing, and talents, the greatest, perhaps, that every body loved here in England, or approhere that every body loved here in England, or approhere the every body loved here. by side, and all with grave steps wending their nowers are soonest placked. If a here the steps in England, or anywhere else, give us the way to the house of God. Those from a distance sweeter and more musical than others was heard, I met in England, or anywhere else, give us the way to the house of God. Those from a distance sweeter and more musical than others was heard, I catalogue of the divine attributes, and deny a blac come in wagons and carriages. The front of the knew Kittie was near. If my study door opened to among them to lorge. We do not a blac come in wagons and carriages. The front of the knew K-the was hear. If my study door opened, I among them to love? We think the omission may a place village church presents an animated scene. It so gently and stilly that no sound was heard, I among them to love? We think the omission may village church presents an animated gene. It so genuy and string that no sound was head, the be thus explained and illustrated. Take a glob seems as if some unusual event had assembled the knew Kittle was near. If after an hour's quiet play the thus explained and illustrated. Take a glob seems as if some unusual event had assembled the allew little was hear. If and our square play and observing the natural order, lay on its surface, whole town. And how reverently they enter the a little shadow passed me, and the door opened and the colors of the reinhort order, lay on its surface. place of worship. Solemn prayers are offered .--Hymns are sung—joyful or plaintive melodies that not to disturb papa,' I knew Kittie was going. long have charmed the ears of the pious worshipers :

" Those strains that once did sweet in Zion glide." a solemn discourse respecting God, or Eternity ; on An hour passes, and the congregation issue from

There is the great civilizing influence in our dear country homes, and every Christian land :

" From scenes like this old Scotia's grandeur springs,

That makes her loved at home, revered abroad." But for this day our population would be mere lanot brutes. It teaches every man that he has a ing. I miss the sweet smiles from the sunniest of soul that is to live forever. It furnishes food for faces. I miss-oh! how I miss the foremost in the little

thought during the week-thus silently raises the whole life of the community.

And how the Sabbath supports the hearts that

THE PULPIT AND SECULAR MATTERS.

minister to be bold and orthodox. But if he wants

respectable merchants to pay ample pew rents, let

him not vulgarize the pulpit by introducing com-

mercial questions. A rich Christian brother owns

largely in a distillery, and is clamorous against let-

ting down the pulpit to the vulgarity of temper-

ance sermons. Another man buys tax-titles, and

INFIRMITIES OF GENIUS.

to a Jesuit academy, and two years afterwards re-

York Republican.

point as follows:

And how humanizing is this influence ! What first kiss. I do not steep so low now, Kittie, to bly than any other trait of character. There seen kindness and good will it produce between all give the first kiss. I miss you at the table, and at to be no distress so deep, and no temptation of classes of society. "The rich and the poor meet family worship. I miss your voice in 'I want to great, as to induce a follower of the Prophet together," and feel that "the Lord is the maker of be an angel,' for nobody could sing it like you. I them all." It reminds the rich of their common miss you in my rides and walks. I miss you in the humanity with those, whom, but for this, they garden; I miss you everywhere; but I will try not might look down upon. In the poor it awakens to miss you in Heaven. 'Papa, if we are good, self-respect. As they come to church, dressed with will an angel come and take us to Heaven when neatness, and sit beside their more wealthy neigh- we die?' When the question was asked, how little bors the feeling of inferiority disappears, and they did I think the angel was so near. But he did feel that they are kindred with those whom they | 'truly' come, and the sweet flower is transplanted regarded with envy. This intercourse removes to a genial clime. 'I do wish papa would come their prejudices, and softens their manners. In- here.' Wait a little while, Kittie, and papa will sensibly a refinement is imparted to the most com- come. The journey is not long. He will soon be mon people by associating with persons of educa- home."-Saratoga Republican.

### WHAT I HAVE NOTICED.

are heavy and cast down ! Blessed day of rest ! of freedom from labor and care ! How many old men, who have outlived the ordinary enjoyments are marked with epitaphs of "good and virtuous." of life, find their solace in coming up to the House of God. To how many poor widows, who have laid their affections in the grave, does this day bring are buried ? I have noticed that the prayer of every selfish the sole relief and happiness of the week. For all these things we love the Sabbath day. And alery body pay who owes him, to the utmost far though these times of bustle and excitement draw thing. away many from its observance, we would remem-

ber to keep it holy, not only in obedience to the though not impartial. Every man owes a debt- is that?" "I have charge of it," was there command of God, but as a hallowed interval of Death summons the debtor to lay down his dust in peace, which is the best earthly type of heaven .-the currency of mortality.

a rogue, is very certain to see one when he shaves "They can't steal it," replied the Turk, "for himself, and he ought, in mercy to his neighbors, longs to a man in Smyrna."-Rondout Courier. Rev. H. W. Beecher, expresses himself on this to surrender the rascal to justice.

I have noticed that money is the fool's wisdom, "We have no doubt that a rigorous landlord. the knave's reputation, the wise man's jewel, the having sharked it all the week, would be better rich man's trouble, the poor man's desire, the covpleased on Sunday, to doze through an able Gospel etous man's ambition, and the idol of all. sermon on Divine mysteries, than to be kept awake by a practical sermon, that, among other things,

I have noticed that merit is always measured in

"God is Love."-According to the Catechism Mr. Bradbury, one of the conductors of the the Westminster Assembly, "God is a spirit in Mr. Bradbury, one of the conductor of the New York Musical Review, thus writes of the death finite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wis, New York Musical Lizzie, thus whiles of the years: dom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth" "Kittie is gone. Where? To heaven. An A very comprehensive definition, no doubt; Fet family; the youngest of them all. But she could markable omission ?- an omission as remarkable on the formation of the format family; the youngest of them and but she could if a man who described the firmament were to leave not stay with them any longer. She had an angel if a man who described the firmament were to leave not stay with them any longer. She had an anger out the sun, or, painting the human face made is sister in Heaven waiting for her. The angel sister out the sun, or, painting the human face made is sister and may no place on the sun of the sun sister in Heaven waiting for her. The anget also is sightless, and gave no place on the carvas in these it was with us only a few months, but she has been sightless, and gave no place on the carvas in these its beaming eves which give life and asia. a little shadow passed me, and the door opened and the colors of the rainbow; give it a rapid motion shut as no one else could open and shut it, 'so as the colors of the rainbow; give it a rapid motion round its axis; and now you no longer see blue "When in the midst of my composure I heard red, yellow, and the others. As if by magic, the

"When in the midst of my composite I near whiring sphere changes into purest white, present a gentle voice saying, 'Papa, may I stay with you ing to our eyes and understanding a visible proof a little while? I will be very still, I the not need that the sunbeam is not a simple, but compound to look off my work to assure me that it was my that the sunbeam is not a simple, but compound to look off my work to assure me that it was my little lamb. You stayed with me too long, Kittle body, woven of various rays, and forming, when little lamb. You stayed with me too long, stated blended into one, what we call light. Now, may dear, to leave me so suddenly, and you are too still now. You became my intue assistant my love (otherwise an unaccountable omission,) just bird—and I miss the little voice that I have so often because they held that as all the colors together bird—and I miss the fittle voice that I have so each make light, so all the attributes acting together heard in an adjoining room, catching up and echo ing little snatches of melody as they were being make love; and that thus, because God is justice, composed. I miss those soft and sweet kisses. I is wisdom, is power, is holiness, is goodness, and is composed. I miss those solt and sweet also have the set of truth, God therefore of necessity, and in the  $e_{r}$ placed on my forehead, to 'drive away the pain.' I press words of John, "God is love." This is the placed on my forenead, to drive away the pairs. briefest and best definition of Divinity, and  $w_{0u}$ boring animals, beasts of burden like the horse and I miss the little knock at my bedroom door in the have been John's answer to the question, "When ox. But the Sabbath teaches them that they are morning, and the triple good night kiss in the even- is God ?"-Dr. Guthaie.

> HONESTY-without Policy.-Mahometan honesia group who came out to meet me at the gate for the is what strikes the Christian in the East more for take what does not belong to him, cr in any perniary way to wrong friend or foe. The history human society does not show an instance when the teachings of any one man has made such h ing impressions as Mahomet's in this particul Centuries have passed since he has gone, but) standard of honesty has not been lowered any his followers; and no Christian community Europe or America, can in this, begin to come with them. Theft is a crime unknown to the and but one single instance of robbery has happened ed in Turkey for twenty years. A recent we speaking on this point, says :---

> "While traveling, it is not uncommon to se Janissary enter the Cafine, heave several base I have noticed that all men speak well of men's gold in a corner, and go out to sleep with his here virtues when they are dead; and the tombstones A merchant, returning from Constanting Smyrna, traveling early in the morning, sar Is there any particular cemetery where the bad men horse tied to an olive tree, and several bags in on the ground. Curiosity led him to examine the -he found that they all contained gold, and man is "forgive us our debts," but he makes ev several of the pieces had nearly worked thus the cloth. On looking around, he saw a Jania at some distance in a profound sleep. "Fra I have noticed that death is a merciless judge said the merchant, on waking him, "whose

"But are you not afraid to leave it there?" said the Janissary, "it can't run away." I have noticed that he who thinks every man is the travelers may steal it." said the Frat

> THE SAINTED DEAD .- They are our treaschangeless and shining treasures. Let us looking fully. Not lost, but gone before. Lost out stars of the morning, they have faded int: light of a brighter heaven. Lost to earth. to us. When the earth is dark, then the her

and invisible in the shades of night, then a

are more clearly seen. So is the night of st

and mourning; it settles down upon us like al

ly twilight at the graves of our friends, but and

they shine on high. While we weep, they s

While they are with us upon earth, they lie :

our hearts refreshingly, like the dew upon

N. E. Spiritualist. DE QUINCEY'S TRANCE AND VISION. (From Suspiria de Profundis.) On the day after my sister's death, I formed my

own scheme for seeing her once more. Not for the combination with other atoms, to produce new in- world would I have made this known, nor have tion. dividualizations. It remains at rest forever, until suffered a witness to accompany me. The house was large; there were two staircases; and by one

all animals; ss their acknowledged chief.

self of all these taints and viruses of his nature, blage of perfections and beauties. physical and mental, is a labor indeed ; and instead

world, we should rather indulge our astonishment, that from beginnings like these, such extraordinary

toward higher states of perfection, is true, but not not refuse your request that I should give you in sister's bed.

in the way in which they suppose. That the hu- writing the particulars in reference to the possessed man race has come up through the apes, has in it Cochin Chinaman, of whom I had the honor to God-flight from the ruined corpse to the throne also the shadow of a truth; but it is only true speak with you. in a most inferior sense. It is true so far as

"In the year 1783, about the month of May or truth for after years. Rapture of grief, that, being this, that the globe we inhabit passed through June, happening to be in the Province of Cham, too mighty for a child to sustain; foundest a happy various stages of development, maturing vegetable Kingdom of Cochin-China, in the church of a vil- oblivion in a heaven born sleep, and within that and animal life, before [it reached such a state of lage named Cheta, a mile and a half from the capi- sleep did'st conceal a dream, whose meaning in afrefinement, as to supply material fitted to enter in- tal of the province, there was brought to me a ter years, when slowly I deciphered, suddenly to the earthly part of man, and constitute his young Christian convert, some eighteen or nineteen there flashed upon me new light; and even by the thirty-six. body : for of its dust were the bodies of those who years of age. were to have dominion over it, to be made. But "His friends said that he was possessed of an philosphers.

that like begets unlike, instead of like-that flowers evil spirit. A little incredulous, I may add, to my If the Spirit is made for eternity, it is worthy to and vegetables were born of minerals, and animals shame, too much so at that time, on account of my receive all the truths that eternity gives. of vegetables-that the lizard begot a fish, and the little experience in those things, of which I had fish a bird, and the bird a monkey, and the monkey never known an instance, but of which I had often a man, is not true. This is not the order of pature. heard the converts speak-I desired to know

Progression is infinite, but not after this manner. whether there was not some simplicity or malice This is the order-like unfolds and produces its in the statement."

like, with a constant tendency toward a higher perand universes. The gross physical atom will con- from the village, fied to the mountains, and would he wheels down into the lower regions, and may of Dante's temperament, we are told, was manifest- him on the spot. On breaking open the mould, he to her mother, saying : 'Mother, I am wet tinue to unfold, until it becomes a Spiritual, and call himself only the traitor Judas.

lastly a celestial atom; and earths and suns are constantly refining, and unfolding new beauties, sionary, "I consented to visit their son. I went, tious, the corn grows finely and they have great suns ; with as little gravity about them as that pos- addressed him in Latin, of which I knew he could which is his voice, and the lightning, which is the to his material and capacities, to this same impe | stretched upon the floor in convulsions, he rose im- his displeasure .-- Crayon Miscellany.

time. advancements and perfections have been reached. In a French medical work hy Dr. Calmeil, may be fied away continually. The flight and the pursuit

In the views of those philosophers, however, found the following letter, written in 1738, by a seemed to go on for ever. Frost, gathering frost, there is a superficial truth, but when examined in worthy Catholic missionary named Lacour, to Dr. seemed to repel me; I slept-for how long I cantheir breadth, a central error. The continuous de- Winslow, a celebrated physician. It has been not say! Slowly I recovered my self-possession, velopment and progression of all things whatever translated for our columns by a friend :-- "I can- and found myself standing as before, close to my

> Oh flight of the solitary child\* to the solitary that could not be ruined !-- how rich wert thou in

> > play astonishing abilities for music, and in the two following years composed some triffing pieces, grief of a child, were confounded the falsehoods of

\* De Quincey was but six years old when this occured.

INDIAN MYTHOLOGY .--- The Delawares believe that prodigy, Lucretia Davidson, was another melan- vent by which the metal was conveyed. The youth, Here follows the recital of the parents, which can a guardian Spirit in the form of a great eagle, choly instance of precocious genius and early death. curious to see the operation, disobeyed orders, and the mother, whose solicitude for the daught fection. This is the case with the atom, the veget- be reduced to these words :- Their son, having watches over them, hovering in the sky far out of Keats wrote several pieces before he was fifteen, the whole of the metal went into the mould, and comfort was unceasingly manifested. Law able, the animal and man; and with globes, suns, made an unworthy communion, had disappeared sight. Sometimes when well pleased with them, and only reached his twenty-fifth year. The ardor the enraged master, returning from his meal, slew

be seen circling with wide spread wings against the ed in his childhood. The lady he celebrated in found he had been too hasty, for the bell was cast when shall we get home?' After a time she "After hearing their story," continues the mis- white clouds: at such times the seasons are propihis poems, under the name of Beatrice, he fell in as perfect as possible. When it was hung in its into a gentle slumber, and awaking suddenly, " love with at the age of ten. Schiller, at the age of place the master had been sentenced to death by diant smile overspread her features, she exclaimed capacities and splendors; and will thus continue, firmly resolved to believe nothing unless I saw evi- success in hunting. Sometimes, however, he is fourteen, was the author of an epic poem. He died the sword, for the murder of his apprentice, and looking upward: 'Mother, there is page until they become Spiritual and celestial earths and dence of a supernatural power. On arriving, I angry, and then he vents his rage in the thunder, at forty-six. Cowley published a collection of his he entreated the authorities that he might be al- expired. It was yet many a weary mile to juvenile poems, "Poetical Blossoms," at sixteen, lowed to hear it rung once before he died. His pe- mother's home, but the angels pitying the little" sessed by a Spirit. And man also is subject, as not possibly have the least knowledge. Though flashing of his eye, and strikes dead the object of and died at sixty-nine. Wordsworth was mineteen tition was granted, and the bell has since been ferer, gathered her to the Paradise of Innocenter years completing "Peter Bell."-Exchange. rung at every execution.-New Church Herald.

he world by its success. set forth the duties of a Christian landlord. I have noticed that in order to be a reasonable creature, it is necessary at times, to be downright are bright; when objects around become inde mad.

I have noticed that as we are always wishing in-Testament spirit. A merchant, whose last bale of stead of working for fortunes, we are disappointed, smuggled goods was safely stored on Saturday and call Dame Fortune "blind," but it is the very night, and his brother merchant, who, on that best evidence that the old lady has the most capisame day, swore a false invoice through the Custal eye-sight, and is "no granny" with spectacles. tom House-they go to church to hear a sermon I have noticed that purses will hold pennies as on faith, on angels, on the resurrection. They have well as pounds. nothing invested on those subjects, they expect the

I have noticed that tomb-stones say "Here he lies." which no doubt is often the truth; and if men could see the epitaphs their friends sometimes write, they would believe they had got into the wrong grave.-Exchange.

# VESUVIUS, ROME, AND GEOLOGY.

noses about all the week to see who can be slipped out of a neglected lot. A merchant that piles his craft with the unscrupulous appliance of every interesting sketch of a visit paid by him to Mount Exchange paper. means that win, he too wants "doctrine" on the Vesuvius. Despite the fate of Herculaneum and

Sabbath, not these secular questions. Men wish Pompeii, the sides of the mountain are at this time two departments in life; the secular and the reli- inhabited by 300,000 people, who look not to the gious. Between them a high wall and opaque, is past, but sleep in fancied security upon lava beds to be built. They wish to do just what they please which entombed villages beneath their feet. Vesucombs had been cut through until they reached are determined to show that a Christian can serve to the mouth of the Tiber, in endless labyrinths. two masters both God and mammon, at the same That below this deposit of ashes, was a formation containing marine fossil shells; and still deeper, over the words. She will also distinguish the one containing fresh water fossils. The subject, the lecturer said, was too vast for one short dis-

Moore says "the five most remarkable instances comprehend it. These results could only have lecting and arranging all the colors by feeling of early authorship are those of Pope, Congreve, been brought about through endless ages of time; Churchill, Chatterton and Byron." The first of these died in his fifty-sixth year; the second in his that the Genesis account of the creation, taken fifty-eighth year; the third in his thirty-fourth, literally, was entirely too short, but that geology in 'the sleepless boy" committed suicide in his eight. | no wise conflicted with Scripture; on the contrary. eenth; and Byron died in his thirty-seventh year. every successive discovery in that science proved Mozart, at the age of three years, began to dis. the correctness of the Mosaic account. First, chaos, and then the creation of that which was

capable of existence in the midst of noxious vapors: which his father carefully preserved, and like all these passing away, made new formations for a prodigies, his career was a short one-he died at still higher form of life, and so on, each creation still more clevated in the scale of being, until at Tasso, from infancy, exhibited such quickness of last came the crowning glory of God's plan-MAN, understanding, that at the age of five he was sent whom he created in his own image.- Key Stone,

cited verses and orations of his own composition. A DEATH BELL,-A story is told of the casting He died at fifty-one. Dermody was employed by of the bell for the church of St. Magdalen, Breslau. his father, who was a school master, as assistant in When the metal was ready to pour into the mould, teaching the Latin and Greek languages in his ninth the chief founder went to dinner, and forbade his as the hyacinth-her emaciated fingers as de year. He died at twenty-seven. The American apprentice, under penalty of death, to touch the and transparent as the pearls of Ceylon. To

flowers; when they disappear, it is by a pa from above that has drawn them upward a though lost in the skies, like the dew that is abs ed from the flowers, they will return to us like the flowers themselves, we will die, yet ely bloom again in the Eden above. Then those will the heavens have absorbed and removed from by the sweet attraction of their love, made he and lovelier in light, will draw toward us again Professor Silliman recently delivered a lecture at holy affinity, and rest on our hearts as be Louisville, in the course of which he gave quite an They are our treasures-loved ones-sainted A SINGULAR AND UNFORTUNATE GIRL-A CO spondent of the Detroit Advertiser states that A A., the daughter of C. C. Dilloway, Fall Bit Mass., is one of the wonders of the age. S!

deaf, dumb, and blind; her right limbs are lvzed-she is confined to her bed-cannot moved much without being thrown into a fitshe will converse fluently with the mute alpha writes very legibly with her left hand, reads c mon writing on a paper, or slate, or print (if book be not too much worn), by passing the ting ent color in a variegated dress in the same She has wrought several pieces of crewel course—that the mind was lost in endeavoring to that would be a credit to any girl of her a using only her left hand. She plays draught backgammon expertly. She knows when a comes into the room, by the jar of the which she constantly lies, and can in this w tinguish the different members of the Exchange.

> A TOUCHING SCENE .- A correspondent of the mira Republican says that in a recent trip ou New York and Erie road, an incident occurred touched every beholder's heart with pity. A paratively young lady, dressed in deep mourn her husband having recently died-was to ing southward, having in her care and keep young daughter of some six years,--The little was mild eyed as an autumnal sky, and as de ingly beautiful was the affection of her hear ever and anon from the car window she two Portland Transcript.