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last. Her heart seemed involuntarily to withdraw itself from one she had loved so well, though under the circumstances, not wisely. Had she loved Harry less, he might have been a more attentive husband, for he was constantly aware of her length presence and felt heavy he had she had been a length that he had she loved the same and felt heavy he had she had been a length that her presence and felt heavy he had she had to the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy he had she had to the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy he had she had to the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy he had she had to the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy he had she had to the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy he had she had to the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy he had to the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy he had to the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy her had the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy her had the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy her had the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt heavy her had the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt her had the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt her had the last time in Harry's history that her presence and felt her had the last time in Harry's history that her presence are the last time in Harry's history that her had the last time in Harry's history that her presence are the last time in Harry's history that her had the last time in Harry's history that her had the last time in Harry's history that her had the last time in Harry's history that her had the last time in Harry's history that her had the last time in Harry's history that her had the last time in Harry's history that her had the last time in Harry's history that her had the last time in Harry's h more attentive husband, for he was constantly aware of her mental presence, and felt happy by her soul touch. In his delight he loved everybody else around him, and thus fell an easy victim to his frolicsome friends. So, a woman's love even may prove detrimental under circumstances, and should always be judiciously dispensed.

Harry was as usual at his old tricks. Just before leaving his place of business, three good friends stepped in, seeking a fourth man to make up a whist-party. Remembering his promise to his wife, he tried to excuse himself. But his friends laughted him out of this saving he could spend many.

Scarce. It was the first time in Harry's history that her presence was annoying to him. But he had to play a part himself and mustering at the affability he could, took his departure but in heart a disappointed, humiliated, and miserable mortal. He spent the most unhappy day of his life. Though he wasn't a praying man, when in trouble he imagined some unseen power would help him out if he appealed to it or made a compromise with it. So in this instance did he have faith, followed by hope, and trusting to Laura for charity.

Laura had arisen early on this notable day, as was her in-

friends laughed him out of this, saying he could spend many other evenings in his wife's society. Fearing further criticism he succumbed to their solicitations, and followed them to the

At the moment that Laura was undergoing her remarka ble transformation, Harry was all intent in a new game, when suddenly he sensed a break in the magnetic vibration between himself and wife. Its full realization was a shock to him Could something have befallen Laura, was his first thought. those sweet-tempered, amiable creatures who cared nothing Without further ceremony he threw down his cards, much to the surprise of the rest, took his hat and rushed into the those she loved. In this condition of mental passivity streets. Much thought coursed through his brain as he flew was strangely guided to do the right thing at the right time homewards. He cursed himself and vowed never to touch All her wishes or desires seemed to mould themselves into Much thought coursed through his brain as he flew another card. Reaching home his first glance was up to the window where one blind was always left open for him as a greeting from the distance. Now it was closed. An evil her behalf, must be inferred. If man is a microcosm of all her behalf, must be inferred. If man is a microcosm of all

the knob of the door, turned it, and pushed. It yielded and with nature that the latter acts for him or through him ache stepped in. All was dark, and deathlike stillness prevailed. Cording to his will. Whatever was pure and unselfish could be He struck a light and looked towards the couch. There was Laura laying with eyes closed. He stepped nearer. She than they know.
was pale, and her hands were folded over the coverlid. Not Whether Harry deserved such a wife is not for mortals to being able to contain himself any longer, Harry threw himself on his knees before the bed, grasped his wife's hands, and cried in tones of anguish: "Oh, Laura, Laura, my dar-

Being awakened by this sudden outburst of passion and rather rude touch, Laura opened her eyes in wonderment. Seeing that Harry was kneeling beside her, she calmly said: "Ob, is that you, please don't disturb me!"

Laura coolly closed her eyes again and turned her face in an opposite direction.

"But, Laura," cried Harry, still agitated, "are you ill?"
"No," replied she laconically, without opening her eyes.
"But, Laura," continued Harry with insistence, "something must be the matter-tell me-ah-have you been asleep

"I don't know—leave me alone!"

"But, great heavens, Laura, if nothing ails you, say so Get me out of this terrible suspense. 'You didn't seem to consider the suspense I was in!"

Oh, yes-hm-that is-but great kingdoms, Laura, I

couldn't help it—you know—I swear—yes-"Not necessary-your yows have been forfeited too often-

'But can't you hear me out; Laura, you know, business-

'Good night, Mr. Truman; please do not disturb me any "Oh, heavens, Mister Truman, indeed," cried Harry, beginning to pace the floor. "Mister Truman! I wonder what

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After two or three turns he ventured once more to his wife's bedside, and then said almost frantically: "One more question, Laura; do you still—ah, have you forgotten me?"

As no reply came, Harry concluded to give it up, and trusted that morning would bring a truce. With this on his mind he threw himself into a lolling-chair, and remained

When he awoke, it was morning. Feeling the worse fo having slept in his clothes, he experienced some difficulty in getting to his feet. Repentant, he bethought himself what course to pursue to introduce himself to an injured wife. In course to pursue to introduce himself to an injured whe. In the gray of the morn he felt no desire for a repetition of the night's dramatic scene. He feared another cool sprinkling. He would appeal to Laura's good sense. Then suddenly turn-ing towards the bed, he approached it in quick step. But be-fore he could check his forward motion he saw that his good

intentions were in vain. Laura was not there.

Another disappointment, and supplement to his suspense—his doubt. The thought that Laura might have left him so-

WOMAN'S INFLUENCE,

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Laura had arisen early on this notable day, as was her intention, and left the room unobserved. She had a difficult role to play, though in no sense a diplomat. Many would have regarded her as such, considering all things from a material standpoint. But intuitive minded people might have thought otherwise. They probably would have been mystified or gone to the other extreme and looked upon her as a divine being. She was, in a measure; but no more so than it is possible for any mortal to attain. She was simply one o

Nervously he got out his night-key and opened the door. life and law in the universe, it may be believed and moral purification brings him into such close rapport with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with nature that the latter acts for him or through him active multiple and the support with a support

decide. She may have been assigned to him by a higher pow er as a savior. There are some men who exert a powerful in-fluence for evil or good—being one-tenth devil and ninetenths angel, but the devil part being of such a dangerou character that it is not only powerful enough to offset all that is angelic in the man, but becomes a menace to society; whereas when overcome, it exerts a counter-influence. Such men are worth saving, and may account for the anomolous This was about as great a surprise to Harry as the first marriages that sometimes occur and prove a success to every twas a shock. He rose to his feet, looking at her aghast body's surprise, and often to the disappointment of uncharitant coolly closed her eyes again and turned her face in an able prophets. Thus what is, may be right after all, even it

things do not run quite as smoothly as one would wish Matches may be made "in heaven" for like results. Though some men never realize what a gem they possess in a noble or loving wife until they are about to lose her or have lost her. Harry was beginning to realize this. He felt, too, that he was in the wrong, and was willing to atone for it. But misery is increased when one is ready to make amends and is

Harry thought so surely, when he reached home that evening after a day of tartarean torture, and again found Laura in close communion with his mother. But it was a great rehef to find his wife at all, for it might have been otherwise. So this gave him continued faith.

Mrs. Truman arose to prepare tea as soon as Harry arrived s was her custom, but Laura on this occasion followed, say ing: "Wait, mother; there's no light in the dining room

This was another disappointment for Harry, and he began to think that after all Laura may be acting under his mother's advice. Patience was his only hope, and he wished time was shorter. But tea passed over as did the morning meal; although it was hardly finished when the door-bell rang, and duty demanded Harry to answer it. Two neighbors—also a of their love in marriage, we have been jubilant with those young married couple—called to spend the evening. Harry who have given birth to new joys, then too we have an interest and entertained them until the second of their love in marriage. woon married couple—called to spend the evening. Harry escorted them into the parlor and entertained them until his mother and Laura made their appearance. Remarks about the weather, of course, were passed. But the conversation soon drifted into a channel which was compatible with the cause that existed in the Truman family, namely, household happiness—though slightly jarred at the moment.

However, a remark from neighbor Smith, saying that the state of the same and the soul's high-restricted with the conversation are realized?

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However, a remark from neignbor Smitch, saying that the intended calling on the previous evening, but was prevented by a call to an extra meeting of his club, led Mrs. Smith to add: "And I felt awfully lonely. I don't mind William's going once a week to his club, for I think men ought to identify themselves with some society; but when I have been anticipating his company all day, and he must absent himself then,

advertising cards. A burstiof laughter from the circle greeted Harry, in which Laura was compelled to join. She didn't want to, but Harry's awkwardness was too much for her. She gave vent to her feelings, though in a modified way. But it was a triumphant moment for Harry. Laura's changed de-meanor was a rent in the clouds of his despair and, he felt

A second attempt proved more successful. He selected the song he wanted sung, and Laura complied without resistance. While singing he stood beside her and touched her with his arm as a wooing lover would do who is burning to know his fate. The song ended all too soon for him. But it helped to shorten the evening; and after some commonplace gossip the time for the departure of the great way. gossip the time for the departure of the guests arrived. All three escorted them to the door. When our trio returned to

the parlor, Mrs. Truman, suddenly facing her son, said:
"Well, Harry, I am pleased to hear that you have given up your clubs. I hope that includes the whist parties!

'Yes, mother," answered Harry vigorously and with a business-like manner: "I have concluded to drop them. It doesn't pay to belong to so many. I think Smith is right; one is enough for any man."

Laura looked at Harry with pleasant surprise, and Mrs. Truman said: "Well, that's good. But as I'm tired, I'il leave you to put out the light, I aura, or Harry, as he's home At last Harry was alone with Laura. Oh, how he had

onged for that moment. She had stepped to the, piano to range her music. Harry approached her and leaning over her shoulder, said

most pathetically: "Laura!"

Continuing to pile up her notes, Laura simply uttered

"But I.aura, are you still angered towards me?"
"That depends," answered she coolly.

Oh, it depends, thought Harry. Well; that is getting nearer to it. Then putting his arm around her waist, he drew her towards him, and with his right hand pressed her head against his breast; then whispered: "Depends on what

"What you promised this evening!" "I meant it," said Harry fevently embracing her. "I swear

"You needn't; I'll take your word for it once more," in terposed Laura earnestly and lovingly looking up into his

It was enough. Harry was overcome. All he could say was, "God bless you, my darling, you have saved me from ruin!" He then kissed her over and over again, and began to tell her of his day of anguish. While doing so he drev her to a seat and finished his story, which took several hours. Laura sympathized with him very much and began to blame herself for cruelty. But Harry would not listen to this, and only drew her closer, and ended her speech with kisses

the intuitive wit of an unassuming little woman whom nature shaken the standing ground of the Christian, is it not his could rightly guide on account of her devoted and self-sacri-

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

My Dear Friend-It seems impossible that another year as passed since I wrote my last annual letter; in the Hey day of life time flies so swiftly. Christmas and New Year's festivities are with us ere we realize the truth of the old Latin

There is something capricious about the show world and the recent meeting of the American Missionary Association the fortunes of those who live in it. In youth, nature is a sapped the foundations of mission doctrine when he declared veritable Eden; while in old age, the garden becomes a vast that for the conversion of the negro "work must come first, cemetery. When we were children, life was poesy; but in intellect second, and religion third," or as \( lift \) nity tersely puts

band arranged the music for her at the piano. Laura looked on screenely. Harry was conscious-stricken. It was something he had forgotten to do for some time. He heard very little of the song, he was so pre-occupied. But when Mrs. Truman and Laura spplauded at the close, Harry mechanically joined in.

Now came Laura's turn. Remembering Mr. Smith's gallsatry, Harry arose simultaneously with Laura and flew to assist her at the piano. He grabbed up the first book hellcould lay hands on, placed, it before his wife, and opened it. Oh, horrors, it was a scrap-book, showing a number of ludicrous advertising cards. A hypersoften.

the state of the Jewish people at different times. the cradle of our Christ ideal. When in bondage, the Messiah should be an emancipator—a king of the house of David-Moral reformers saw in the idea a new social order. The kingdom of heaven was at hand, and the world should see by miraculous signs that the Jews were God's chosen people. good in the little sunshine of her laugh, though it was at his expense.

The idea grew, and lo, the Jewish Messiah becomes "The idea grew, and lo, the Jewish Messiah becomes "The expense." of theological doctrines, and to day stands before us in ecclesiastical robes. Where is the likeness of Jesus of Naza-

The ideals of the past have served their day, and are still worthy elements of our present ideals. We should not, how-ever, regard past ideals as final. We need the best of the past and highest of the present as materials out of which to form our most perfect ideal. Human nature is many sided, and the need of our times is an ideal that shall, recognize all the faculties and powers of heart and mind, and aid in their unfolding. The goal of humanity is the perfect development of intellectual, moral, and spiritual potencies. Not by crucifying the flesh, but by glorifying it with a baptism of the spirit; not by condemning reason, but by confiding in it; not by weeping, merely, over our moral blindness, but by seeking ethical insight; not by mourning the deadness of the soul,

but by coming forth from the sepulchre into the light and life of the spirit, shall we find our true redemption. Have we doubts, let us confront them. Are we morally weak, let us grow strong in the contemplation of "The ought to be," and resolving that it shall be. 2 Let our eyes behold the ought, our soul feel the can, and our whole manhood say I

By the coronation of an ideal humanity and bowing to the sway of its sceptre we shall find the Messiah in our own hearts, and see the coming of the Kingdom of Righteousness upon earth. In the dawn of that Christmas morning, and eginning of such a New Year we shall realize the Christ of God and the kingdom of peace and good will.

Wishing you the time honored greeting of the season, a

oyous Christmas and a happy New year, I am always,

Sincerely yours, WAL
258 West 55th Street, New York City, Dec. 25, 1892

### GLADSTONE ON SPIRITUALISM. GEO. W. WALROND.

The present Prime Minister of Great Britain, addressing a Liverpool journal in 1877, said

"I know no rule which forbids a Christian to examine into he signs o preternatural agency in One day had made him a changed man, and all through ualism. If the reviews and facts of the day have in any way first and most obvious duty to make an humble but searching scrutiny of the foundations? I speak as one who is deeply onvinced that they will bear it, and that God has yet many a fair plant to rear in this portion of his garden."

Again he wrote on October 16, 1878: "I do not share or approve of the temper of simple contempt with which so many view the phenomena. It is a question in the first instance of evidence; it then follows to explain, as far as we can, such facts as may have been established. My own immediate duties prevent my own active intervention, and I remain in what nay be called contented reserve, without any fear that imposture will rule or that truth will be mischievous.

The above words written by one of the greatest statesmen and a great classical scholar is ample testimony that the sub-Spiritualism is worthy the consideration of one and all, orthodox or skeptic, statesman or scientist, minister or

# RELIGION THIRD.

It would strike the unprejudiced mind that a speaker at ing once a week to his club, for I think men ought to identify themselves with some society; but when I have been anticibentatives with some society; but when I have been anticibent in after years we see the prosesside of things. Don't think melti, "some of the holiest inspirations come through perspirations in after years we see the prosessing things. Don't think melting it, "some of the holiest inspirations come through perspirations after years we see the prosessing things. Don't think melting it, "some of the holiest inspirations come through perspirations after years we see the prosessing the prospirations after years we see the prosessing the prospirations after years we see the prosessing the prospirations after years we see the prosessing things. Don't think melting it, "some of the holiest inspirations come through perspirations after years we see the prosessing the prospirations after years we see the prosessing the prospirations after years we see the prosessing the prospirations come through perspirations. The prospirations come through perspirations come through p

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as at least nine-tenths of the heat escapes up the chimney. There is also another objection more potent in very cold weather and in our coldest climates, that it does not perfectly

used so long as fuel can be afforded for them.

Heating by stoves is also well-nigh universal in civilized lands. They are very economical of fuel and will warm a house thoroughly. If proper attention is given to ventilation the air can be kept fairly good, but not so good as with the open fire. The absence of radiated light is a serious defect, for this light acts psychically on the nerves, producing cheer-

fulness as before stated.

bjection to the stove is that it is dirty, and that i may leak through cracks and badly made joints some of the carbonic oxide, carbonic acid, and other products of combustion escaping into the room, all of which are poisonous in I advise a high degree. Stoves which have open grates and give some light to the room, being, so to say, modified fire-places, or a cross between a stove and a fire-place, are better than stoves of the ordinary kind.

Heating by the furnace in the basement has some advan-ges. It saves carrying the coal all about the house, and this is a real saving. A good furnace well managed will heat a house fairly well, but not perfectly. The upper rooms get too much, the lower ones too little heat. Furnace air is altogether too dry for health. I have often tested and sometimes found the relative humidity of the air as it comes from the register only 10. Whereas for respiration it should be 60 or more, but as the hot air from the register mixes with the air of the room and with the air brought in by ventilation, this defect is partly remedied. As I write these lines in a room thus heated, the relative humidity is about 50 degrees a few feet from the register, but the air from the outside is supplied in abundance, and there the relative humidity is over 90 degrees.

The other defects of the furnace air are that it brings in dust, that some air from the cellar is sure to find its way into the hot air chamber, that the furnace may leak and thus bring air from the coal pot up to the rooms. When run by servan girls, or those with no knowledge of how they should be managed, they fail to do perfect duty. Good furnaces well managed, combined with an open fire in the main rooms, however, furnish a very satisfactory heat. The open fire does not need to be a very great one, just sufficient to finish what the furnace does not do and give light and cheer as well as ventilation and a little heat. As for steam, I have no respect for it. It can never be perfectly satisfactory. It takes too long in the morning to get up any heat and you freeze till noon, and when the heat is once up you can't stop it, so you get too much in the afternoon and at night. In immense buildings used for offices and not occupied at night, it has its place, and Mr. Skilton has recently invented an arrangemen for bringing in cold air directly on to the steam-heated radi ator in the room, which causes a great improvement to th air heated by steam

Mr. Skilton's method consists in bringing the ouside ai directly into the room around the steam coil or pipes which are neatly encased in some sheet metal. I have seen his method in several buildings, and he; is certainly able to distribute the heat well and with the air very much better than

when the heat is by radiation from the steam pipes alone, Heating hot water has come into use within a few years.

This method is rather more expensive for the apparatus than for hot air, but put in when a new house is built, it would not to find anything you want in it. be more costly than steam. I can not speak of it so much from personal experience as from the other methods, but from all I can learn it promises to be a very nearly perfect method. A writer who signs himself a "Family Man" gives his opinion of hot water heating in the International Jou

of Surgery, from which I quote as follows: dieve that hot water warming, properly constructed is the most economical and healthiest, and most convenien method of producing artificial indoor warmth. I almost thin I know this, because I have experienced it. I am warmin my house with the Direct system; not because I have any ob iection to the Indirect, but because the Direct seems to be a good as the Indirect, and is certainly more economical Simply to give a little information, which may not be possessed by ever reader, I will state that the Indirect system, so-called, consist of having coils or stacks of pipes placed in the basement, the of having coils or stacks of pipes placed in the basement, the air reaching these pipes by coming from the outside through air boxes, passing over the hot pipes, and rising through regular register shafts through regular registers into the room, while the Direct system of heating consists of having radiators in the room, the radiator being fed directly with the hot water, coming from the hot-water boiler. The radiators in my rooms are close to the walls, are not in the way, and by neat and pretty decorations are ornaments, rather than other wise. The water in the radiators can not reach a point higher than any degrees; I seldom allow it to get as high as 200 degrees. I can warm my house in moderate weather by bringing the water to 150 degrees. In the Spring and Fall I find that a temperary fire, even made of kindling wood, will bring

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

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frm, the open fire has many advantages which no other tion brings the water rapidly to the boiler, heats it rapidly, method has. It also promotes, without much trouble, good seemtilation. The objections to it are its great expense of fuel, to the boiler to be reheated. My boiler is covered with three jackets. Virtually, it wears three suits of clothes: a vest, a coat, and an overcoat, which acts upon it the same as clothing does upon you and me—keeping inside the heat, and prevent-

Morse some years ago made some attempts in this direction. This would be nearly three years ago and soon after the with partial success. This part of the subject I leave for the

Without desiring to advocate any method beyond it merits, I advise any one building a new house or planning new methods for heating an old one to investigate the matter thoroughly before making a final decision, and doing it with special reference to health as well as comfort,

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PLEASANT READING. No. 3. BY ARLINGTON

I was looking over the morning papers, and I thought what would an inhabitant of another planet, dropping down nere and having ability to read the "Morning Edition think of us? The doings of the country yesterday and last night had been faithfully recorded, and what a day and night it had been! The printers were proud of it, for they made display headlines and leaded the most dreadful accounts of it. There had been several murders; robberies innumera-ble, knifings, cuttings, brawls; a lynching described as "slipped off" an account of an assault on a defenseless woman; catching the villian by the crowd and hanging him a strike (that would be a hard word for my imaginary inhabitant of another planet to understand); a battle fought between Christians and savages, in which the latter were blown out of existence by shells; official corruption; defalcation; trains held up by highwaymen; pages devoted to the pageantry attending the funeral of a snob, and not a line in praise of goodness; not a good action recorded; not the incentive for a benevolent act finished.

I said once to the editor of a leading city journal, "Why do you not make mention of the good as well as the bad? Why not have a column or two giving items of the charities and humanities?" "They are expected," he replied, "and would be of no in

terest. Our readers want the rascalities, and we furnish Well, there is one paper that deals with the humanities—the Light of Truth, and leaves the daily journals the ras-

My "inhabitant of another planet," were he to read its bright pages, would form a good opinion of its people

there are papers and papers, and the Sunday editions of some with the wonderful phenomena as much as I was, afterward of them are wonderful for size and contents. It is discouraging to take one up with its forty-eight or fifty-two folio pages, and overjoyed with the conditions that gave them such freedom, as once expressed by Mamie. All here is so pure and may not occur in the next world? Thus destroying our use-

Such a paper will keep a reader from meeting. It is made for the time to do that, and the preachers do well—if they intend to spirit realm. ontinue preaching-to howl down such rivals. When w look over one of these the wonder is where material can be

The election having passed, partisan lying has ceased, except where it is necessary to lie to get out of former lying. The periodical "saving" and "ruin" of our beloved country is a farce we all delight in, and adds spice to a life that would We get up a "campaign of education," and no telling where the people will get educated to 'A little learning is a dangerous thing." We like our own as the old colored man said when called in to see the new baby What do you think of it, Uncle Jackson?" asked the mothe "Lor' sakes, it's de puttiest baby I ever seed-for a white

We have no censorship of the press, and a paper is what its editor chooses to make it, which will be as nearly what his and what is unusual with an Indian, very soft and silky. She readers demand as possible.

The Catholic Telegraph would have this different. It says

"The Church is the only authority competent to [exercise the in Indian dislect, she made known to me her relationship as consorable of the press, for the Church is divinely computed. There was in her manner and conversation a degree of nissioned and protected for the supervision of thought and refinement that can only be attributed to an advanced spirit.

pinion. This duty she can perform only through her I have received a characteristically written message from her shops, who are the teachers, informers, and directors of the consciences of the faithful."

That might be a good scheme for the mother Church, but character of a spirit guide, under such "supervision," freedom would be dead. We are not After these two returns quite ready for such a censorship, which would destroy every Foster, the well-known medium, came. When he gave me his ever yours in the hope,

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTE

A SATISFACTORY PRIVATE SEANCE.

heat the house or the room. This objection does not apply in milder climates and in early Fall or Spring, when only a moderate amount of heat suffices. The heat also is not evenly distributed. The floor is generally cold, and the face and eyes are too much exposed to the strong radiated light and heat. Notwithstanding these objections, open fires will be used so long as fuel can be afforded for them.

Heating by stoyes is also well-nich on the medium, Mrs. Helen face and me keeping inside the heat, and preventing in side the heat, and me keeping inside the heat, and me weeping inside the heat, and on weeping inside the heat, and me weeping in side the leaf an On November 27th, at the home of the medium, Mrs. Helen Hot-water heating is well adapted to country houses, to those with a small number of rooms. If I were building a house I certainly should consider this method thoroughly before adopting any other.

Finally, a house may be partially heated by the sun, and in before adopting any other.

Finally, a house may be partially heated by the sun, and in this way some fuel saved. Methods of securing sun heat have not yet been devised so as to get its benefits. Prof. to the time I commenced the investigation of Spiritualism their request I engaged for and had a sitting the following Sunday at 10 a. m., the phenomena of which I am now to relate

Soon after being seated in the seance room the medium was entranced by her control, "Forest Queen," remaining un der control and outside of the cabinet during the seance Soon I heard the voice of "Black Hawk," the now famous cabinet control of Mrs. Fairchilds. He came close to me, and after his usual salutation made remarks about the fine weather—noticing the fact that I came from home without my blanket, (referring to my overcoat.) After predicting good things in store for me in life he returned to the cabinet when soon after my dearest personal friends began to mani fest. But before I narrate events in the order of their occur rence, it will simplify if I name two spirits, Grant and Mamie twin children, who, thirty years ago, passed into spirit life, in extreme infancy. In our ignorance of nature's laws they were not regarded in our home as living entities. Two years ago they made themselves known to me, giving their names. Six months thereafter they came to me in the form, in a strange place, announcing their names. No mortal knew of strange place, announcing their names. No morea them but myself and three far-away friends. They came a number of times, so strong and perfect in organism, that I dividing of the spoils of war, the rejoicings, feastings, and giving of gifts was the first inception of the festival, so what giving of gifts was the first inception of the festival, so what could even make a study of their individuality; and now at this time, as they come to me re-embodied, claiming their relation to me, I know them to be my children, and can safely affirm that a knowledge of their history for the past two years as known by myself would prove to the most stubborn Agnostic the truth of spirit-return. Grant was the first to come from the cabinet. He came to where I sat, took a chair by my side, and in a most familiar and natural way conversed for several minutes, and returned to the cabinet. He soon came again and occupied the same chair, expressing the grateful pleasure it was to him that he could come with such ease. And, on again returning to the cabinet, Mamie came in such perfect form that as she sat by my side, in easy con versation, she seemed to me for the time mortal, and in her exceeding beauty of mind and person, no thought of untruth could obtrude in my mind to mar the pleasure that herself on my left. Immediately my spirit wife, who passed over three years ago, came and took the chair on my right, leaning against me, resting her cheek on mine, while Grant stood in front, all remaining for about ten minutes, convers Berhaps I onglit to make a distinction in newspapers, for ing freely, and in a manner natural. They seemed impressed sweet, and the situation was bewildering, and in very truth,

over in infancy. She talked freely and as natural as the others, but evidently not having the strength soon returned. I was now startled by hearing the jingling of the gas-fixtures over head, when suddenly Black Hawk came from above, dithe gas fixtures in his decent. Mamie now came saying, to think it is, let us make four, one for each season of the year. me, "grandma is here," and, conducting me to the cabinet. there met my sainted mother and listened to her words of love, encouragement, and blessing. Soon after returning to my seat two Indian forms, male and female, came. The male, after his salutation, stood silent by my side, while the female kneeled at my feet, resting her hands on mine, lean ing on me so that I could rest my face on her head, thereby noting the texture of her hair, which was long and black, was dressed in Indian costume, but her robe was of the finest texture. While thus kneeling, in trusting manner, since, and my spirit friends are profuse in her praise.

several minutes.

In my fear to overstep space in your paper I omit part, and fail to give full import to all that transpired. I will, however, mention a spirit weaving out several yards of gaury cloth, after which I was allowed to examine it. After being put around me, she draped her own person with it and passed into the cablnet; also at one time while talking with a spirit in front I felt the hands of one from behind my chair, treating my ear for deafness. He did not pass from the front, and necessarily must have materialized behind me.

In conclusion I will say that I can affirm that no mortal was in the room but the medium and myself during the se-

was in the room but the medium and myself during the se-ance, and she remaining in my presence all the time. The phenomena were resultant entirely from spirit power, and, as I believe, in accord with nature's laws. The subtle force, as that does not come into a personal experience unsought, and to wise D. D.'s, who meet in session to learnedly discuss how best to modify the comforting doctrine of infant damnation, this recital will have but little meaning. To the earnest, thirsty soul seeking for truth, however, this coma bright gem, making clearer that grander truth and priceless

Thought-Transference or Coincidence, Which? To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH

On December 6th I received a note from B. F. Underwood of Chicago, asking me to writea Christmas article for the Religio Philosophical Journal. I began, I think, the next day and outlined an article, touched it up a little every day until Thursday last, when I type-wrote it and sent it off. This morning I was looking over the LIGHT OF TRUTH and almost the first thing that caught my eye was the little article of Car-rie M. Smith about Christmas. She asks: "Why ishould I, Spiritualist, celebrate the supposed birthday of Christ?

Then she says: "I shall not keep Christmas."

Her whole article could have been taken, verbatim, from mine with scarcely the changing of a word, and the ideas conveyed were certainly identical, and they must have been written at or about the same time. I will quote some from my could have been more appropriate than that the Roman Catholic Church should capture the day and use it as a day upon which to celebrate the nativity of their Christ; the in-ception of their religion, a religion of fraud, of humbug, the most gigantic that ever was foisted upon a priest-ridden, God-cursed world; a religion that has caused more wars, bloodshed, more wrong and injustice, more misery and crime than all other causes. Now why should we Spiritualists, Free thinkers, Agnostics, even Materialists, celebrate the day? What part or lot have we in it? What part or lot do we want to have in it? Would we celebrate the day the British were victorious over the continental armies? or the day General Custer and his little band of heroes were massacred by the Indians? I think not. Then why in the name of all that is good and holy, do we celebrate the inception of the Roman came to me. After returning she soon came again and seated Catholic Church. Because we don't think-we don't want to celebrate the inception of a wrong, and thus aid and abet that wrong, do we? We do do it when we make a feast day of Christmas. We certainly agree in all essential point as gards this life; we all want our liberties, and rights, a free press, free schools, free speach, an open World's Fair, and the privilege of kissing our sweethearts, wives, and babies on fulness in this, by presenting a divided front to our common for the time, I believed myself in the borderland of the enemy-the Church. Now let us all join hands and place shoulder to shoulder and work together in this life and Soon after came our daughter, Emma, who also passed the curtain drops on this mortal strife, either you (Agnostics and Materialists) will take up the journey of life anew with us or we will lie down with you in that eternal sleep that knows no waking, and we will be thoroughly lagreed then; Let us make a holiday of our own, and out rectly in my front, noticing in a quaint way his colliding with of whole cloth, too, and if one is not enough, and I don't

'Let's celebrate the day Tom Paine was born, The day the tree of liberty was planted, The day our flag was first to victory borne, Or Hydesville children heard the raps undaunted.

But let us never, never celebrate

The day on which such cruel wrongs were sprung. Or pass with them the appetizing plat Or let their dainties touch a freeman's tongue,

These quotations may not be exact, as I kept no perfect copy of the article, but they are enough to show that another free-born American was thinking, and thinking right, at the same time I was. I would be pleased to have her write more fully with regard to her thoughts, while writing that little ar-I feel that she did not tell all she thought, and I want her to let out all that kind of thought, it is the kind that will do the world good, it is time we of this nineteenth century began to think for ourselves, and when we do, we will ceralso to understand that the male Indian comes to me in the tainly quit celebrating the inception of a wrong, myth, lie, and fraud. With many kind wishes for the success of the After these two returned to the cabinet, spirit Charles H. LIGHT OF TRUTH and its editors, managers, and writers, I am

Baturday, Decen

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these conditions to the contain one enquiry only name of the questioner to MRS. A. H. KIBSV, Med have our friends veri

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Whilst the sptri mortals are making the sound echoes and from the east ted looks up tow latter reach down to guard them an been taught; try trying to teach t more and more thoughts, that t by the thought out toward the moon to meet you we can to anav thoughts and t and-by enter t is nothing so spiritual thin investigate for self dire pu-spirit to kno ing wide the them new tr selves, one of existence, e your loved vhom you that you m time in sor

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Tom McGowan.

I have been trying for a long time to get back to this plane, feeling that I might do some good. I was a wicked man when I passed out, but I have had a great surprise. I little thought the evening I attended the theater and was so lively with my friends, that I would soon be cold and still in death, but that change must come to all men, they must reslize it. I was in the bloom of youth, life, health, and activity; I was not a real good man. I had bad associates and was real bad when I was taken away from the earth plane, but I want my friends up North to know

John Wood.

I desire to be remembered to the friends in Allegheny.

Benoni Newkirk

Comes and brings with him James and Charles Cathcart, o Laporte, Ind. They want the folks up there to know they are often with them and are not dead at all and often try and

impress them that they are there. This spirit seems to be

James B. Howard.

Tell the folks at home that he is still keeping accounts, but does not keep them around his cane. He keeps accounts

of different kinds. He comes to the dear friends in Duluth,

W. Butts

spirits do return, for it would be such a benefit to her. He sends greetings to Mr. Jansen and tell dear Sister Ellsworth

he has met her controls and she is developing all the time

and seems to be receiving new power. I am from Peoria, Ill

George Burke

from the lodges or camps of that order in Omaha, Neb. The A. P. A., or American Protective Association, is very strong

this city and South Omaha. The voting strength of the or-

der consists of nearly half the entire votes of the county.

element controlled-naming congressmen, representatives

During the recent conventious before election this A.

Says he wishes his wife could realize more fully that the

love to his parents.

ANS.—Yes. You can work silently and throw from you thoughts which will help you and help the cause, and help bring about the reform so much needed by your country. Band together as a brotherhood; let love bind you close and

A FLOWER SEANCE.

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For the benefit of the readers of your most excellent papiness under all circumstances. And, friends, whatever you do to united with one another.

A RAS.—In answer to this question, friends, I will say, as I stated on a recent Tuesday afternoon, that the spirit for the time being was held prisoner in his own house. It is as one as leep. There can be no possible advancement for the spirit one that tues is as long a stated in an indicate the body. If the spirit that takes possession of the body is the body should become conscious of the soudition, and should become conscious or or be able to not for the spirit awake or be helpfully other spirits so held becomes stronger in will-power, it cannot be liberated. But should the spirit awake or be helpfully other spirits so make, or be able to not for itself, or bring foith stream.

am from Allegheny City, Penn.

connected with White Water, Wisconsin.

The unfoldment of all the faculties in their due order and

By first removing all obstacles to self-development and

By such instructions as awaken the reasoning powers, with oughtful discussion.

The perfection of character.

What is perfection of character?

The perfect balance of every faculty of the mind and sub-

Lesson. Suggestive Outline.

[Note; - In the discussion of the lesson it should be a fundamental rule never to be departed from that in which all are expected to express their views fully said freely, there must not be any indulgence in personality or antisgonistic debate. It is the truth, not what any individual thinks the truth to be, that should engage attention

THE MESSIAH-THE CHRIST IDEA.

The idea of an incarnate, divine mediator between God

Harmony. .
What is its chief object?

How many saviors are there?

All were born of virgins.

December 25th.

Were they miracle-workers?

Were they of similar parentage?

The most conspicuous number nearly a score.

Every one, and proved their mission thereby. What is held as their birth-day?

What is the kernel of truth in the Christ idea?

Because it marks the return of the sun from its journey to

Closing Song.

SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIF.

1. Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in holy love!
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear; And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

4. This glorious hope revives Our courage by the way

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUI

While each in expectation l And longs to see the day.

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart
And gladly meet again.

A FLOWER SEANCE.

minute the flowers came, one by one on the table, some be-

florist and asked if this flower grew here in our city. He

was informed that it was a Southern plant, called cape jessa-

Miss Lizzie Chillis also has a lady control who entertains

rdination to wisdom.

Charlie Howe and Willie Cressey.

I desire to communicate with my mother in New York
City. I was taken away from the dear ones, but they know
now that it was for a purpose; they know I could not have
remained upon this earth plane and been sane, but I would
have been an insane person if I had been allowed to remain
the hady. Tell my dear mother that Aunt Anne comes

The idea of an intering,
Was Jesus the first incarnation of this idea?
No. The Persians had a savior god called Mithias; the
Cabalists called theirs Metraton; the Platonized Jews of Alexandria, Logos, or the Word. The Hindoo savior is Krishna;
the Egyptian was Horus; the Greeks Apollo; the Aztec call-

Bell Abbett.

This spirit comes to her husband. With her comes Serroueus to Frank M. and Mary Abbett, of Indianapolis. They have often longed to come to this circle-room and to lend a hand. Bell says her husband will get better.

What is the kernel of truth in the Christ-idea?

The Christ-child was a divine child—every child is divine, and as such capable of infoite perfection. Every child is a son of God, inasmuch as it is the incarnation and individual-ization of the Infinite Spirit.

here and is rapidly growing. Just why it should have a firm ing handed to us. Then, all at once, there was a very peculiar hold here can not be easily explained. Perhaps Catholics odor in the room. It seemed as though every one in the

have been in former times somewhat greedy for office. This circle was going to sleep. By request of the circle we asked

is charged, and as there is nothing stronger anywhere than if the seauce could be closed. It was granted, and when the the principle of reaction in religious affairs it is probgas was lit the whole table was full of flowers. We noticed
ably true. However that may be, Omaha is a veritable uest of three beautiful flowers that had the odor referred to. A

senators, and councilmen and electing nearly every one.—In the circle while the flowers are coming by singing sweet songs during the time that her medium is talking. This was also regarded as a splendid test. Miss Chillis has a grand

However that may be, Omaha is a veritable nest of three beautiful flowers that had she odor referred to. A auti-Catholics, and there are about forty A. P. A. lodges in gentleman in the circle took one of the flowers over to a

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in the liberty of the spirit.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Ques.—What is the position of the spirits, so far as your observations extend, upon the policy of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States.

first one and then another of the privileges of your free country, seeing them trying to control your schools, and trying to

force men and women into the Churches, we come close to you that we may unseal your eyes and open your ears, that

you may see and hear the roar of the coming tide, that you may not be caught asleep, ready to meet the foe, and say thus

may not be caught asleep, ready to meet the foe, and say thus far and no farther. This is the work of the spirit world. See to it that they gain no power over your schools, and see to it that you have free education, for in education is your salvation. O, friends, they will undertake something so mighty that it will fall back and crush itself, for the spirit world will be as an army, and it will be as of days of old. Yea, you will come and hold back the enemy until you will have reinforcements from the spirit side of life, and these will help you up and out of this dire calamity which seems to be approaching you, and truth shall conquer, and this shall be the land of the free foreger.

should the spirit awake or be helped by other spirits to awake, or be able to act for itself, or bring forth strong will-power, it cannot be liberated. But should the spirit awake or be helped by other spirits to awake, or be able to act for itself, or bring forth strong will-power, it might release itself from this spirit, or might be able to com-

QUES .- For over three years I have been controlled to

Ques.—For over three years I have been controlled to speak in a foreign language, and have been promised for the last two years that in a short time I would speak English. I do not realize that I have progressed satisfactorily in that direction. I am always conscious, and never refuse to be controlled. The control I believe to be of a high order. Can the control of this circle tell me why my cortrols do not or can not speak English through mo?

el the intruder to leave the body.

for any spirit held in prison.

spirit to know that hundreds and thousands daily are opening wide the gateway for the single friends to enter, and teach them to be wise, to know themselves, one of the greatest duties of mankind. Yes, friends, each one of you who has beld communion with your loved ones should not hesitate to tell it to those with whom you come in contact. You should say "come with me that you may see, that you may hear and know that at some time in some place you must face truth when liberated from Man has been taught that he dare do many things providing the acceptance of the soul.

Ans.—The mission of Modern Spiritualism in individual salvation is to teach man his own responsibility. Man has been taught that he dare do many things providing the acceptance of the soul.

Church in the United States.

Ans.—My dear friends, we, as spirits from the other side of life, looking down upon you, yea, mingling with you day by day, and witnessing the struggle that is going on against liberty of thought, against liberty of the religious world, are banded together to prevent any such calamity as combination of Church and State from coming to the United States. Let those who hold to Catholiciam worship in their own way, but let them not interfere with those who have a more liberalized religion. We would say let every Church attend to its own husiness. The spirit world has drawn closer together in order that it may help you in the coming crisis, for there is a crisis close at hand. There is a time coming when man will have to step forth and declare that he is free to think and to act as he pleases, and we will strengthen and help you when the time comes. It will be a trial for the souls of men. But, if you ask me who will conquer, I will say to you that truth prevails forever; all else will fall. So, looking down upon the earth plane and seeing the clouds arising, possibly not larger than a man's hand, but still seeing it rising, grasping, first one and then another of the privileges of your schools, and trust red detrine, tell man that he must be his own savior, and must live a more perfect life. No one can reform a life in one moment. You must live each day to your highest; you must do that which is right for right's sake, not for fear of God, for there is no God that will send vengeance upon you. There is no God that will place a crown upon your head and a harp within your, shad, will say that God is all that is good in you is God, and the divine principle which is implanted within every one of you is that which you are to live by. If you live every day to the highest of your knowledge and upon entering your closet at night and looking down upon the earth plane and seeing the condition of the error I had taught, and that I must be his own and its live action on day. No one can reform a li

your body, you must stand face to face with your loved ones. If you do not know these truths come with me that you may learn." We pity every one who enters the spirit life ignorant, for it is not always their fault. But friends, let no one hold you by authority, come out and view the truth and clasp hands with the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing in the liberty of the spirit friends who stand beside you rejoicing that he dare do many things providing that he dare do many things providing the learn. I all darsociates and was real bad associates and was real bad wh

ment. But, friends, this is not true. I taught this doctrin myself, because when I sojourned upon this earth plane I con

sidered it true, but when I passed to the realm above and found that I was accountable for all that I had done, I was delighted to discover that I could return to the earth plane and

undo some of the error I had taught, and that I might teach a truer doctrine, tell man that he must be his own savior, and

self, be true to your brother, and stretch out your hand toward all mankind, and help them up as you would have them to

life of Christ, your elder brother, you will find that he searched for those that were suffering, that he searched for

those who were in need. Go and do likewise, and by following the example of the lowly Nazarene he may help you

to condemn yourself if you miss happiness in the by aud by.

QUES .- May we be silent yet efficient workers in the cause

then send out thoughts of kindly feeling to those who are in

are three on the spirit side who join in sending love to

Joseph and Katherine Steever.

I desire to speak to my sunt Sarah. I am glad to be here this afternoon. Mother is with me; we are all together, and I want you to know that I am with you in the home. I wout

to make a promise to you. It is, that I will endeavor, and I feel that I will succeed, in showing my face to you in the third city from this city. Do not be discouraged, but know that all things will be well with you in a short time. We will endeavor to speak to Martin in a short time in the way he de-

Lam from St. Louis Mo.

ANS.—The controls which hold this man must be spirits who have never come in contact with spirits who converse in this man's language. Consequently they bring to him their own language. I would advise the gent'eman to seek some who can interpret this language, or, if not that, to request his

to save yourself from condemnation, for you will be the

help you if you stood in the same place in which they are of diff standing to-day. If you take the New Testament and read the

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### MOODY AND PRAYER.

The steamer Spree had a terrible passage, her machinery disabled, and at the mercy of one of the severest storms that ever swept the Atlantic. By the heroic efforts of her officers and crew, she reached port safely with her 700 passengers. Moody, the evangelist was on board, and he now publicly claims that the ship was saved by his prayers alone! In regard to this astonishing assumption, several prominent clergymen of Boston, made a reply to a circular sent out by an enterprising daily paper. Their answers are as noteworthy as the claims of Moody. Fifty years ago it would have been undisputed evidence of the efficacy of prayer. The ship was in great danger; Moody prayed; the ship was saved; therefore Moody's prayer saved the ship. That is clearly a logical conclusion. If faith is equal to a grain of mustard seed, one can say to the Alleghany Mountains get you once into the abyss of the Atlantic, and presto, the Alleghanies disappear! abyss of the Austric, and presto, the Allegmanies disappear:
The answers of these leading clergymen is noteworthy as
showing the complete change in popular opinion in regard
to prayer. The cool scientific spirit has taken the place of
superstition, even in its last stronghold, the pulpit.

Dr. A. A. Miner (Universalist) said: "I don't believe there

are many men who would make such an expression. While I believe in prayer, I do not believe in that kind of praying. It is magnificent assumption on Mr. Moody's part to think he has the power of directing just what the Almighty should do, and that is what his statement amounts to. Prayer had much less to do with saving the Spree than the work of the captain

and crew."
The Rev. Emory J. Haines, of the People's Church (Methodist), said: "I think Mr. Moody is wrong. I believe in prayer, and if I had been on board the Spree I would have prayed. If I had been the captain and a Christian I would have prayed, but I would not have neglected to use every bit of the knowledge I possessed as captain to save the ship and to have my crew do the same. If I jumped overboard and couldn't swim, I feel confident prayer would be incapable saving me, and I would be very foolish to do such a thing."

The Rev. Minot J. Savage (Congregational Unitarian) laughed and said: "I think it absured for Mr. Moody to talk ke me an Atheist, for it makes God so inconsistent. There are hundreds of ships that go down in spite of prayers, and there are those which are saved where prayer was never thought of. God is just at all times and to think that he would change his laws to accommodate a certain case is extremely

iosurg.
"Then Mr. Moody hasn't advanced very far?" was asked.
"Well," replied Mr. Savage, "Mr. Moody represents the
worst and crudest form of old-time religion."

"Isn't this belief of Mr. Moody in keeping with the Bible?"
"Yes, with certain parts of it. The Bible is not a book; it is a library and the books composing it were written at various times, covering a period of perhaps a thousand years, and of many of them the authors are unknown, as is also where they were written. Mr. Moody's belief will agree with some books and not with others."

and not with others."

If there can be no tangible answer to prayer, and God's laws can not be changed, of what use is it? If the Rev. Haines had been on board the Spree he would have prayed he says, but he would have worked first, will he explain how he thinks there would have been any value in his prayer? Moody leading 700 people in mortal distress in appeal to the throne of grace, aught to have been heard, if a prayer ever was listened to. His condition was like that of the Californian who met a grizzly bear in a narrow mountain path. There was no escape and he had not even a stick with which to defend himself. Prayer was his last resort. He kneeled down and cried: "Oh Lord, the bear is coming and I can't get away, I am not one of the howling Methodists always asking for favors. I think I never asked you for a thing ibefore in my life, but if you are ever going to help this sinner now is your the bear."

Mgr. Satolli and "The Pilot" on the School

representative Catholics, that Catholics, left to themselves, would choose the public schools. But note how any Catholic school, established anywhere through the country, fills up on its opening day. A parochial school was built not long ago in a town near Boston. The Rev. Rector expected to open it with six hundred pupils. Eight hundred came on the first day. The overwhelming majority of Catholics—indeed, every one worthy of the name—will choose a Catholic school for his children."

This shows very clearly the direction of the wind as pe-gards the value of parochial schools, and the tenacity with which the Combining press updated them. Mgr Setalli, the Papal ablegate, has been sent here to settle the school matter. he has feel power to ad to be ate at it is renees between "ishops and priests in this country the of these differences, and
in many respects the principal one, is the question of achools,
but there is a min pon the authority of Mgr. Sa
toll. When that matter is settled the faithful, from the archhistorys down to the Biddys, will come up to the trough and
take the dose the monumental blasphemer on the Tiber prescribes, which is "that "Il arrimonious controversy on the scribes, which is "that all acrimonious controversy on school question, and interference in matters which belong by

right to episcopal authority shall cease."

The parochial school is to be maintained, and Catholic children sent to secular schools only where the parish is too

This is the title Wilhelm Bolsche in Freie Buhne give

against this interference with their prerogatives as citizens. If past events are any criterion they will not.

### REFORM IN BURIALS.

There is a vast need of reform in our burial customs, and by the time the reformers get through their work and place funeral observances on a footing equivalent with other socie tary betterments, there will be fewer paupers made so by the flunky notions now prevailing. The New York Burial Re-form Association deplores the present Christian funeral cusoms, grave-yard decorations, weeping angels, broken shafts and other emblems set forth to advertise grief. This is a mai ter that Spiritualists as well as Christians might take up with a good deal of profit. If there is any one thing more disgust-ing than another in the antics of pseudo-Spiritualists it is the aping of effete funeral customs, robing themselves in black and advertising their sorrows in proportion to the value of their "mouring costumes." Of all people on earth Spiritual ists should be the last to toady in this fashion. They know or pretend to know, that death does not seal the eyes of their loved ones and that the habilaments of sorrow are anything but pleasant to them. Why do they persist in it?

Funerals should be simple, crepe abjured, and flowers, if anything, the only decoration. If grief and woe are necessary, turn them upon beds of accouchement. There is wastly more need of tears there than at the bier. Angels weep when mortals ofttime rejoice. There should be no ostentation and above all no burdensome debt contracted by reason of the de

# WANAMAKER AS A PREACHER.

The Postmaster-General preached twice in New York Sun It was a new role for and it cannot be said his efforts, as reported, were above those of the exhorter. In one of these sermons he made the following extraordinary statement: "My friends, the great burthis world are not the national debt or the l tion. It is not the social problem of to-day, It is the weight

Sin may burden Mr. Wanamaker more than the necessities blocks from the churches in which he exhorted, he might save found thousands who were more burdened for the want of sufficient food to prevent hunger, and clothes to keep them warm than by all the sins they have ever committed.

A mortgage on a western farm has more "weight" on the farmer and his family than sin has even on the Postmaster-

# Test of Faith Cure.

The Clipper, Hennessy, Oklahoma, says that' a farmer at tending a series of Christian Science meetings, became infat-uated with the belief that a believer might handle poisonous serpents without barm, and tested the matter by picking up a in that way. There can be absolutely no proof that the ship rattlesnake which forthwith buried its fangs in his arm. He effects are governed by laws, and the causes are unitized and relied on prayer and faith, and the local healers were called in, but the poison rapidly ran its course, and he died.

The various newspapers incline to make a joke out of this farmer's simplicity. words of the Bible which teaches this doctrine implicitly There is not a pretending believer, however, in these United uld dare accept the test by drinking poison o playing with a rattlesnake

# The Souls in Purgatory.

O dearest Lord, we humbly crave
Thy mercy for the holy dead,
Who suffer in the burning wave
The rigours of thy justice dread.
O Jesus, unto our request
In pity let Thy Heart incline:
And grant them, Lord, eternal reat
Let light for ever on them;shine.

The above is one stanza of a long poem wherein the swe races of Roman Catholic doctrines are groundjout to fill the Roman Church. He would not be a Luther, but has been

For the use of the Lycoum of Galata Serai, at Pera, specialitions of modern history test-books have to be prepared on which every mention of revolutions has been excised, athoric Telegraph.

One of the great policies of the Roman (machine is the climination of historic facts relating to the propaganda. As nearly all revolutions have been at the instigation of the Church, the incentive to obliterate its part in such history is apparent when we consider the culightenment of the present

ime and its influence in condemnation thereof.

Nothing would please the Roman Church better than that

hisappoint our readers in not being able to send them the isst on "What is Sanitualism through the paper as prosewspaper matter. But those desiring a copy can obtain on

A communication received from William Benton
[Sitting with a clairwoyaut she said the spirit of my friend,
William Denton, was present and wished me to give him an
hour in which to write. On my replying I should only be too
glad to comply at any time, he appointed the next evening,
and then yeter the following acticles. His year, Turney.

children sent to securar sense.

Emphasizing this point The Pilot says: "As to those Catholics, few, if noisy, who, having good Catholic schools of every grade at hand, deliberately oppose the spirit of the Church by choosing the public schools, the archbishops and the Apostolic Delegate exhort pastors of souls to do all they can to protect the faith of the children from the dangers to which it is exposed through the fault or folly of parents."

It is not at all unlikely that the "pastors of souls" will be derelict in their share of coercing Catholic parents to observe this tender buzz saw interest in their children's welfare. The cry of the priesthood has always been: "Give us the child, you can have the man."

That is the cry to-day, and as fast as from that exhortation the screws are turn-this departs from that exhortation the screws are turn-time to sense the proceeded the proceeded the coming of man a new and superior force was manifested. The proceeded the family of the priesthood has always been: "Give us the child, you can have the man."

That is the cry to-day, and as fast as from brute matter. He therefore thinks that with the coming of man a new and superior force was manifested. The proceeded the procee This is the title Wilhelm Bolache in Free Buhne gives to Alfred Russel Wallace, who, as is well known, antedated Darwin in the promulgation of the theory of evolution. He is a "lost son" because he does not accept the doctrine in full. In with perfect regularity until a certain vast number is expressed, and then breaks the series by an unaccountable change to another. That new force he considers as external and coming from spiritual intelligences. They came in and completed the process began by natural selection. The Germean scientists are complacefully tolerant of Wallace. His theory of cause cuts their favorite evolution through and through, but they seem to think his position so weak that he deserves their pity and charity rather than argument, and heir criticism is seasoned with sarcasm

With the greatest respect for Mr. Wallace even Spiritualists must feel regret that he has exposed himself to such attacks. He has earned by the most painstaking research a position in the front ranks of science. He has divided honors with Darwin, and he has the true, meek, and gentle spirit of the lover of truth. He approached the phenomena of Spiritualism as he would a strange group of animals in the Malay Archipelago, and after careful research acknowledged himself convinced of their spiritual source. The tremendous cousequences flowing from this new philosophy and the entire change wrought in his previous materialistic views appeared to overwhelm him. His mind did not grasp the vast duration from the dawn of the human type until the present, and nar rowing that interval his strongest argument is that after the Ice Age man came on the stage with a brain so perfert that dungeon torture, the rack, and the stake, and all the train of natural selection can not account for it. It is as though the arm of an elephant had been given to a mouse. The brain of a Humboldt is given to a rude savage whose entire mental any one? If so, why was it not known before this pamphlet a Humboldt is given to a rude savage whose entire mental vants are limited by the success of the chase

His conclusion is correct admitting his data, but these are fallacious. Granting what all students of this subject now hold as incontrovertible that man had reached a comparatively high state of civilization in the latter part of the Tertiary Period, and was reduced to savagery by the slow encroachments of the Ice Age, and thus where re-appearing in Europe the suspension is simply and only a penalty for heresy, and after the retreat of glaciers to the north had millions of the offense consists in expressing, in a scholarly and modest years of progress between him and the point of his origin, the objection of Mr. Wallace is fully answered. Then, again, acknowledge and approve. That truth must triumph over all there is the continuity of force and law from the lowest animal to man which binds all living beings into one continuous and unbroken chain. The link that Wallace regards as missing is supplied. There is no call for the interposition of a miraculous foreign power at this point, for the force which ing is supplied. There is no call for the interposition of a wrought up to man is competent to work on until man comes crowning glory of the line of evolution.

istic training and yet tinctured with the lingering vestige of leave a permanent text book of nature's methods in all the un inherited superstition which accepted miraculous causes stages of growth. Now the spiritual era dawns. when others failed, he would not have committed himself as germs of endless possibilities and infinite expansion. Its

passible gulf between the instincts of animals and the mental

powers of man, that whatever the true explanation there is ment. not nor can there be a miraculous interposition. continuous. Evidently, like nearly if not quite all evolutionists he thought the theory incompatible with the existence of individuality after death, and was thus compelled to reson Wherefore? Did he not believe the to this break in the theory up to which there was mortality and beyond which there was immortality.

His explanation is not necessary, and the wiser course is the true one, to accept the theory of evolution in all it bear ng and press it to its last conclusion. Then instead of lead-trinal matters; others say we should assume the aggressive ing to Materialism it ends in Spiritualism. It builds the scaffold on which the immortal being enters a higher sphere If man is the culminating fact of the great tree of life, the spirit of man is the highest term in the pro gressive series of this evolution, and all lead up to that grand

# HIS SPIRIT WEAKENED

Dr. McGlynn, the protesting Catholic priest, has recanted, and of course, been reinstated in the good graces of the compared to Christ instead; in consequence of which a con-ribution-present of \$2,000 was handed him on Christmas Whether it is better to be a Luther than a Christ now a-days depends very much on the emoluments offered in con nection with it, though poor Jesus himself would have corned the man or l'ope who had dared hint at even a recan tation without emoluments to follow. The comparison is bad, for Jesus dld not recent. He broke away from the fossilized "mother" Church of the times and stood his ground as to the relation we sustain to him, the spirits teach very ike a man-protesting against priestly rule to the last, while aying the foundation for a new religion in which every man pro and con on re-incarnation. Some tench that it is an in-could have salvation free. The "true Church" was sacrificed jury for spirits to return to converse with earthly friends, and tutre generations, or indeed the rising generation, might to the Scribes and Pharisces of modern times when it preother than the state of the scribes and Pharisces of modern times when it preothers that it does then
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that Swinton's history was excluded from the public schools of Boaton, and as fast as municipal affairs are brought under the control of Roman Catholics who acknowledge the authority of the papery, similar moves in text books throughout the country may be looked for.

ANOTHER Presbyterian minister, first water is about the country may be looked for the country may forerunner, as was John the Baptist, of a new dispensation which dispensation is Liberalism on one side breaking away the fetters of dogustism, and Spiritualism on the other and

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THE LOST SON OF DARWIN.

A communication received from William beston [Sitting with a clairvoyant she said the spirit of my friend within the pale of the Church, though it is doubtful whether the suppoint our responsibility after the suppoint of the suppo mediately on account of his temporary popularity that is yet protecting him from the under current of feeling and mis. trust that is held against all protesting spirits in the Romas Church, and Dr. McGlynn should know this. But if he does not, or has not the moral courage to combat it, then he has been wise to return to the folds of the "mother" Church where he will be cared for as an undividualized soul that needs further developing with the rest of the minors in spirit ual growth and mental progress. Good-bye, McGlynn you are consigned to oblivion

# THE PENALTY FOR HERESY.

The verdict of "guilty" has been pronounced against Dr. Henry Preserved Smith on the second and third charges of heresy, preferred by the Cincinnati Presbytery. The decision is doubtless just, as interpreted by the technicalities of Church law and discipline; and the closeness of the conflict is strong evidence of the tendency towards rational religion in defiance of arbitrary interpretations of the latter of creeds. in defiance of arbitrary interpretations of the letter of creeds. In all important trials of the kind the accused has a strong pathizers ready to follow their leader wherever the fates lead. They are therefore, of course, in sympathy with his senti-ments. When such representative minds are officially anothematized and expelled from the Church, they usually take the best part of the Church with them and establish an independent Church and "go it alone." In this way libers religion is always the gainer from these Church trials. Dr. Smith is not only pronounced "guilty," but the penalty that follows is suspension from the ministry!

It is notable in this, as in other Church trials of the kind, that no charge is brought against the character or cor the accused. He is "suspended" because he has been houest with himself and his brethren; true to his conscience and reason. Is there any claim that he has demoralized the youth or encouraged vice either by precept or example? Nothing of the kind appears in the reports of the trial. This is a fresh evidence of the charge often brought against the Church by skeptics that orthodoxy depends upon faith. and places moral virtues at a discount. It is a relic of mediæval superstition, the extreme expression of which was inquisitorial horrors. Why suspend Dr. Smith and probibit was published? If not, what reason is there to would if he continued to preach? It looks as if his preaching was quite as likely to inspire good resolution and educate the religious nature healthfully, as that of other ministers. But it is quite evident that the question of moral benefits, or the discovery and application of truth has no part in this trial, dogmas is a plain prophecy of the law of evolution. The conflict may continue with varying results for many years, but the old superstition is surely dying. Spiritualists should departments of the world's education. Of the old and crumbling systems we have no reason to complain. They have Had Mr. Wallace seized this subject in the broad light of represented the conditions that evolved them, and they go as spirit revelation; had he not been warped by his material. they came, subject to the laws of mind and environment, and rudimental agencies are committed to our keeping, and no He would have said when he came to the apparently im- revelation ever demanded so much of its recipients, or offered such incentives to a high devotion and progressive achieve

# "THE CONSISTENT ATTITUDE."

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRU

The above query seems unsettled and many-sided. Shall we be radical or conservative? Some think we should fraternize with Church and all good people in every good work; others to have nothing to do with them, but to belittle their methods and beliefs. Some say use, and others say abuse Some say we should act on the defensive in docform. Some say our religion is one of knowledge and hence we can not affiliate with faith people. But here may we inquire: Is any religion any less one of faith, as to where we shall go and what we shall be? Is it not all a matter of faith and hope? Hence it is presumptious to vaunt that our religion is one of knowledge when our beliefs are matters of constant debate and discussion. Surely, then, until we agree, it is not consistent to speak of becoming so confident and aggressive in our methods of procedure.

What shall we think of all these disagreements? Will Sister Lillie please say a word ; for who can dispute that the spirits teach pro and con on nearly every question. For example, they teach that the stars can not sustain life and then they teach that they are inhabited, that there are and arejust animals in spirit life, that all men will survive death. Some spirits deny this and say some have lost the spark of spirit life, and at death pass into oblivion forever. Some teach that Christ did and does live that he did and does yet give forth nessages; others teach that such a being never existed. And contradictory. Spirits teach for and against organization others that it does them much good, etc. Now, how shall we

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  That from bright spheres do come
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- To guide and bless poor mortals here These loved ones from on high Do daily visit earthly spheres— We reel that they are nigh.
- Blest be the soul who daily prays
  That this guidance from on high
  May be with them from day to day
  Angel guardians from the sky.
- And may these guardians ever near, All people here surround; Until that love from higher spheres In every heart abound.

### CHILD MURDER IN ENGLAND.

The horror these words suggest can not easily be under-stood by Americans. Not, perhaps, that they are any better in heart than the people over in England, but the struggle for existence is fercer, and the fight for bread is greater. Child murder! It means the torture of thousands upon

Child murder! It means the torture of thousands upon thousands of children. Last year official reports say 19,802 cases of cruelty were looked into. The combined suffering of these little ones makes up a total more awful than Dante ever dreamed of. You can form some idea of what these figures loosening the mental and spiritual fetters which bind them to mean when you remember that 19,802 a year is fifty-four a day, and that every time the quarters are rung from the Church steeple one little one is being tortured to the chimes of the late. It is impossible for one in England to close their eyes

For it permeates every class of society—ministers, doctors, service, not seeming to realize what a long stride they were lawyers, and statesmen have all been brought up on the old, old charge. It is true the greater the intelligence the greater.

the cruelty. The different ways of torture and killing go beyond the wildest flights of fiction.

A little girl who had been tortured by her father and mother by being tied crueffx-wise to the foot of an iron bedstead in the morning with her face to it and then beaten from the neck to the heels, in her one thin garment, with a buckled strap; and in the evening turned and tied again with her back to the bedstead in the same fashion—in the morning being left all day and in the evening all night-this child in her new home, where the society sent it, on seeing a crucifix slowly, solemnly said: "I was once like that."

This is only one of many of the facts of child cruelty gath ered from official sources and can not be paralleled this side of Siberia

Child murder is never murder to an English judge unless the victim is killed by a single blow. The parent who exposes the tiny flesh to cold and hunger, leaving it to lie all
night on the cold floor, does no wrong in the eyes of the law.
That is not murder! It is killing with too much fume and
feat which is lightly to the swilling. fret which is liable to the gallows.

So much for the "court" and "justice's justice."

And with the knowledge of the existence of all this horrible cruelty, particular instances of which are given by F. A. Dunake in the World, comes a sense of the social wrongs which brutalize. One class is brutalized by riches, and another class by abject poverty. America is receiving many thousands of depraved beings upon her shores, and instance are constantly needing attention in our midst almost as crue as anything in foreign countries. Even human education seems an almost hopeless remedy. Yet it is not.

CLAIR TUTTLE.

# CRINOLINES AGAIN!

large dimensions, and many of them will be copied from "Godey's Lady's Book" of 1860. No skirt will be less than five and one-balf yards wide, and the jaunty hat and high shoulders must fall in the background and be forgotten for the modest scoop bonnets and sloping shoulders of 1830. It is surely so; Worth and Redfern announce they are already enforcing these fashions.

The summer girl will probably not be pleased to learn this, but the clinging skirts must go. She will be obliged in '93 4 to dance at arms length, no more tennis, jumping from be a great thing for the "funny man." He can announce with a chuckle that the summer girl is outting a "wide swath" in society. And the Easter parade! There will be a great demand for carpenters next Spring. Just think of the doors and halls to be widened, and the elevators in a big dry goods

and halls to be widened, and the elevators in a big dry goods store, at the very heat of the daily shopping battle, no crowding a dozen or fifteen tight-skirted women into it nextSpring; not more than two or three can be transported at a time then. It is to be no half-way revelation. Even the children, who have done nothing to merit such a blow, come in for their share of the affliction. When Baby Ruth slips through the White House next Spring, she will dislodge almost as much atmosphere as would Joseph Allen's wife "at 216 pounds by the steelyards." If this is no joke, what are Mrs. Jenness Miller, Jennie June, Mrs. Lozier, and other common-sense, as well as very fashionable, women going to do about it?

It is possible, and probable, there may be a band of revolting women, known as the LIGHT OF TRUTH Woman's Club, who will stop to reason before they jump inside steel hoops with a laugh. Oh, Mr. Worth and Mr. Redfern, "you tire us!"

Travelers in the "Better Way" and What

They Found.

From all over our fair land came pilgrims attracted by a new and interesting way. It was well traveled, for many veterans had gone before. On every side these had left marks of their presence. Lovely gems gleamed out here and there at each progressive step. There were many pit-falls and rough places to be avoided, but dark shadows hovered over these, and one had only to turn to the gleaming gems to be sure of the upward road.

Thus, for years, pilgrim after pilgrim began this journey. Some became frightened at the enchantment and returned to their place of starting. Many haited and would neither go forward nor backward. Not forward, because the beautiful things told of the journey's end they feared were too good to be true; and not backward, for a new light had dawned and the old life in the past seemed dreary and void. Thus they remained between fear of advance and dread of retreat. Still others, regardless of the shadows, atumbled in rough places and fell into the pit-falls while the light from the gems was obscured.

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But many, sh! very many, traveled on joyously, singing But many, ah! very many, traveled on joyously, singing hallelujabs every hour that they were the happy followers in this beautiful "better way." They have learned of a home beyond the grave—of a happy meeting with loved ones where all should be gathered at last with not one vacant chair. Tears should be wiped from every eye and sorrow be unknown. Bright spirits guided every willing soul through life's journey, while "over there" these angels would help to greater heights, ever onward and upward.

Thus, in pleasant study and meditation, these pilgrims gleaned their leasons day by day, and time flew on until one bright morning they beheld a new gem. All along the journey lustrous gems had radiated in streams of light, giving comfort for this life and an assurance of joy for the next. Now came this added radiance. It shone out clear and bright, heraiding good tidings—a dawn of greater things; a

bright, heraiding good tidings—a dawn of greater things; a union of old and new pilgrims; a grander spiritual love; a work that should reach all nations.

Behold the Light of Truth! and all who had faithfully walked the Eetler Way came to this LIGHT OF TRUTH.

May the luster of this new gem never grow dim!

bells. It is impossible for one in England to close their eyes.

We recently attended the funeral of one of the most proto the child murder going on about them.

The system of child insurance is responsible for much of this wrong. No mother is too poor, no father earns too little who knew her.

The exercises were conducted by the pastor but that enough can be saved to insure the baby's life; so if things go wrong there is always the baby to fall back on. This is accomplished by starving. The slower the process is carried on the surer they are to collect the insurance. It is only a matter of a few days, and no court in England calls that the belief which had such grand expression in her life starvation murder, only the foolish kill their children quickly.

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### WOMAN'S CLUB CORRESPONDENCE. Lisle E. Saxton comes with a boquet of prairie flowers.

Dear Editor—We hope to note appreciation for the Woman's Club in the readiness of the sisters to converse. We fancy ourselves strong, but not sufficiently so to bring in great offering, but as the editor states the small are accepta

Speaking of appreciation reminds us of a lesson quite re-cently learned in that connection. Our Kansas prairies are prolific with beautiful flowers, through the flower season, and the somberness of winter may be at times, who knows, golden-tinted by the brightness reflected from the belated sun-flowers and golden rods, which, up to a certain period, we saw, but only half appreciated. Some time ago we visited friends in Chicago-one an English lady whose love for flow ers seemed unsurpassed.

One day, after we had been expiating on the floral beauty at Lincoln Park, she brought us a tiny vase filled with goldenrod that looked homesick despite the good care it had re ceived, stating that a friend, knowing it was her favorite, had brought it from the prairies, and that she prized this, to us common flower, more than those at the parks, not only for its associations with merry England, but for its own beauty. She has passed over since then, and that fall we dried a large bo-quet of them, which associated with a few everlastings, grasss, and autumn leaves, is a joy not only to our friend for whom it was arranged, but ourselves; and we realize more than ever how much asleep we are to our opportunities when we deem ourselves so wide awake.

# HARD TIMES SOCIAL.

The styles of 1860 and 1830 are surely coming in again.

Mr. Worth says before the clover blooms again, and possibly before the going out of March, Crinolines will be seen in large dimensions, and many of them will be copied from large dimensions, and many of them will be copied from large dimensions, and many of them will be copied from large dimensions, and many of them will be copied from large dimensions again.

A novel way to raise money is to hold a Ragged Social, to consist of prizes, supper, songs, etc., and a dress parade in your old clothes. Prizes should be offered to the lady and gentleman wearing the ragedest, most poverty-stricken applications for use on receipt of above prices. Liberal flowing for use of the close of the A novel way to raise money is to hold a Ragged Social, to parel. They may be a gingham apron for the lady and a pai of suspenders for the gentleman.

The supper may consist of pork, baked beans, hominy boiled potatoes, corn bread, pickles, rye coffee, etc. Admittance, including supper, charged at the door, 11 cents. It is sure to draw a crowd of contestants as well as spectators.

# SOUR CREAM PIE.

sins, one egg, one spoonful flour, all well beaten together and

This makes a very rich pie, and baked on a common siz tin may be cut in eight or ten pieces. MARY DARROW.

Miss Ray Frank, a daughter of Israel, has addressed a con gregation in a synagogue. That a woman should preach to the Jews in one of their temples is more than unusual; it has but one precedent in all time. The prophetess Deborah spoke in the synagogue. Years counted by centuries passed before nan was accorded similar honor. Deborah is Miss Frank,a young Californian,a resident of Oak

The synagogue in which she first spoke to those of he race and religion is in Seattle. She was deemed competent to preach and was asked to speak from the pulpit. "I know that it is unusual, and that in the history of our people n woman except Deborah spoke in the synagogue, yet the experience did not seem strange," said Miss Frank.

"Romanism attacking our Constitution and our State, is simply a political engine."

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right of educating the children. It is tyranny of the most oppressive character to compel the parents to pay for schools to which they can not send their children." One resolution reads thus: "Let the hand be accursed that strikes at our

reads thus: "Let the hand be accursed that strikes at our Catholic schools." The motto of that Popish convention was: "No concession to Americanism in any form." All this is ominous. A storm is brewing; a revolution is bound to come. Well, the American people are growing wiser in [this matter. They are watching the course of events and making up their minds as to the best policy in dealing with the enemies of the school system. Against a division of the public funds they have set their faces like a flut, and if the Roman hierarchy gives the word, which, as Mgr. Capel said, would be like a click of a trigger, to put a musket at the breast of every like a click of a trigger, to put a musket at the breast of every collector of the school tax, the hierarchy will sign its death warrant in America, and every armed foe of the schools will emigrate to Canada or purgatory. The people of this country remember the wise words of Garfield: "It would be dangerous to our institutions to apply any portion of the revenue of the nation or the State to the support of sectarian schools;" and those of General Grant: "Encourage free schools, and resolve that not one dollar appropriated to them shall be applied to the support of any sectarian school." We are no alarmist, but events cast their shadow before, and facts seem to point to a war on the school question.-Protestant

# SPIRITUALISTS INTERESTED

Spiritualists all over the country are deeply interested in a Muskegon man who is going to find out all there is worth finding out, or he will know the reason why. He proposes to die in a hermetically sesled jar so that his spirit can not get away before his friends have an opportunity to interview it. He is dying fast of consumption and the big jar is standing at his bed side waiting for him to be popped in just as the death rattle begins to sound. A system of wires passing through the cylinder will enable the living folks to interview the detained spirit provided all the calculations are correct of course, a great deal will be settled by this experiment. I no message comes over these wires it will be proved that there is no hereafter and no such thing as a spirit. It is very kind of the Muskegon man to take all that trouble.

[To the editor of the Light of TRUEL] [To the editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTE.]

The above clipping has been sent to me by two different parties, both parties asking my opinion of the matter. And my answer is that I begin to believe that a fool or a clauk is born every minute. In the first place man's soul is simply an individualized spark of intelligence and nothing more. If, (as I am imformed from the spirit side of life) man is a scin tilation or a spark from the divine energy, or the great spirit, or the great over-soul, or whatever you choose to call it, then it follows that there is no situation where that spark can be confined any more then the thought of man can be confined. So if any crank on earth wishes to try to confine man's soul and spirit, be can try the matter while he is in good health and not wait until dissolution of the body takes place. Let him shut himself up in his glass case and have it sealed up for an instant, and see if it stops his thought or spirit from penetrating to the utmost ends of the earth.

Spiritual things must be tested by spiritual things and material things will not apply to spirit at all in any case whatever, and here comes in the trouble with many persons in accepting Spiritualism. They can not accept it except in a ma-And to become a true Spiritualist we must accept our spiritual matters in a spiritual manner, and in a spiritual

A glass case is no detriment to the sunlight, and it is just called spirit, it can penetrate just as easy as sunlight and in many situations far better. Does our Muskegon experimenter suppose that when a mine caves in and shuts, perhaps twenty-five souls, hundreds of feet below the surface in twenty-nve souls, hundreds of feet below the surface in a solid mass of rock and earth, that their living souls are doomed to live to all eternity within the confines of the earth? Not at all. For there is no situation when a spirit can be confined below or above the earth, in all cases it seeks the divine fount from whence it came.

Fraternally yours,

The Church of Rome "persecuted Harvey for having proved the circulation of the blood. In the name of Jesus it shut up Galileo. In the name of St. Paul it imprisoned Christopher Columbus."

Beautiful, is it not? And this is the kind of stuff that newspapers print to the exclusion of sound spiritual philosophy. A column or two will be given to this rot, while the words of a philosopher or an account of his life and death will be dismissed with a half dozen lines.

# SLATE-WRITING IN PUBLIC.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH |

On Sunday evening, December 4th, I witnessed one of the most convincing demonstrations of public slate-writing I think I or any other person ever witnessed. We had a fair audience and very harmonious conditions. The seance was opened by Mrs. L. Fitch, who gave tests from the rostrum for about an hour, which gave great satisfaction. Mr. Fitch then took the rostrum and we had a few remarks from his guide which were direct to the point. He spoke of the magnetism and of the necessary conditions it requires for spiritual manifestations. There were at least ten or twelve pair of slates brought by the audience. I brought a pair which were fastened with screws in each corner, and sealed with wax.
Out of the entire number of slates brought by the audience Out of the entire number of slates brought by the audience there were only two blank slates; some contained four or five messages. On mine, which were sealed, I got a portrait of my guide, which would do an artist credit. It is pronounced by all who have seen it the most remarkable piece of spiritual work they ever saw. The medium then produced a pair of his own magnetized slates, washed and dried them in the presence of the audience. Then getting a string started down from the platform to have them tied when a repulsance stone. from the platform to have them tied, when a gentleman stopped him and requested to put him to a test, which (after consulting his guides) was readily granted. His request was that he might make a cross on the four sides of the slates, then see if the spirits could manifest. The material used was chalk and the crosses could be seen in any part of the house. The slates were then tied and given to a gentleman in the audi ence, and when opened were found to contain several messages, which were all recognized, the writing was in various colors. Now for the test, the gentleman who made the crosses said, "If the writing comes over the chalk marks I am done; but if the marks cover any of the writing, then I know it is a fraud." When carefully strutinized it was easy to see that all the writing passed through, or rather over the chalk marks. Now these slates were never out of our sight for a second, and there was no chance for deception. It gave such general satisfaction that I thought it my duty to write it up, As for me, my slates could not be purchased at any price, for I know they are of the spirit and could not be otherwise. Mr. and Mrs. Fitch's permanent address is 25½ Sixth Street, San Francisco, Cal. We remain yours in truth,

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-The Ladies Aid Books as meet in Grand Army Hall, Wednesday afternoon, sunsay 4th, at 2,50 o'clock. All interested in the work age one distributed to attend.

-We wish our readers and (reset's a Happy New Year; in return for which we request them to crase firing "poetry" at m. Wa already have enough but the whole of 1853.

-The Physikal Review for December contains a valuable article free our cowerker and contributor, Dr. J. R. Buchinson. The article considered is on "The Science of Psychometry."

me never raiss to please or instruct wherever called.

—Eugene W. Ward, a well-known Spiritualist and former
member of the Union Society, was stricken with heart disease
on Chriatmas Eve, while out walking with a lady friend, and
passed over shortly after. Funeral services over the remains
were held at the residence of his brother-in-law at Madison
ville, Tuesday afternoon following. Peace attend him in his
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Mr. P. King, of I.udlow, Kv., a prominent Spiritualist, ed at our office last week. Mr. King is in the silver-plate and repairing business, having had many years' experience nat line, and any orders for replating or repairing of cuttable-ware, silver ware, or jewelry left at this office will romptly forwarded to him. His address is 49 Ash Street,

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—Professor J. Clegg Wright, of this city, who has been ill in New York for the past month, though not preventing him from attending to bis missionary labors, has gone to Philadelphia, where he lectures the first Stunday in January (to morrow). Mr. Wright has also a new book in press, which will be ready for sale in a week or ten days. Its subject is "Re-incarration," and will undoubtedly furnish interesting reading. Address of the author is Box 413, Cincinnati, Ohio, although a letter addressed to Newfield, N. J., will always reach him at an early date when lecturing in the East. We also solicit in behalf of Professor Wright some happy thoughts that will cheer him up and restore his health.

—Last Sunday being Christmas day Mr. J. Frank Baxter made his sermons or lectures appropriate to the occasion at the services of the Union Society, G. A. R. Hall. Also did his music partake of the festivities of the occasion. Particularly well rendered was "The Star of Bethlehem" at the evening services, which elicited generous applause. Mr. Baxter's singing in general is a beautiful feature in his program of exercises, especially as he is such an accomplished musician. Accompanying himself on the organ permits of a harmony between the vocal and instrumental parts that lends a charm to the rendition, otherwise not attained perhaps. Thus with his fine lecturing, his music, and his marvelous tests of apiritretura and presence, Mr. Baxter is a muchly giffed instrument of the immortal world.—His subjects for discussion last Sunday were Christmas sermons, in a measure, though of its him to have taken place in Spring rather than Winter. According to the record fensus was born at the time of the tax, gathering of Jesus of Newschild and the part of the subjects for discus and the stace of the stace of the state of t

Sturgis, this tits is most respected citizens. The usual manifestations took place, which are germane to Mrs. Seery's (now Mrs. Hibitts) mediumship, an idea of which can be had from the following extract:

Many tests were given and recognized. One voice addressed Mr. R. F. Horstman in low German, and carried on quite a conversation, and sang a song in that language with Mr. Hortsman. The voice then addressed Mrs. Smith, giving name, and said that he died and was buried at sea. Mrs. Smith said that the name and circumstances of death and burial were correctly given. A voice addressed Mrs. Long concerning some property in Michigan, which belonged to her by right from the estate of her grandfather. Then a voice was heard in French, giving a name, which was recognized by Mrs. Powers, who carried on quite a conversation in French, and the voice sang a song in that language. Mr. Heath also asked questions and received answers in French, and at the same time, mark you, that the voice was speaking in French, Mr. Hortsman was being addressed in German by another voice, so voices came through two frumpets at the asme time, while Mrs. Seery was talking to Mr. McDermut.

The voice spoke during the evening in high German, low go cts.

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We had another glorious meeting. The services opened with a hymn and an invocation by my spirit guide; afterwards several gentlemen (hitherto skeptics) stood up in the body of the hall and publicly testified to the presence of spirit, power in the seances given by Mrs. Jacobs, of Indianapolis. Prom names given and the tenor of the messages rendered no alternative was open to the speakers but to accept the spiritual hypothesis of spirit-return as the only true one accounting for the remarkable phenomena presented.

A Mr. Hugh Robinson expressed himself as heaven-blessed, and thanked God and those present that the Light of Truth had indeed been given to him. I predict a store of good spiritual earnestness is ample guarantee that his reward indeed will be ricb.

Mr. J. Blois Smith, a gentleman of education, is another valuable acquisition in the ranks of spiritual workers, and one qualified at any time to give utterance to the spiritual philosophy and teachings, should necessity arise for his assistance.

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The work must go on all the time, there must be no break in the chain of progress. The cause wants men of educational ability to do battle with orthodox and skeptical people in a sound, rational, and logical manner. Intellectuality and refinement, blended with a thorough knowledge of the subject, will convince more people of the claims of Spiritualism than all the verbosity to overheated arguments so often resorted to by many would-be philosophers. Let us all educate the public as to what Spiritualism really is.

GEO. W. WALROND.

Cour church is having a perfect feast of spiritual things, delivered through the lips of our esteemed brother R. H. Kneeshaw. Our audiences increase at every service. Sunday, December 18th, our audience completely filled Euclid Hail, and the lectures and tests met with a responsive appreciation, seldom witnessed. The congregation having the choice of subjects, selected, "Mind and its relation to matter" and the "Ministry of angels." Our hall echoed with the applause, which the speaker's lucid presentation of facts and masterly eloquence readily elicited. Space even forbids a synopsis of these wonderful discourses, but the general verdict was that they were too good to be lost and should have been fully reported and go through the spiritual press to a larger number than our hall can accommodate.

It is almost impossible to do justice to the spiritual gifts of our esteemed brother, who as a speaker, clairvoyant, and improviser of poetry and song is perhaps unequalled.

I am happy to state that our church is negotiating with Mr. Kueeshaw with a view to obtain his services for another month at least, as officers and members alike recognize in his labors the requisite element of successful ministry, for in three weeks' services he has doubled our attendance, and more than doubled the receipts, and imparted a spirit of harmony appreciated by all.

Mr. Kueeshaw's present address is 328 Chapel St., Louisville, Ky.

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dom been equaled in the experience the writer.

The audience embraced many non-believers and spiritual skeptics, and Mrs. Hull has received numerous requests from this class for private interviews, and the evidences are that her appearance among us wil result in lasting benefit through the number set to thinking and convinced by her.

We only hope we can persuade her to lengthen her stay in our midst.

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Dubuque, la.

Vesterday afternoon at Liberty Hall the Progressive Spiritualist Society presented its president, Dr. O. G. W. Adams, with a gold headed cane in recognition of the efficient service he has rendered the cause of Spiritualism in Dubuque. The Sunday-school and members tendered him a rising unanimous vote of thanks for the interest he has taken in their welfare. In replying to the presentation remarks, he said that tongue could not express the feelings that swelled within his bosom. He would always be ready to do what was in his power for the needy, and the society. The society, he was glad to say, was getting onto a sure foundation, and would have some first-class mediums here shortly.

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