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## A New Camp-Meeting.

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Volume XVI, No. 24 But our letter is already a long one, and we who deny the efficiency of capital punishment leave the matter for your readers to consider. We pledge our five dollars as one of one hun dred, or one thousand persons, towards placing inter matter as Mrs. Drake is doing in our city

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sions of reason and of fact, as to lead to the con- with failure. it either through prejudice or without fore- lectual and material prosperity which sprung have been the companion of the Christian faith pigions. thought.

In order to consider the subject with dis- hammedan rule, was the fruit of the Koran and ing of the present century, civilization, separate it into its component the spectacular ritualism of the Roman Church addicted to this habit. We know not in his boy- pto every part of my being. If we take the There are four chief factors which enter into tion. It is more nearly correct to say that it tered public life, was the charge against him of pat few religious people in the world. the published life and teachings of Jesus.

intellectual, and the moral. The fourth is the disciples he told them to "take no thought be- where he turned water into wine. mention in detail, but these in general distin- struction many Christians, for a long time, op- was the custom of that age and place. other civilizations in the world. Do these ex- Church and the Methodist Church for many day of the Pentecost when they were all of man. I never fell-never had any part in can justly call them Christian?

splendor, adorn every land. Is it reasonable to suppose all this marvelous Christians in all sects. And Christianity ex- jectionable.

ble fruit of the insatiate love of money, come learning had birth. It is therefore a perver- tory of the Christian Church, the drink habii 100. as the outgrowth from him who was so poor he sion of truth to pretend that the educational de- prevailed, both among the clergy and laity. The word religion is sometimes used to sigmoney-making spirit of his age and said "how Christ and should he called Christian. him for eternal life to "sell all his vast posses- most important. No civilization, however dis- some cases; on the pulpit, by the side of the is to be used in these papers.

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sus. To the long list of earnest men stretch- is by right the recognized leader of the more

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Philosophy and Faces. trees him pame jot or title of honor which is Grant all I claim in their behalt, and yet Jeens THE RELIGION OF SPIRITUALISM. there always been our friends; they have always been our friends; they have " would not fligh from others the credit which is the world's great moral forces. He is a con-WHAT IS SPIRIT? astly their due, with which to crown the brew spicuous character in the moral realm. In the

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MOSES BULL.

FORTOR OF LIGHT OF TRUTH : The question, Incts of Spiritualism or take the ground that Morality a Necessary Factor to Weath and Education. Exv. 4 A wire. It is the babit of Christian alian, of its progress, as the result of the consisting religion, and of modern civilination in general, as the maired sequence of the trackings of Christ. In several, as the maired sequence of the trackings of Christ. In several, as the maired sequence of the trackings of Christ. In several, as the maired sequence of the trackings of Christ. In several, as the maired sequence of the trackings of Christ. In several, as the maired sequence of the trackings of Christ. In several as the maired sequence of the trackings of Christ. In several as the maired sequence of the trackings of Christ. In several as the maired sequence of the tracking on the fields of human endeaver.

elusion that those who make the assertion, do It would be as correct to say that the intel- tion? As we go back in history we find it to under the law which is extended to other re-

parts and examine each part in its relation to came from the disciples as to claim Jesus the hood what his habits of life were, but almost clymological meaning of the word religion, driven by knaves or fcols.

back, it was made to signify the fall of man, drink habit. Of course, there are many good forehand what they should say for it would be It seems probable from the facts recorded. and depravity. Religion-re-ligo or re-binding and had elements which I have not space to given them at that hour." Because of this in- that Jesus adopted the habit of drink, which -signified the binding or bitching of man back past dealings with each other. to a position from which he had fallen. The guish our civilization in a marked degree from posed an educated ministry. The Advent The same was true of the disciples. On the word was made to imply the fall and depravity

ist because of Christ? Are they legitimately years considered it as showing a lack of faith gathered they were filled with the spirit and any man's or any woman's fail; so, in that the result of his life and teaching so that we in the promise of Christ to his disciples to edu "began to speak with other tongues." "Some gense, I need no religion; and, as for being cate young men who were to enter the pulpit. said these men are full of new wine," but Peter bound back, I do not want it; I am going for-

every hand. Ships, steamboats, cables, tele- educated clergy. For many years there was they been total abstainers he would have so de sense as the one given above. The word has phones, telegraphs, and railroads bind State to warm discussion in the Church on this ques- clared, instead of giving as a reason they wert pecome by its uses to signify a belief in, and de-State and nation to nation. Cities and towns tion, whether to rely on the help of Jesus or on not drunk, that it was too early in the day pendence upon a spiritual being, or spiritual bemade proud by costly business blocks and education for the power necessary for success Paul's advice to Timothy to take wine for his ings to whom we can look for mental, spiritual, luxurious homes, mills, and farms made alive in the pulpit. In very fact the words of Jesus stomach's sake makes it probable that while moral, and perhaps, physical help in times of by machinery, and marts of trade of regal for ages were used to discourage education Paul would not commend drunkenness, he did need, it teaches that by a certain course of life spiritual existence. among the ministry by quite a large body of not consider the temperate use of wine as ob we can put ourselves in reach of this help. In

accumulation of wealth, which is but the visi- isted fourteen hundred years before the love of From that day down through the whole his jiglous man; and my Spiritualism is my relig-

had not where to lay his head, who beheld the partment of our civilization was inspired by When the Puritans and Pilgrims came to Ameri- nify the creed or the belief of certain persons ca and settled they brought the habit with or sects. As, for instance, the Jews' religion, the hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of We come now to the third factor in our civil- them. At Church and ministerial gatherings religion of the Pharisees, or the Mohammedan heaven," who told the young man who come to ization-the moral. We need not say this is the the social glass was freely indulged in. If religion, etc. It is in that sense that the word

GOD IS A SPIRIT.

cared so little for making money that he gave teemed, unless imbued with moral principle. fore me a sketch of the early history of Willon am not making a creed for the Spiritualists, I their character or to their ability when I say, I all his labors for the public; good without rec- Morality does not produce wealth and culture N. H., written by one of its clergymen'in 1773.1 am only striving to express my kind of Spirit- have yet to meet one of them who can reason. gether in the choir. and his incors for the pashe, good without rec-ompense? Is it probable or possible even that to such a man we are indebted for the passion to make money which is the leading character.

Saturday, June 15. 1803.

# SALVATION BY FAITH.

COL. B. G. INGERSOLL.

against Caurch dogmas and superstitions, and so they will in the future ; yet the only legiti- Let me show you the result of unbelief. Let of the Namerice. I would give Newton and that eitheat department of modern eividualian eivid mate battle is to be with the above mentioned me suppose, for a moment, that we are at the Church can not logically stand before us ten as they arrive. The Recording Secretary, or whoever does the cross-examining, says to a "We found, then, that we had to admit the soul

Where are you from?

I am from the Earth.

modern civilization in general, as the natural came ingety from the labors of more poverty, crime, and suf-sequence of the trachings of Christ. In such a worked in other fields of human endeavor, be the cause of more poverty, crime, and suf-thin ice when he dealer either any other and the sector of the trachings of Christ. In such a

hands of those who are either too dull to trace my wife, nor one of my children, a moment's

Did you pay your debts?

loved.

Do you belong to any Church?

No, sir. The Churches were all too narrow,

Did you believe in eternal punishment? Well, no. I always thought that God could Did you believe the rib story? Do you mean the Adam and Eve business? Yes; did you believe that? To tell you God's truth, that was just a little more than I could swallow.

Away with him to hell! Next.

Where are you from? I am from the Earth, too.

What kind of a man were you? Oh, I was not as other men, sir. I always led n prayer, I uttered the loudest "amens," I-Did you belong to any Church?

Yes, sir, and to the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Christian Endeavor, and-

What was your business? Cashier in a savings bank.

Did you ever rob the bank?

Where I came from, sir, a witness could not be compelled to criminate himself.

The law is different here. Answer the question. Did you ever run away with any money?

Yes, sir; but it was only about a hundred

What else did you take?

Well, I took my neighbor's wife-we sang to-

as with bave yet to meet him. Their arguments are al- Have you ever heard of them or inquired af No, sir. Did you balieve the rib story? Oh, bless your soul, of course I did. A thousand times I regretted that there were no harder stories in the Bible, so that I could have shown my wealth of faith.

tion well haid, to these men I give the credit for the intellectual advantages this age colors and

lectual and material prosperity which sprung have been the companion of the Christian faith igions. up in Spain in the Middle Ages, under the Mo-from the beginning of Christianity till the open-in an argument to its legitimate consequences, or too dishonest to acknowledge a truth when he pid with me Spiritualism is a philosophy, a science, erimination and justice let us analyze modern Mohammed, or it would be as reasonable to say Jesus was born in the midst of a community a religion, a life. It goes into all my thoughts ;

modera civilization, and, in the main, make it exists to-day in spile of the New Testament being "a wine-bibber," and the very first miracle The word religion originally came from two

Let us examine them separately. And first our material civilization. This is visible on

that sense of the word, I am a profoundly re-

I have many near and dear friends among the thousand dollars. sions and give the proceeds to the poor," who tinguished for wealth and culture, is to be es- Bible, stood the well-filled decanter. I have be I want it understood that in these articles 1 Materialists, and I mean nothing derogatory to

sequence of the trachings of christ. In such a worked in other in other and the ball of th statement there is such a mixture of truth and means which be would have met evils combined. Where did this habit originate hand if Spiritualism is a religion, it should have met evils combined have evils c and how did it find its way into our civiliza- the same protection and the same privileges tacks on Spiritualism from Christians in the I never said an unkind word. I never caused

minutes. Rev. Asa Mahan said :

sees it. In either instance the arguments I did not owe a dollar when I died, and I left against Spiritualism can do little harm. The enough to pay my funeral expenses and to keep intellectual world can not long be either led or the flerce wolf of want from the door of those I

tioned have always been our friends; they have

# came from the disciples as to claim Jesus the noted what this we hear of him after be had en-spiritualism is not a religion; in fact there are serior the disciples as to claim Jesus the first thing we hear of him after be had en-spiritualism is not a religion; in fact there are serior that the battle of the immediate future is to be between the Materialists and the Spirit- pinched, and bigoted for me. I never thought modern civilization, and, in the main, make it class to day to the of the search of th ideas only; and let us enter It in the same ed friendly spirit that has characterized all our

I will then begin with the premises that if get his revenge in far less time. God is spirit, and if spirit is God-that is, the cause of all material existences, and if man is a spiritual being, then as sure as spirit everywhere blends with spirit there can be a continuous communication between spirit and spirit,

or a continuous revelation from that source of spirituality, which, for want of a better term, we call God, to all the branches of spiritual existence. This allows the spirits who "live ist has of escaping this, is in the denial of all

Many times materialistic speakers have been known to address audiences or individuals like this: "Show me a spirit; prove to me spiritual existence. I have but five senses, and neither of these take hold of anything spiritual." One was heard to say, "I never believe in anything I can not see; I never saw a spirit, therefore I do not believe one exists."

MATERIALISTS DO NOT REASON.

material grandeer of our electionstant ment was where Jesus lived and labored. And At the present time the Church is attemption during ing and practice of his life were opposed to he did not go outside of it. The greatness he to overthrow this appetite which, during this spirit. Our splendid show of wealth exists achieved, the credit he won, and the influence whole existence it had been strengthening. in spite of the protests of Jesus whose whole be exerted, except his work in healing the sick, this is found to be not an easy thing to do. If nature rebeiled against it. In Buddha we have were all within the moral realm.

stic of our age and out of which has grown the which society would crumble to

a man who was a prince, but who abandoned similar man and led a similar life.

Solomon

day and president of a railroad syndicate, ments and wielding a similar influence. tion.

our modern material magnificence is barbarous, and that the primitive and simple mode of life which Jesus upheld is better. I simply say that the material greatness of our civilization finds no sanction in Christ's preaching of love. and it is a misnomer to call it Christian. Let us next turn to the intellectual or educa-tional factor, which is a prominent part of our civilization. Let us next turn to the intellectual or educa-tional factor, which is age possesses. Christianity in its inclusted for the moral sentiment to all the translation all factor, which is age possesses. Christianity in its inclusted for the moral sentiment to all the translation would nave fol-control for the prime for the moral sentiment tional factor, which is age possesses. Christianity in its interest is genous and other canality in its interest is genous more to call it. The results would have fol-control for the prime for the moral sentiment to analtice of the prime for the moral sentiment to all the translation of the prime for the moral sentiment the higher education is sell very well, but a spread. With these facts before us who doubts in the same prohibition with a "thus sent the fible as one of the spread sent for the moral sentiment to all the credit for the moral sentiment to all the translation would nave fol-control for the moral sentiment the fible sent the same results would have fol-the sente the work of the same results would have fol-the sente the work of the same results would have fol-the sente the work of the same results would have fol-the sente the work of the same results would have fol-the sente the work of the same results would have fol-the sente the work of the same results would have fol-the sente the work of the

the youth and enlighten the land.

We behold in the discoveries of science a adopted Christianity as the best policy, he took dominant phase of our civilization. The inven-tive genius of the Anglo-Saxon mind has come to the front. This is above all others an intel-ized. Ever since it has been in fact and in the table of the character in it is weather the table of the character in the table of the character in the table of the table of the character in the to the front. This is above all others an intel-ized. Ever since it has been in fact and in the table of the character in the table of table o

ual development came from Jesus? Can a credit? Are they to be filched of their good tion be justly called Christian. lig tree produce apples? name that Jesus may be extolled? Is there no

I would give to Christ all that belongs to him. one unprejudiced enough to recognize what I love and esteem him too highly to take they did for Christianity?

habit has been indulged in too long and is to The question now confronts us, now much of deeply rooted. The appetite has been handed the prospective throne, forsook his royal the moral sentiment which exists in society to down from father to son for eighteen hundre

palace, stripped off his jewels and velvets, and day, is here solely on account of Christ. Cer- years, protected by law, sustained by religio clothed as a mendicant, went about teaching tainly not all of it. We must remember that sanctioned by the pulpit, defended by quot men to overcome evil with good. Jesus was a the moral nature within us, which is the source tions from the "word of God" and by the prac of the moral sentiment, did not come from Je- tices of the saints of God in both the Old and gin to hear the buzz of the Atheistic hornets

He had no taste for worldly things. He said, sus but is a part of ourselves by birth. Had New Testaments, till it has become ingrained about my ears. Many think that when I use "Seek first the kingdom of God and all the ma- Jesus never lived the love of righteousness into the constitution and a part of the very the term God, I am going to take a plunge into terial things which you really need to have and would have existed. All the virtues and graces blood and bones of human society, and it car anthropomorphic Theism; not so. Indeed, I selwhich are very few and simple, will be yours which adorn and 'enoble human nature would not be eliminated in a day. The war against it dom indulge in discussion about God. The to so far give their Spiritualism away as to without strain or struggle." "Look at the birds still be in the world. The upright life would will be a long and desperate struggle. of the air, they toil not, yet God giveth them still be the ideal life. There still would be I heard a clergyman say in a temperance lec standable term I respresent by; the; word God, through our five senses." It is a deviation from food and clothing; will be not cloth you, oh ye preachers, beseeching men to sacrifice self for ture a short time ago "Christian civilization is has no connection with the boss mechanic which of little faith?" The flowers of the field were other's good, to resist the encroachments of the most drunken civilization on the face of the figures under that term, in the Book of Genesis, more attractive to him than all the glory of evil and to live lives of love and goodness. Had earth." And it is true. It is true because or the narrow-minded Jehovah who appeared Christ never been born think not that the law Christianity is the only great religion in the so prominently throughout the most of the Old

It is evident, both from his life and teachings, of moral progress would have been suspended world that has fostered the drink habit. Why Testament. In fact, I never attempt to define that he had no sympathy with material mag- or the certainty of heaven obliterated. Other is it that it does not exist in the East, only God, no definition can be given of the defice nificence, no taste for the luxury of wealth nor men of moral power would have arisen, imbued where it has been carried by "Christian na- power. Our understanding is limited, hence shelved among fossils of former geold talent for outward gain. Were he on earth to- with the same spirit, volcing the same senti- tions"? Because the Oriental religions forbid our definitions must be circumscribed. To de- ods. what a failure he would make and with what And it is possible if he had never lived, the into the Koran, as a command of God, a pro- I will only say. I believe Jesus was not far disgust would be flee from all such affairs ! He horrid doctrines that for eighteen hundred hibitory clause, which made the Mohammedan would spurn giving his name to such a civiliza- years have darkened the world under his name Church a mighty total abstinence society which pure in heart, for they shall see God." The

was of the utmost simplicity. I am not saying our modern material magnificence is barbarous, and that the primitive and the sime followed where his religion has the second dreaded evil for 1200 years. The higher dreaded evil for 1200 years. The civilization which he lived and taught sible we should have had a civilization, blessed dreaded evil for 1200 years.

tional factor, which is a prominent part of our which this age possesses. Christianity in its civilization. We are justly proud of the schools infancy became the adopted child of Greece and of all grades, from the kindergarten to the col- Rome. They nursed it and imparted to it, in a lege, which stand with open doors to welcome large degree, the life of their civilization.

When Constantine, in the third century,

one drunken civilization of the world Am I wrong then when I say our Bible and our Christianity are mainly responsible for the drink habit with which our civilization is enslaved? This brings me to the end and to the final con-

owed and that our civilization would not be the 21

LIGHT OF TRUTH to some bereaved friend.

Thto Spiritualism. Spiritualists occupy most wholly of a negative sort. They have ter them since? every shade of opinion. Some of them stop at never seen a spirit, they have never heard, felt every station between the most bigoted ignor- or even smelt one, therefore spirits do not exance and the most profound thought. No one ist. Reduced to sylogistic form their logic runs pen or mind can correctly represent all of thus:

1st. That which can not be apprehended by In stating my kind of Spiritualism I would either of the five senses has no existence. 2d. But spirits do not come within the pur-

iny down as my first the proposition that view of the five senses. 3d. Therefore spirits have no existence. This proposition is no sooner made than I be-

The fatal mistake of this logic is the thought that we see, hear, or in some way physically apprehend all existences. I have known materialistic Spiritists (they could not be called Spiritualists), otherwise able men and women power which, for the want of a more undersay, "We know nothing only what we get the purpose of these papers to discuss this make a few statements and propound a few

tism are now among the recognized sciences. The man or woman who denies them now is tions"? Because the Oriental religions forbid our definitions must be circumscribed. To de-both its manufacture and use. Mohammed put fine God is to limit God. I will not attempt it. into the Koran, as a command of God, a pro-biblitory clause, which made the Mohammedan from correct when he said. "Blessed are the horrid doctrines that for eighteen hundred years have darkened the world under his name would never have had an existence. It is pos-sible we should have had a civilization, blessed are the distribution of the solution of from correct when he said, "Blessed are the vely see and feel an over-ruling, a divine

Jesus never said it. The translation is bad. he taste them? or does he listen to hear himsus said pneuma ho theos, that is, spirit the self think?

thoughts are self-evident." "To whom?" I said. "To me," was his answer. I do not like to point out three individuals and ay, there are three spirits, one is John Smith,

other is James Brown, and the other Almighty tion. d. The fact is, spirit is God, wherever it is matter?"

To be Continued

stics on the other. The parties last men- er by remailing his copy of LIGHT OF TRUTH. higher self-hood.

Do you believe the rib story yet? Yes; with all my heart.

Give him a harp .- From "Some Mistakes of Moses."

Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

THE HIGHER EDUCATION.

Philosophy Not a Bread-Winner,

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

The term "higher education," while intuitivequestion at length, but it can not be amiss to ly understood as applying to a broader and more practical knowledge of things, has been misap-

1st. Clairvoyance, clairaudience, and hypno- plied in many instances, and misappropriated by es. running into transcendentalism. It has been having a special bearing on women of late years, but many who have been subjected to its disci-

> A clever little woman, who looks at things practically, recently expressed herself on this matter very forcibly by uttering : "The higher

mechanically reason should warn against further effort.

I was once answered by a Materialist, "My Many good mechanics have been rained by a false training in youth. Intuitive reasoning will always point out a child's natural talents-"Yes, but who are you?" was my next ques-on. "Are you matter, or are you function of the child than for self.

 The fact is, spirit is God, wherever it is found; all spirit is God, and all God is spirit. God being spirit is the source of all existences -the fountain from which all springs. This brings me to a second proposition, name is:
 MAN IS A SPIRITUAL BEING.
 In times past, man was regarded as an animal in possession of a soul, or spirit. The terms sola and spirit were always used interchangea by. We used to sing:
 "A coarge to keep 1 have; A God to glority. A god to glority.
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 "A coarge to keep 1 have; A god to glority.
 "A coarge to keep 1 have; To have visions of a titled degree attached to

makes the thought. This brings me to my third Electrical engineering and bridge-ballding will X never dying sout to save,<br/>And #1 is for the sky."makes the thought. This brings me to my third<br/>leading question.Electrical engineering and bridge-building will<br/>be more needed. For, through matter we devel-<br/>op the soul. It is law. If not natural, we would<br/>not have been conceived in matter. But by<br/>utilizing it for purposes beneficial to mankind,<br/>we woule deer the method will be more needed. For, through matter we devel-<br/>op the soul. It is law. If not natural, we would<br/>not have been conceived in matter. But by<br/>utilizing it for purposes beneficial to mankind,<br/>we woule deer entities of existence—spirits so-<br/>the me? What is the not me? They are different entities, are they not? Now will some<br/>obliging Materialist separate the me, which<br/>uses the senses as tools, from the senses, that<br/>is from the loois used?Electrical engineering and bridge-building will<br/>be more needed. For, through matter we devel-<br/>op the soul. It is law. If not natural, we would<br/>not have been conceived in matter. But by<br/>utilizing it for purposes beneficial to mankind,<br/>we evolve out of its entanglements, and finally<br/>become higher entities of existence—spirits so-<br/>called.

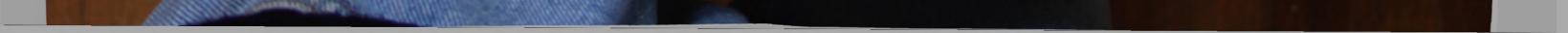
be that which leads to a higher developmentphysically, mentally, and morally combineda condition which makes this life as comforta-Every subscriber becomes an editor and publish. ble as possible without detriment to the soul or

d, spirit is God, or God is spirit.

re I feel to indulge in a prediction; and to is, from the tools used? give a warning. The prediction is, that the on-coming battle is to be between the Spiritualists

Remail is the watchword. Send your copy of on the one hand, and Atheists, Materialists, and

A God to giority, A never dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky."



should be germane to by C. C. STOWELL, R.Son 7, 300 Race Street, Cincinnati O

# Report of Seance.

dict. It matters not; but it will be the natural development of a pure and rational devotion in the human heart to all that is good and beaua religion in their own lives and homes, realizstrate the truths of immortality; but also to practical Christianity? teach a broader humanitarianism, a sweeter bereligion shall be recognized as such, nor is it upon the exact principles of equity and jusnecessary that we should. All good and per- tice then will we consider that a nation pracmanent things are of slow growth. The meteor ticing practical Christianity exists. We might, that flashes forth in a night may be a brilliant with truth and profit, point to some of the sovisitor, but its glory is evanescent, while the called "heathen" countries for the highest her my greetings of love and cheer. I am alstar that shines from age to age with undimmed demostration of unselfish living, of confidence ways ready to give assurance of my continued through countless years of time and growth. It ism that exist, countries from which more civ may be centuries hence before the religion of illzed lands might wisely learn. the world will be one universal system of jus-tice and love, but we need not fret at the slow passage of time; for to progressive souls eter-nity is none too long for the perfection of the

SPIRIT MESSAGES. Questions Answered by Spirit John Pierpatt. MRS. M. T. LONGLEY, Medicam. We have a number of mediums empiryed for this de-man beings from one trend of thought and wor-with the symbols of the seasons, the precession of the equinox and the pagan festivals of the number hyperbolic seasons for optic measures for optic measures in an beings from one trend of thought and wor-with the season were than this infer. We have a number of mediums empiryed for this de-man beings from one trend of thought and wor-with the season were traded. MES M T. LONGLEY, Medicam. We have a season were traded. MES M T. LONGLEY, Medicam. We have a season were traded. MES M T. LONGLEY, Medicam. We have a season were traded. MES M T. LONGLEY, Medicam. MES M T. LONG ship to another: and when, to appease the peo-ple, who were loth to give up their old tradi-tions and feast days-the date in late Decem-ber-which they were wont to observe as as.

Dyth. QUES.-B. F. C., Belvidere, N. J.) What is meant by the second coming of Jesus? ANS.-Perhane if

Questions and Answers. QCES.—(C. Dillie, Winona, Ind.) Will Father the second tell us, will Spiritualism outgrow long that time will be? Axs.—Perhaps, if one were to ask this ques-tion of several equally intelligent spirits, be would receive a different answer from each will undoabtedly be Spiritualism; for it will be hased apon a knowledge of the continuity of life, the communication of intelligent spirits with mortals, and the progressive nature of humanity. The advocates of this religion will desire to anfold their spiritual qualities and will follow a cole of moral ethics, the basic principles of which will be love and justice. Whether the religion of the future will be principles of which will be love and justice. Whether the religion of the future will be called "Spiritualism," or "Humanitarianism," or area conditions are prenared for its advent, it time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when in the progressive march of the that I may possibily reach you. I am happy the that I may possibily reach you. I am happy the time, and when in the progressive march of the time, and when time, and when the progressive march of the time, and when the pr called "Spiritualism," or "Humanitarianism," or by some other name, we do not venture to pre-dict. It matters not : but it will be the natural shines forth upon the world in a dispensation of glory and power to a walting humanity. It know your dear mother, sister, and father are is with you to-day in the guise of Spiritualism; still interested in your welfare. Could I have It is the same voice, the same light, and the had the present knowledge while still upon the tiful, and will surely take its root in what is same voice, the same voice and voi lats recognize and acknowledge Spiritualism as the use the first demonstrated its magnitude now. I am glad I have been able to contribut through the Nazarene.

ANS.-True Christianity is that power that ta Monica, Cal. nevolence, a grander sense of jastice, and worketh for righteousness-or right doing in methods of right living for the highest good, the human soul. It follows the golden rule, the sooner will the quickening powers of Spir- and, in honor, prefers the happiness and welitualism reach out into all the land, developing fare of other lives to its own. The Christ prin- of cheer and love to the home of my son it its strength in unexpected places, taking hold ciple is as broad as life and as sweet as love; New Orleans, and have Ludwig and Amelia to of the churches, the sanctums, and the homes, it also advocates truth above all things, and know that father is with them many times, and and revivifying the entire body of humanity never swerves from a faithful performance of Isalways happy to have an opportunity to make with the deathless flame of everlasting life. Its works. We know of no civilized nation that himself known. Henrietta and Lewis Duckett As a religion Spiritualism is destined to do is based upon or actuated by the principles and came with me. Lewis wants to say he is sorry its grandest work. Spiritualism is equipped moral power of pure "Christianity." When we he used the glass with Henrietta, for he knows with three-fold power; it being a demonstra- can find a nation into the government of which now that he did not do right, and wants you to ble science, a reasoning philosophy, and an ethi- as into the offices and officers of State and into help him by sending him forgiving and kind cal religion, and thus qualified to take hold of the controlling power of the franchise, no pluto- thoughts. He is trying to progress. Learn all every department of human need. We do not cratic authority, no demagogism, no selfish- you can of this truth while on the earth plane know how long it will be before this universal ness can be traced; and in one that is based is the wish of your father.

lustre is that which has developed its virility in human nature and of sincere humanitarian-

# TRUTH\* \* LIGHT OF

SPIRIT OIL PAINTINGS. Received on Porcelain Tablets and

Slates,

CHAS. P. COCKS.

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fter a careful analysis of all the incidents

M. Aber, now of 584 Seventh avenue, New

this medium, through her guides, also pro-

celebrated medium, Mr. A. Campbell,

# MATERIALIZATIONS ALSO.

cred festival was adopted by the Christians as commemorative of the birth of their leader, it is not singular that many minds should reject the history of Jesus, and consider him but a

to you some evidence of the truth of spirit-rea religion in their own lives and homes, realiz-Ing that its revelations are not alone to demon-In what nation can we find, at present, the most Seek to gain all you can of this knowledge; we po will aid you. To my child, Susette Long, San-

## Robert Echhorn.

I am glad to be able to come and send words

ong my collection of paintings received atifal clusters of flowers and landscapes as re stated ; some of the latter said to repreth sphere, and one purports to be a repretation from the lost continent of Atlantis, escribed in the accompanying message of

inctly heard.

By way of experiment on one occasion, I At a recent sitting I placed between the slates in military uniform, and received a characterwas asked if I would like a reproduction of it, with pational emblems, on porcelain. At a subsequent sitting a most perfect copy if it was given; it was unexpected; the photo was at home, and had not left my possession at

A JUDAS TIES A MEDIUM, Tayon Drawings, Landscopes, Messages Then Has Him Arrested Because He Did Not Understand the Phenomena.

> The following affidavit concerning the mediumship of W. A. Sheldon (now of 716 Ocean street, Jacksonville, Fis.) is both a testimonial in favor of the truth of Spiritualism and an in-

teresting item concerning its phenomena : Personally appeared before me, a notary pubneeded with the investigation of the phe-nema of independent state writing, by sit-aron E. Bloom, who being first duly sworn. Again to independent state writing, by site as held weekly ever since last September. deposes and says that he is a resident of the oly of Jacksonville, Daval County, Florida. That he is the son of Robert W. Bloom, who is that he is the son of Robert W. Bloom, who is a resident of Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, and that on the eighth day of April, A. D. 1835, he was the guest of his father, the said Robert W. Bloom, at the said Inverness, County of Citrus, and State of Florida.

That on the second day of April, A. D. 1895, attempt to enumerate details would re- there gathered at the residence of his father, e too much space, and to transcribe the the said Robert W. Bloom, a company of about sages received, would require a volume to sixteen, including John Foxworth, Ed. Foxthain them, much of which would be too per- worth, Frank Turner, J. B. Brown, ---- Barrett, Felton Zimmerman, Thos. Warnock, and Wm. A. Sheldon, for the purpose of holding a spiritualres paintings in ell colors, on porcelain, be- istic circle, or scance, at which the said W. A.

ten slates, similar to that interesting phase Sheldon officiated as mediu That a cabinet had been formed for the use a these experiments I have received crayon of the said medium, by suspending a pair of trawings, and paintings on the slates, and on heavy chenile portiers from a heavy cord, celain 7 x 10, handsome oil paintings of which was stretched about eight feet from the dscapes, flowers in great variety, portraits floor. At the opening of the said seance, the appropriate verses written in gold. Not said W. A. Sheldon was scated within the said my are oil paints used, but gold, silver, and cabinet and his feet first firmly bound to the box upon which he was seated. Twenty-five

aving prepared my questions in advance of feet of half-inch cotton rope being used, and sitting, I place the folded paper myself be- the same was tightly tied around each ankle en the slates, together with the piece of trelain. They are held firmly together with W. A. Sheldon's, arms were securely bound to rubber bands, and are held between us an upright piece which had been rigidly nalled to the floor upon the back side, and against ates. No pencils are used, but oil paints which his back rested. The cord being tightly tubes are placed in a small dish on the drawn around the wrists and secured by double square knots, then passed around the upright writing produced, usually has the ap-

plece and the ends tied together, then tied each ance as by an ordinary pencil, but some of end separately to the braces which sustained the upright piece, thus putting the knots at the e handwriting varies with the different inextreme ends of the rope entirely out of reach rences, but the same style is invariably of his, the said medium's, hands.

Another piece of cord was then passed around never fail to hold animated conversation the arms of the medium above the elbows, tied ng the sittings by rappings caused by the to each arm separately and the ends carried ibles, and the sound of the writing can be around the upright piece and securely tied. The tying was done by John Foxworth and Felte manifestations are always conducted in ton Zimmerman, who then stated to the assemight room. The conditions could not be more bled company that they were perfectly sure that they had tied the medium in so secure a manner that it would be utterly impossible for iring this course of sittings, there are some him to free himself, and that if he should be freed they would concede that it had been done ore stated; some of the latter said to repre-t spirit scenery, very similar to that of the the personality of the said medium, and in this The Spirit Proves Her Identity By an Inall present concurred. The box upon which the medium was seated was a small packing box about 18x12x14 inches and it was securely mn," an ancient Alantian, who frequently nailed to the floor. After the said parties had New York City, writes : es as a guide. His portrait is also artistic-presented in gold, shaded with copper. A ed portiers were closed in such a manne

from the view of the company, or from any first secured a license therefore," which said here comes the test. was present at the court-room in Inverness on nd the epaulettes, buttons, and trimmings gold. April 13th, A. D. 1895, when the said W. A. Sheldon was given a preliminary examination, and The tests given in the messages contain in that occasion the only witnesses for the proseheld for trial at the County Court. That on

A Dream.

I dreamed that we wore drea I dreamed that we wore dreamed My jored come-you and I-On a little sun-bright island, Beneath a summer sky, And we lived to love each other My loved one-you and I.

i dreamed that we were dream(rs, And we reamed in quiet nooks) And we set our dreams to music – To the music of the brocks. And we were each other's chaplets As we reamed in quiet nooks.

I dreamed that we were dreamers Where sky and sea were blue, And each, though all unspoken, The other's musings knew. And our lives grew nearer and dearer Where the sky and sea were blue.

I dreamed that we were dreamers And the stars that shone above Went whispering to the angels The story of our love. And the angels learned to listen

To the stars that shone above

I dreamed that we were dreamer But the argel men call Death Came in his ley shallop And stole away my breath. And you were alone and lonel

With the angel men call Death.

And you howed your head above me, As I hay so still and white, And you cried to the God of Heaven, And you cursedthe very light. And my spirit stood and liteneed

As I lay there still and white. And I felt, your tender kisses, Felt the raining of your tears, Saw your fond heart's desolation

Saw your fond heart's desolation, Knew;the;keenness of your fears; Yet I lay there bound and helpless Neath the raining of your tears.

Andiyour soft and clinging fingers Closed upon my pulseless hand-I could not return their pressure, Nor make you understand All my love and pain and longing, As you touched my pi leeless hand,

But I wrestled with the ange', And I bound him, by my will. And my spirit softly whispered: "Darling, / am with you still. So I triumphed o'er the angel; Bound him-held him by my will,

And you knew again your dream And no more our ways could part; I was spirit of your spirit, I was heart-beat of your heart. And whatever should betide you,

O, the dreamings of the dreamer! My beloved one, are they dreams -All the mind's unquiet musings, All the soul's prophetic gleams? O, the dreamings of the dreamer? My beloved one, are they dreams

Nevermore our ways could part

## Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH A SPIRIT PORTRAIT.

scription on Her Tombstone.

Mrs. A. C. Rowland, of 2989 Madison avenue,

On the 3d day of May I sat with Mrs. Aber, of 584 Seventh avenue, New York, for a porcelain painting of my daughter. There were no re-sults as to the painting, but on one slate my By way of experiment on one occasion, I placed a porcelain, on which was a painting re-ceived at a previous sitting, between a pair of lates, and requested the guide to place upon it in appropriate inscription in gold letters, and it was accordingly done, and at the same time i cluster of beautiful flowers was painted upon nother, and messages written on the four nother, and messages written on the four seance the above named parties comprising the heard no sound, but when they were opened, lates. Accompanying these art productions, committee examined the bondage of the me. he folded questions are invariably answered dium (W. A. Sheldon) and stated that every peared in spirit life. I had made a mental reby the independent writing, and, when necesthought, for the purpose of tracing the path- Clauson, O., I send this message of love and sary, a description of the artist's work as well. was again closed, and in a few seconds again eyes and hair the same color as in life. One opened, when the medium was entirely free of year before she passed away I had had her hair less be more agreeable; there will be less of cli-matic distarbances, more of sunshine and less of one age or clime, but which winds its way prise. I want him to know that I am a photo of my father as taken many years ago, bis bondage. That he was also present at the cutoff. On the day of the sitting I carried the residence of his father, the said Robert W. hair with me, and said nothing to the medium Bloom, on the night of April 8th, A. D. 1895, in regard to it. After we sat down at the table, when the said W. A. Sheldon was placed under I took the hair and laid it on my lay and pulled arrest on a charge of "carrying on a business the table cover over it. You see I was very sly of slight-of-hand performance, without having about it as I wanted this to be a strict test, and charge was preferred and sworn to by the said My daughter's hair was a dark auburn and John Foxworth and Felton Zimmerman, which her eyes were blue. The hair in the portrait is said charge was based upon the occurrence an exact match of her own hair, and the eyes above stated. And he further deposes that he are blue. Wholly unlike my own, as my hair are blue. Wholly unlike my own, as my hair (before it turned gray) was a very dark brown, and my eyes the same color, and I must not forget to say, that between the porcelain and one slate were nine fresh stems, with leaves, of lillies of the valley. On the other slate was a written message from her, saying she had brought me some of her favorite flowers, lillies of the valley, which is a test in itself, as they were her favorite flowers, and I bad had a band ent on her tombatone twenty years ago holding cut on her tombstone twenty years ago holding a bunch of these flowers. as above stated, that they "did not see it (the untying), but believed it was sleight of hand," and there was no further evidence as to mate-rial facts in the case for the prosecution. And further deponent sayeth not. Dated April 27th, A. D., 1895. [L.S] MARON E. BLOOM. Subscribed and sworn to before me. [L.S] MARREN H. EDDY, Notary Public, State of Florida at Large. [The friends in Jacksonville are going to make a test case of this in order to determine the rights of Spiritualists to conduct seances without disturbance by officers of the law or disorderly persons.—ED] The Spiritual Hymnal. Only 25 cents

Robert Sully. I am happy in spirit that I can come and through this avenue reach "Dina," and bring

interest with those still on the earth plane, and have manifested in many ways. So I bring love to the children and am glad to know everything se is so well with Allie. This message is sent to my wife, Betsy Sally, of Buffalo, N. Y. I used to

# Elizabeth and John Walke

QCES.-C. Dille.) Will this earth world be-come spirit world, and unite with the spirit world in the long by-and-by? ANS .- We do not expect such a development of value to the discerning mind, although, of her in the home. D. D. also joins me, and say as the correspondent suggests. This earth course, its truths are somewhat mingled with for you to be hopefal; the fature will unfol world is in a state of unfoldment; it has the ideas and conceits of the age in which it many beautiful truths that you will know and not, by any means, reached the height of its appears. The author was, however, in advance understand. I am happy to prove the great not, by any means, reached the height of its possibilities as a world of beauty, of power, and of activity. Finer fruits and more lovely flow-ers will grow upon its soll in the future ages and it is the profitable to compare its ideas

# Written for the Louny

der the more spiritual conditions that will exist in the ages to come. The atmosphere will doubtstorm as the planet develops toward the highest point of adaptibility to the law of growth. Humanity, too, will become more refined, more highly spiritual, and advance in conformity with the progress of its environments. But that the planet earth will ever become a spirit world to the extent that the processes of decay, dissolution, and death, either for vegetation or mankind will not occur upon it we can not believe : for with all the sublimation and the refining that will go on, the forces and the laws conspirit world, even at the present time.

day?

It would ill-become us to deny that such has disposition, and efforts of descendents later on. been the fact. We do not know why a spirit in telligence, who is filled with a love for humanity and with a desire to do good to all mankind. should not, or could not, under high spiritual conditions, visit mortals who are also imbued with the desire to be of service to their kind. and who are reaching out for spiritual enlightenment and soul-growth, even to the extent of being seen and heard by them. That this is often the case, is, perhaps, doubtful, but in rare instances, in moments of soul elevation, or when the desire is great to receive of the highest and best of influences, or, under other circumstances, that are of a lofty character; that such spirits as Jesus may commune with the aspiring one we do not doubt. This declaration reveals that we are not of those who believe the man of Nazareth never lived. We have what to us is sufflicient evidence of his life and works on earth. Not that he was divinely conceived, nor miracu-

than we find to-day, because finer elements and say it might be profitable to compare its ideas more sublimated atoms will be generated un-dar the more soliting conditions that will show advanced along the line of progressive way of truth, which is confined wholly to no cheer. It will be to him a gladsome surthrough all the centuries, sometimes broaden- going to manifest in another way in the ing into a grand track of light, and again nar- near future. I don't want him to feel sad and stic message from him in recognition of it, and rowing to a thread-like line, but never wholly lonely; he has a work to finish before he comes

> lost in any age. QUES .- [B. F. C.] What Is heredity?

ANS .- The law of transmission, under the over those who dwell upon the earth plane. operation of which something in nature, whether it be minerable, vegetable, animal, or human, receives an endowment from its progenitors. This endowment may be a tendency to disease, nected with this life will yet be largely physical twist of the disposition. Heredity is not all greetings to you and John and to sister; also and dependent upon physical law. In as much powerful, but it has much controlling power. Its to Robbie Catron, and are pleased he is trying as you are all spirits, only clothed upon with law is unerring, and it affects humanity for good to develop his power which will aid him. Milli outer vestments, and in as much as there are or ill. Noble characteristics, grand intellects, and baby bring greeting to John. I am glad to countless decarnated spirits who make your at- pure natures, physical and spiritual may be in- bring my aid and influence. All will come mosphere or the earth's environments their berited as well as the reverse of these. Pay- out good. I have met many of the old friends home, this world may, perhaps, be called a chometry teaches that not only every deed, but of West Virginia with whom we were assoalso every thought of a human being stamps ciated in in early life. QUES .- [Adlier Tanner.] Please tell us if its character in indellible lines upon the air, or

Jesus ever appears so as to be seen in this upon whatever is touched by that individual. So the thoughts, deeds, and impulses of a hu-Ans,-There are many intelligent Spiritualists | man being may be impressed upon the nature who declare that they have been visited in ma- of his offspring-possibly not to be stimulated terializing circles, or elsewhere, by an exalted into activity in the life of his son or daughter, personage from the immortal world, who is although such may be the result, but to re-appear represented as he who was once of Nazareth. in modified or magnified form in the character, pation will soon tide over all difficulties. Soo

> SPIRIT MESSAGES. (Received April 6, 1895) GIVEN THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF MRS. JENNINGS DONOVAN. Amanda Miller.

My dear son, I am happy to send this greeting

her papa, and wishes me to say for her that she brings dear mamma pretty, sweet flowers. My offered for the small sum of 25 cents. son, keep good heart, some day, near at hand,

lously born; not that he was other than a hu- To my daughter, Carrie French, Battle Creek, man being, possessing frailties and weaknesses; Michigan: My dear child, this is my first at-b not that he was any more a son of God than is tempt, in this manner, to reach you and comany other mortal an offspring of the infinite. municate. I am, indeed, happy in spirit to

But that he, as a tender-hearted, spiritually bring you cheer. I know that you have earthy minded, humanity-loving medium for the angel condition and trials that weigh down heavily scriber is asked to promise that they will re world, lived, labored, suffered, and died a mar- upon your mind; but I see the way clear for mail an old copy of LIGHT OF TRUTH.

Stella To my dear father, Simon Rosencrans, of

to dwell with us in spirit. Tell all the dear ones we are all together, and in spirit watch

## David Jamison.

I wish to reach, through the LIGHT OF TRUTH Circle, my wife, who lives in your city. Dear a deformity, a trait of character, or a moral wife, the children come with me, and bring

## Nelson Ames Gurney.

Again I am happy in spirit to reach my loved ones in this manner. I want Mother and Ame lia to know that I am still aiding them all I can with my power and presence. I am sorry that Johnny was ill so long; but the new occuevery thing will assume a much brighter prospect. I send love to Garney and Edna. Mother Weller, Kate, and George Apgar join me in this message of love; also Ray, Frank, and Seymore.

SPIRIT LIFE AND IN HIGHER REALMS.

# TWO EXCELLENT STORIES,

from spirit realm. Dear little Belle is with me, Which have been running through the LIGHT OF and wants to send love to grandpa, mamma, and TRUTH during the past two seasons are being put in ONE BOOK, making about 240 pages, and Those who have read these two interesting you will realize your earnest desire, and alto- narratives of spirit life and experience, may you will realize your earnest desire, and alto-gether you will enjoy the truth of spirit-return. Be patient with the one, that as yet can not see the light. We are aiding you. We bring our love and cheer to all in the home at South Pitts-burg, Pa. Amos French. To my daughter, Carrie French, Battle Creek, Michigan: My dear child, this is my first at s tempt, in this manner, to reach you and com-

them as soon as they come from the press.

Have you taken the pledge? Every su

ny time. The likeness and everything about it was correct to the minutest detail.

It was appropriately colored, the coat blue, looks well now in a frame. In all cases the colors are moist at first and

have likewise been alluded to, of which the medium could have known nothing. This medium is no less remarkable in the phase of materialization also. The seances are held under strict test conditions, the cabinet simply a curtain across the corner of the room, doors and windows sealed, and while the me-dium, Mrs. Aber, remains in her normal condi-tion, outside the cabinet in full view of the circle, the light good, never having been ex-tinguished a moment from the first, forms ma-terialize and appear before the curtains, male and female, adults and little children, often two and three at a time, each known by its separate individuality and recognized by the friends dividuality and recognized by the friends

After a while the medium becomes entranced

After a while the medium becomes entranced and enters the cabinet, giving renewed strength to the manifestations. A very fair light is maintained to the very close of the seance. Such is a brief resume of the work of one of the finest instruments for the spirit world that it has been my privilege to meet, although i have been so fortunate as to have experimented successfully with many worthy and excellent There is evidently an earnest desire on the part of this medium and her husband to elimin-the mind of the novice or any prejudiced per-son, with the result so far as I can learn, of sufficient to the toroughly investigate the claims of this occult science and be convinced of the fact of the continued existence of life beyond the veryfl, and of the ability of our loved ones translated to that unseen realm, to commune

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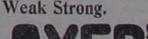
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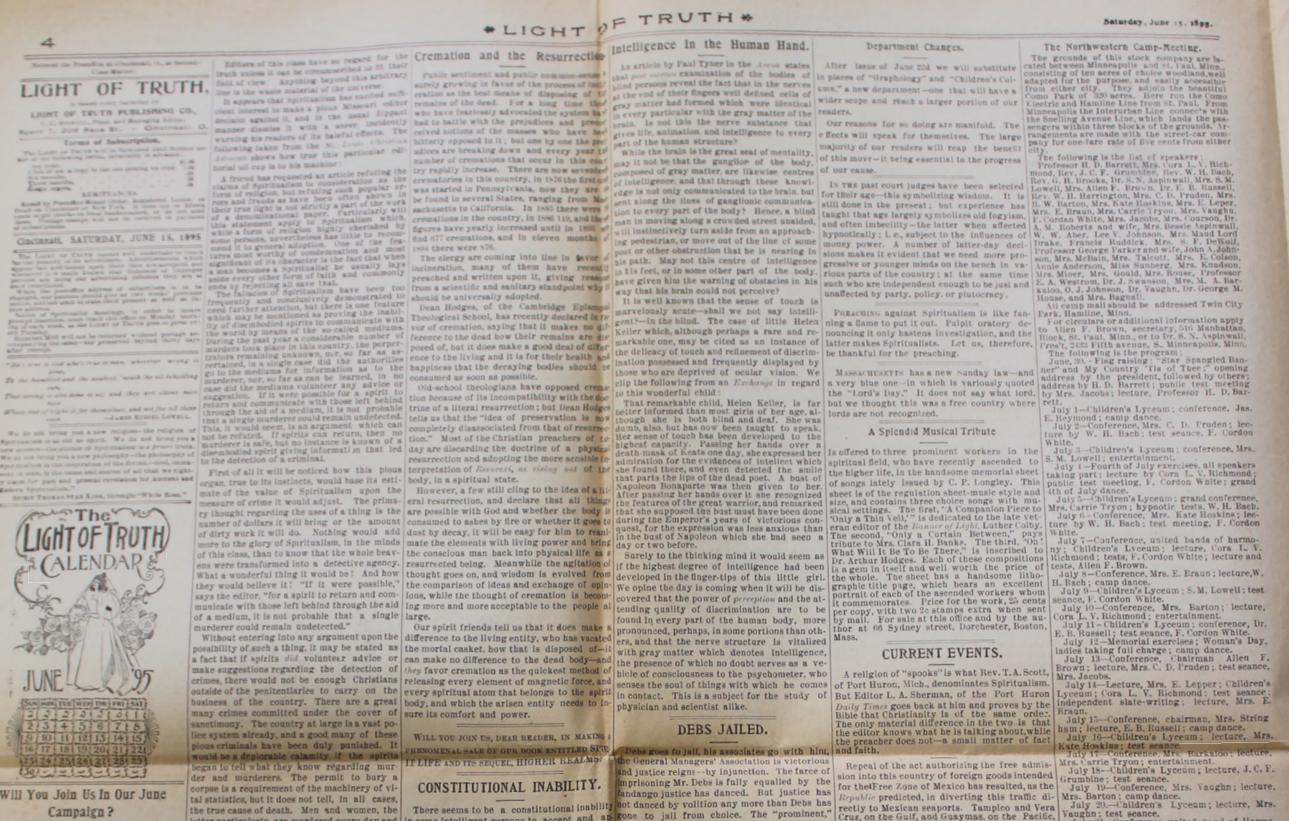
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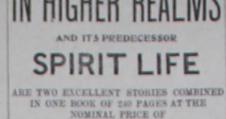
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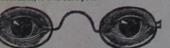


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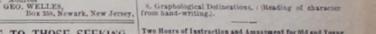
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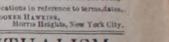
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stant reminder of my proximity to the portals attention and inquiry.

ercise of boly or mind is a great hardship, and the new truths understood by their readers, feel it now to a degree that, I trust, will excuse A spirit of rivalry animated our lecturing exbad composition and possibly worse judgment in my criticisms; but I regard it as a sacred aimed at primacy in the new church. We beduty of every investigator to endeavor to cor-rect what he may consider mistakes in his fel-ferred to in the New Testiment, its foundation low workers, regardless of all things else ex- is not "on the sand," but on the rock of ages,

ept a clear elucidation of spiritual truth. I am aware that whatever I may say in the quisite to the establishment of scientific truth, cept a clear elucidation of spiritual truth. exercise of my penchant for fault-finding is and while truth is proverbially slow in develop-subject to discount on the score of senility ; but ment, its ultimate triamph is certain.

are less about "who said it," than about the mankind surrender their preconceptions, espe-uestion of its truthfulness. With this introduction I will name first what "be or not to be" and the "how" of the "to be" after "shuffling off this mortal coil," our numerquestion of its truthfulness. I regarded as a fundamental error in the Apos- after "shuffling off this mortal coil," our numerties of our new religion. They have been, and still are, too iconoclastic. They are endeavor-conversions to the effete orthodox fundametal tography henceforth. ing to demolish old idols, when it is so clearly "original sin," "vicarious atonement" and the evident that we have a new or renovated basic crowning blasphemy of an "everlasting fire and structure on which can be reared an edifice that brimstone hell."

would so overshadow all pre-existing religions and superstitions as to extinguish them. If the occult phenomens of the last half cen-tury—the tiny raps, the automatic writing, tary-ine tiny raps, the automatic writing, movement of material objects without mate-rial contact, levitation, answering by tele-graphic instruments or between locked slates, withor withoat pencil, in bright daylight where luggiery is out of the question, inquiries that could not be answered by any mortal; tele-nathy. (all-formed and nartisi materialization on all not be answered by any mortal; tele-

pathy, full-formed and partial materialization one of them that can be made to understan and instantaneous vanishing under crucial test the meaning of "vicarious atonement," or creedonditions, etc. do not prove that Milton was al terminology generally, is well known. right is saying : "Millions of spiritual creatures April 29th, after weeks, yes, months of de- subscribe five dollars each toward; placing the walk the earth unseen, both when we wake and when we sleep," and, also, that the Apostle failure) which recently threatened the removal on the good work of Spiritualism. This money

body and a spiritual body," etc., and in view of to review. modern frauds, we can understand juby St. I see that I was considerate in preparing your pear in capital letters in the LIGHT OF TRUTH John advised to "try the spirits" as he did him-self "on Patmos," or when one of his "brethren of the prophets" interviewed him (Rev. 22d) Of this last named, I am obliged to doubt the Of this last named, I am obliged to doubt the

chapter); if, I say, all this, to which may be added tens of thousands of times more evi-dence of a cognate character, does not prove threshold of the multiplicity of causes that the for the knowledge. It is our duty to co-

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While these astounding facts of magnitude and distance sufficiate our wonder, they are ac-

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in free thought to a degree that will justify you when Faul discovered that the love of money our people rise out of the confusion and disap-pointment of present conditions. All thinking n heading my vagaries, if you regard them as such, "A Fault-Finding Letter." This I will preface by assigning reasons why I have been so dilatory in the fulfiment of the above-named promise. To the weight of the closing portion of my octogenarian decade has been added a function-al disorder of my proximity to the portals

stant reminder of my proximity to the portais of the great beyond. While free from the fears of the future that creedal belief inspires, I have felt that the ex-creise of boly or mind is a great hardship, and

in the publication or the truths it seeks to establish, though for nearly three years I have been silent, in a communicating way. I desire to say that I had the pleasure of wit-

nessing a public test of spirit photography. through the mediumship of Frank Foster, since I came to Chicago. At that entertainment, a photographer from the West Side took his own plate, placed it in the comera, and develo came thereon, never letting the plate go in-

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I have also had the privilege of hearing spirit voices, talking and singing through a trumpet. Mr. Wm. Arnold was the medium, and Mrs.

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selas, has caused all people, however crude or refined, to have a conception of ghosts, etc., been rescinded; and if so, will our theological for taking more pains to display their learning

nd materialistic wiseacres tell us when? than to convince doubters by dealing in old-That we are incessantly among the workings fashioned, common-sense reasoning, but I see and materialistic wiseacres tell us when? of laws that impose a greater strain of moral nothing in the paper I am now reading that tention on our credulity than those I am con-sidering, physical science abundantly attests. points in that direction, but I do see at the ends of the Peebles and the Weaver columns the un-Who can be made to believe, assisted only by welcome words "To be concluded" and "The plain common sense, the standard by which we

are usually judged, that this huge globe has The more we have of that kind of current been moving for tens of thousands of years, reading the better for our grand cause. many times swifter than a cannon ball ever

flies, making its annual journey of nearly 600,-000,000 of miles around the sun without gain-ing or losing one second of time, but this is a wonderful story entitled "In Higher Realms" scientific fact, nevertheless, and enables even the schoolboys to figure out the number of down to its minimum, thus enabling our readers

the schoolboys to figure out the number of miles per minute, this old earth is silently watt-ing them through the ethereal plain, while everything, to their vision, appears, so motion-leas and tranquil. Amazing and incredible as all this naturally seems to all who judge merely from appear-ances, it is bat the molehill and mountain when compared with Flammarion's imaginary flight through space, with the speed of rays of light; seeing and passing on his way, stars filty-five through space, with the speed of rays of light; seeing and passing on his way, stars filty-five through space, wild times a large as the earth

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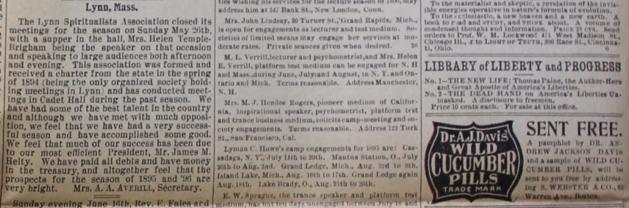
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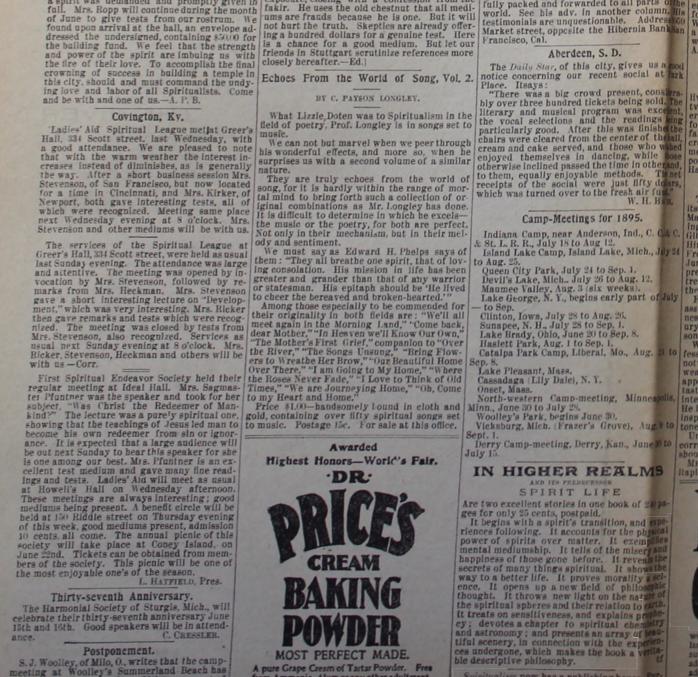
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