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OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

Over and over again, No matter which way I turn, I always find in the Book of Life Some lessons I have to learn.

I must take my turn at the mill,

I must grind out the golden grain, I must work at my task with a resolute will, Over and over again.

We cannot measure the need, Of even the tiniest flower, Nor check the flow of the golden sands That run through a single hour. But the morning dew must fall;
And the sun and the summer rain Must do their part and perform it all Over and over again.

Over and over again
The brook through the meadow flows, And over and over again The pondrous mill-wheel goes Once doing will not suffice, Though doing be not in vain ; And a blessing, failing us once or twice, May come if we try again.

The path that has once been trod Is never so rough to feet;
And the lesson we once have learned Is never so hard to repeat. Though sorrowful tears may fall,

And the heart to its depth be driven With storms and tempest, we need them all To render us meet for Heaven.

## IS IT POSSIBLE?

## A STORY FROM REAL LIFE!

WRITTEN FOR THE PRESENT AGE, BY ANNIE DENTON CRIDGE. CHAPTER I.

About thirty miles from Philadelphia, and houses and white-washed fences, contrasting so beautifully with the landscape's sylvan green; up a narrow lane in which the trees Well up this grassy lane, was a rustic bridge, paradise, was a poor man's purgatory. the stream rippling its ceaseless lullaby beneath; past a rocky, jutting point all shaded might Oscar should have a thorough College pass away, and then thee can be to us all state of the common stock of herediby trees, where there is a natural spring of education, and that when this was accom- that thee desires. Now all that thee has to all right, however; Isaac is a good man, he clear bubbling water, we came suddenly to a plished he (Oscar) should provide for his substantially built farm-house that had seen mother and sisters. its best days many years ago. In front of When Mrs. Allston returned to the United college will give us more happiness than the house, yet separated from it by a walk, is States she was kindly received by her uncle, anything else could give. Had we no more a good kitchen garden, the walk leading to a Jacob Newport, who occupied the brick house than just enough for that purpose we should large orchard on the east and south of the on the hill. house. Immediately behind the garden is an "Thee can have the old homestead, Mary last request, and because it is right." abrupt ascent to the table-land above, where and welcome," he said to Mrs. Allston soon a new brick house conspicuously shows its

a widow lady and her two daughters. Jessie course thee will do as thee likes; but I would car, "going to school, as Jesse says—obtainand Jane Allston respectively aged fourteen advise thee not to send Oscar to College; ing a thorough education—is what I most deand seventeen years; also Oscar, an only son thee will soon have nothing if thee does that. sire; but, with all deference to dear father's

But before we enter the farm-house let us here-in this beautiful, green lane-give a chapter from the past.

Mrs. Allston was by birth a member of the disapprobation of many "consistent Friends" and finally resulted in her being disowned by the Quaker church. But, notwithstanding its frown, a higher, diviner power smiled on their union; love, peace and happiness, almost unmixed, had been theirs until a few months previous to her husbands death.

Mr. Allston had, soon after their marriage, become a partner in a New York business firm, and for several years was a resident of Liverpool, England, where his children were born and educated.

Come a little nearer; let us see this household as it really was before death entered; for fact-not fiction-invites our approach.

First, that mother in her dress of brown merino. Look at her broad forehead, her comely, Quaker face, so expressive of kindness and geniality; her hair is dark brown, so dark that it appears almost black; her eyes hazel; how youthfully plump her face! age but ripens her beauty.

The father of medium height, predominant nervous temperament; the features small for a man; the face rather thin, the eyes large blue and expresssive. How pleasantly he smiles as he talks with his children, and charmingly puzzles them by his questions!

Oscar very much resembles his father, but region of ideality and intellect.

Jane-look at her; her soul full of imper- and prospective life of its inmates. fectly defined aspirations; her destiny and its On the steps are scated Jane and Jessie. wait. See the blush as her father praises chair contemplating the quiet evening scene. away from them; his vacation being ended could her mother and Jessie do? Separation lives in her soul, throbs in every pulsation, days forever past. is an ever present desire. Are "attractions Oscar is standing on the walk, slowly break- playfully; "prepare for the future; here

proportioned to destines?" not beautiful in profile, there is something niary circumstances; he is silent and anxious- ended. I just think thee is in great the vicinity of Greenville, Drake County, more beautiful than beauty in that whole head ly thoughtful. Most busy are all their haste to be at the head of a family and to feel Ohio. About seven miles southwest of Christians. The system known by that name but seemed not to apprehend the fullness of heat given off to the surrounding medium. and face. Her forehead is very prominent, thoughts, as is natural when dear friends are thy great importance !" the preceptives, though well developed, be- about to part, and sorrow or regret prevent ing overhung by the reflectives. Her eyes- connected utterance. Oh, look as she lifts them to her father! broad, her self-esteem deficient; her counte- and said archly. "What were thy thoughts, said Mrs. Allston, her eyes beaming with ma- in the same line. The remains, in some cases, is to be the son of God. To assert one's human- something precious, and they all are to be cal force in the body is always equal to a nance expresses firmness, diffidence, intelli- brother Oscar, a moment ago? One would ternal love. "Farewell! Farewell!" was are reported in a good state of preservation, ity is to assert his divinity. When Jesus fused into one. Let our Club serve the pur-

ing her whole profile! that hair, light flaxen; turning to College like a good boy." the large eyes, blue as the heavens; the "Thee is thinking about the depreciation view.

grecian nose, the delicate outline of the of the stock my boy," said the gentle mothwas indeed a happy family; sewing and knit- old place, and Jane's earnings will meet all ing. ting were invarably discarded with the day- cash outlays." light. 'After tea they all gathered in the par- "But I do not consider myself competent old lady, "why, thee can teach school." lor for home enjoyment. Oscar had, at quite to teach," Jane remarked. an early age acquired a taste for Geology, always taking with him in his country rambles my Jane," said Mrs. Allston. a hammer with which to break the rocks. acid to bring out the forms distinctly, he is, or should be required in a teacher. I would occupy the evenings in brushing, or in must be prepared to give information on any making chemical experiments, while Jane subject that is interesting to young people, I would be occupied with her writing, and Jessie with her book; for a book was so constantly understanding more than from books, and I the book worm. The father would sometimes to do this with self possession and confidence lay down his paper to converse with his chil- but I can do something else, and I will." dren on their various amusements and studies, the mother occasionally lifting her spectacles smiling. from her eyes to smile on her beautiful family. "My boy genius," as she playfully called her while, until I am prepared to teach." Oscar, had, like many other dreamers, made experiments in hopes of discovering perpetual the humiliation." motion, which with his other attractions, was a never failing source of amusement. No restraint, no reserve, no secrets, no "skeletons" were in that household, but a charming pic- morrow, if thee has no objection, mother. I ture of home, and of all a home should be to

its inmates, was that of the Allston family. A few months previous to Mr. Allston's death, circumstances resulting from commercial fluctuations and other causes had rendered about four miles from the Schuylkill river on his firm almost insolvent; his consequent a gradual ascent, past white-washed farm anxiety hastened the fatal result of a disease

-consumption-heredetary in his family. In Philadelphia and its vicinity, Mr. Allston had spent many happy years of his busion either side grasp each others outstretch- ness life, and it was a place to which he was ed hands, thus forming a canopy of living very much attached. Before his death he that father would never have desired me to beauty for the pedestrian, and a charming re-requested them to return to the United States go through college if he had realized how littreat for the birds frequenting the locality. remarking that England, though a rich man's the would be left for you?"

after her arrival. "I was just going to rent Jesse, "I really believe that he does not like it when I heard of thy coming; but I thought to go to school." The family in the old farm-house consists of may be thee would like to live there. Of I have a concern to say to thee, too, that thee desires, I am satisfied that a college educahad better make acknowledgements and re- tion is not the best education, either with return to thy old place among us."

should own in meeting, that she had done can be learned of the varied laws and manito Mr. Allston had caused her to incur the wrong in violating the rules of the Denomination relative to "marrying out of

> "I will never make acknowledgement, uncle Jacob," she replied firmly; "it would be better to strike out the RULE, than to turn out those whom God hath joined together."

Two years had passed since her return. To Mrs. Allston these two years have brought lessons in the sciences that I most love. Bean only child, the farm became at their death such advantages at the price of their comfort hers and her husband's, but was subsequent- or culture. I prefer, therefore, in some detime not a foot of the land, it had nevertheless become to Mrs. Allston a quiet pleasure to again reside in the very house, in which she had been tenderly nurtured by loving parents, as well as wooed and won by her husband. In the society of her daughters, among all these pleasant associations and hallowed memories, two years of her widowhood have quietly glided away.

Six weeks ago Jacob Newport died, this together with the depreciation of the stockin which their available funds had been invested, has affected their prospects very ma-

However, we have lingered long enough by evidently possesses more physical stamina; he the way-side; let us, without further prelimihas a large brain, broad and prominent in the inary, go up to the farm-house, and become more intimately acquainted with the present a farm house."

necessities urging her to labor, to hope, to Just inside the door is the mother in a rocking her quiet tenacity of purpose. Do glimpses A few curves of sorrow have cast their shad- he must now return to college. of her future steal across her horizon? If ows around her mouth; otherwise there is

ing the leaves from a branch and scattering are thy two very little girls that thee must But we have not yet described her. Though them on the ground, thinking of their pecu-

bright, large and expressive. Her brow is on the lowest step, looked up at her brother fastened behind. "Farewell, my own boy!" the same corps, promises rare developments think thee was going to California or the said again and again. Oscar stepped on board and in one case the trunks of a partially ex-But there sits little Jessie-beautiful queen Antipodes. Perhaps, mother, he is thinking and away went the stage, the mother and humed skeleton are reported to measure thirof the household. How pretty, how charm- of turning Quaker preacher, instead of re- daughters following it with their eyes until, teen feet. The discoveries, when fully report- child. Fatherhood implies childhood. The Another party say that the act of confession corresponding increase of food, cannot be child.

"I wish thee had a little more self esteem

"A teacher," Jane replied, "ought to be Every available spot for ornament, in parlor well read, well informed. Merely being able until thy father's death, did thee not?" or bedroom was occupied by his specimens to teach the common branches of education thus gathered, which, after due immersion in in a routine, parrot-like style, is not all that want to teach from my own knowledge, and her companion, that she was laughingly styled cannot pretend to teach until I learn enough

"What can thee do?" said her mother,

"I can take a situation as seamstress for "Oh!" said Jessie, "thee could not bear

"I could; labor is not degrading, but honorable. Rachel Clarkson is acquainted in Philadelphia; I will go and see her tobelieve she could procure me a situation."

Rachel Clarkson was an elderly Quakeress who lived about two miles distant. Seeing her mother about to speak, Jane added: "Do not say anything against it,

mother. I must do something if Oscar remains in college, which we have resolved he must do. I cannot teach school yet, then I must do something else. I can sew." Oscar, as he heaved a deep sigh, said

"Does thee know, mother, I am very sure

"It is all right-all as it should be," re-His dying request was, that come what plied the mother; "a few years will soon do is to pursue thy studies; we will do very well, I assure thee. For thee to go through

'He is a naughty boy,' playfully added

"On the contrary," earnestly replied Osference to the pursuits of life or the culture By this Jacob Newport meant that she of the higher faculties. Little or nothing past is chewed over and over again until the little vitality that it ever had, for us, has departed, while the living present is sedulously smothered, instead of being carefully cherished, thus making book-worms and fossils rather than bringing out true manhood. Instead of burying myself in useless lore, I would take a pensive happiness; sad and weary she came sides whatever value may belong to a college, back to the "old house at home" and found or any other education, Jane and Jesse are ease. The house and forty acres of land entitled to the benefits equally as much as I were once owned by her parents; she being am; it is not for me selfishly to appropriate ly sold to Jacob Newport. Owning at this gree to disregard the letter of father's wish, in order the more faithfully to carry out its spirit. I would engage in school-teaching, or some other occupation which would bring us more means, and study during vacations and as other opportunities might serve."

Seeing, however, a sad expression on his mother's countenance, he quickly added: "But I suppose that it must be as you desire. When I've graduated, mother, we'll go out West and buy a farm in the grand old woods. We'll build a house among the tall trees, and it will be just as charming as the park of

" Now for a castle from our castle-builder,' interjected Jesse.

"In castle grounds," rejoined Jesse.

her arm through Oscar's very lovingly and Carman.

Thus silent for sometime. Jessie, who sat is the stage!" Then the trunk was securely carefully as it is possible. Mr. Klippart, of words divine or human to Jesus, strict tian. We need to learn the beautiful lesson by the windings of the road, it was lost to view.

ed, will create what may be termed a sensatide of the eternal generation of Christ implies that God never was without a family.—

Wendell Phillips thinks the essence of Christ Health.

Jane called on Rachel Clarkson and ex- From the Anti-Slavery Standard mouth, the curve of the round face. Oh, er, "was thee not?" Come, we we'll have no plained to her the exact position of their afhow exquisite are the touches of beauty! secrets, children; let us talk the matter fairs, their father's request respecting Oscar, Would that the laws of beauty were better over. There is yet sufficient for thy educa- and their resolve to carry out this his last understood, that earth might be blest by more tion, Oscar, and something over. "Our desire; finally Jane told her, though with where, after half an hour of informal greet-don't emphasize miracle as we did. The more the brotherhood of man, and the love of God of such divinely clothed children. Theirs wants are small; we can remain here on the great diffidence, what she had thought of do-

> "Thee go as seamstress, child!" said the "But I cannot yet, Rachel," said Jane;

"I am not competent."

"Not competent! thee may well blush; I know thee is; thee went to school in England ent opinions having arisen in regard to what ing unnatural, but its reality and vastness his time. The heroic heart of the world does "Oh yes."

"And thee has been studying since?"

"Yes, indeed! thee is too diffident, Jane thee can earn will supply you with necessaries until Oscar can provide for you all."

large family of children, and whose wife, Mrs. Clarkson had heard, required some one in her family to sew. "Isaac is one of the best of Messiahship in some serse. Christianity, as he will say, "The life that I live, I live by found large acceptance, which we may call the men," she said; "I know thee will like him, an organized religion, historically began with the faith of the Son of God." When I am con- sentimental definition. It calls Christianity if thee goes there; with his wife, Martha, I am not aquainted, but I've heard her well spoken of, and I think thee will be very com-

Jane walked home greatly comforted, dreaming of two dollars per week to send home to renunciation of the joys and comforts of this jewish part come from? her mother. "I shall only need shoes," she thought; "my wardrobe otherwise will do very well for a year or two; mother and Jessie, having no rent to pay can remain where the form of religion which they find around they are; my two dollars per week I do be- them, attend its churches, and join in its orlieve would supply them with food." Her

answer from Isaac Carman; his wife needed and this lasted until Christianity (unfortunjust such a person as Jane, and would like ately) was patronized and adopted by the her, if convenient, to start for Philadelphia at was now said by Isaac relative to the compenwill pay thee what is right.

so, in that respect, she was quite ready to leave. "But thee must not leave at once."

business, take pains to seek out and form an eligible church connection. Probably half the essay spoke. By the stock and gold gamblers regularly attend the outward tendency of the age had formed. Mr. Potters of ideas when embodied in such vital energy of ideas when embodied in such vital energy. leave. "But thee must not leave at once," still cling to that, because it was thy father's said her mother, "in two days will be time said her mother, "in two days will be time pious. A young lawyer takes a pew, and a enough to lose thee." Jessie coincided, she class in the Sunday School, avowedly to adenough to lose thee." Jessie coincided, she class in the Sunday School, avowedly to adenough to lose thee." Jessie coincided, she class in the Sunday School, avowedly to adenough to lose thee. "Jessie coincided, she class in the Sunday School, avowedly to adenough to lose thee." Jessie coincided, she class in the Sunday School, avowedly to adenough to lose thee. "Jessie coincided, she class in the Sunday School, avowedly to adenough to lose thee." Jessie coincided, she class in the Sunday School, avowedly to adenough to lose thee. "Jessie coincided, she class in the Sunday School and the sunda cuss; two days! they must bave her two

Under one of the trees in the orchard which she had made her study, spending hours daily but much more alarming is the fact that so there with her books, she carried her low many who do go show themselves to be thorusual. The beauty of the spot-for just through the trees she could see the landscape, confession and church-membership. with all its wealth of tree and rivulet, of swelling hill and sheltered vale, of azure sky and silvery cloud, the happiness, the delight she had there realized, added to her intense love for the beautiful, and considered in connection with the uncertainty of the futureall pressed on her attention and made her frequently lay down her book and rest her head on her hands, while her eyes through the veil of leaves sought rest in the blue and distant hills, and she asked herself "shall I ever sit idea of miracle. Some theologians attempt its full operation was seen nowhere until the cessity for food containing carbon and hydrohere again-ever return? Is this the last time with my books and all this peace and beauty, law by which phenomena of that class are -the last time? "The last time," was ech- naturally produced; but this is a contradicoed by her spirit. Was it a presentiment, or tion in terms, dismissing that theory of inwas it a peculiar manifestation of what Quakers term the "inward light?"

However, Jane had resolved to be cheerful, for her mother's sake, so she ignored the gloomy side, and met what was inevitable with a pleasant face. "I shall not shed one tear," she said to her mother on the morning of her departure; "I feel that it is all right with no lord or master less than God himself, and not nearly so bad as it might have been."

So she cheerfully bade her mother good bye, time may bring to him. telling her merrily that she was going to seek her fortune; that she should continue her time she would earn more than two dollars of God's workers. per week and they might be again together. She added that she believed women would be better if thrown on their own resources, providing labor for woman was abundant at a

Uppermost in her thoughts, as the stage "Not a castle this time," he replied, "but rolled on, was the two dollars per week which she expected to receive as remuneration for her services. Suppose she should only re- men, its professors will not deem the name At this moment Jessie espied the stage ceive one dollar and fifty cents! O, the very very important to keep, but will readily join coming down the hill that was to carry Oscar thought sent a pang through her heart. What

The Radical Club: Boston.

The November meeting of the Radical Club was held at the house of Rev. Dr. Bartol, subject of which was.

CHRISTIANITY, AND ITS DEFINITIONS. it properly includes, many attempts are now are not to be denied.

liefs relative to this subject. "Yes, indeed! thee is too diffident, Jane; evangelical definition, which assumes Christ-thee forms too low an estimate of thyself; ianity to rest on the authority of Jesus as an personal influence of Jesus. The essay had teaching of Jesus is concerned. thee must apply for a school; then thy mother inspired definer of evangelical truth. The assumed that it was impossible for us to stand But, though this definition is natural and and Jessie can remain where they are; what essential part of it is the confession of Jesus in the same relation to Jesus as his first dis useful, it may be questioned whether, historias the expected Messiah and redeemer. This ciples did. Mr. Clarke held the contrary cally, it is strictly true. Does it explain the until Oscar can provide for you all."

Perceiving that it was useless to argue with

Jane, she promised to write at once to Isaac

Carman, a Quaker in Philadelphia who had a

Shiple contestion of Jesus as the Messian was opinion, and the record represents Jesus as the Messian was opinion, and the relation of Paul to Jesus was supertor to theirs.—

The relation of Paul to Jesus was supertor to the Jesus was supertor to the ply means natural goodness why take that triumphs in this knowledge of the Jesus was supertor to the ply means natural goodness why take that the mane for it? To define it as love is to make tem. Whether he said just this, or whether it was a mistaken idea of some of his follow-was better than a bodily intimacy. Take any

The lapse of time, however, has caused differences of understanding of this term and its been preserved. Some believers still retain world as the best means of securing happiness hereafter. But in the the lives of a great majority of those who call themselves Christians. nothing of this sort is included. They adopt In due time Rachel Clarkson received an not the intellectual belief, but the character;

Roman empire. Now, however, Christianity is in the maonce. Nothing had been said by Rachel, or jority, so far as the acknowledgement of Jesus as the Messiah goes, which was the original became part of the common stock of hereditary opinion, and it really gives its professor will pay thee what is right.

Jane's trunks had been packed as soon as the letter was sent by Rachel to Isaac Carman;

The old religions fell away because pushed Christianity includes something in ward, far more and far deeper than the outward tendency of the age had formed. Mr. Potad so many things to say-so much to dis- vertise himself. Very much of our churchaccepted by the community.

Many people are alarmed at the number of those who habitually neglect church-going; man trusts another more on the strength of

Christianity has been opened also to intellectual influences, a logical method, and to the given in the notion of a special revealer sent demands of the individual reason. In its historical development, Christianity has kept pace with the advance of public opinion by gradually yielding the points most strongly contested by it. Whether it will continue to do thus, is the question that now confronts us. Mr. Potter thought it would so continue, far as the great sects still seem from the disposition to make further concessions.

Science makes constant war on the very to evade this contest by saying that science may yet explain miracles, discovering some

In some future day, no doubt, a reconciliation will be made, and Christianity will fall prayers might be heard for the sake of Jesus. into line with science and reason. Some have already taken the ground of natural religion; and when more take this ground the Christian will stand not as the representative of finality in religion, but as a truth-seeker, and feeling free to accept whatever new truth

headship to the human race. If Jesus had us when we admire them. The new testabeen God he might have established the abso- ment helps us by its own thought and sentistudies every spare moment, and in a short lute religion. Being man, he is simply one

Not Christianity alone, but all preceding religions have contributed to the great system of the future. Christianity, like Judaism, is provisional and preparatory, and will have set forth the glory of God himself, instead of posed the question, "How do you know?") we are clothed, the less urgent becomes the exalting one of his instrumentalities. Even I recognize all the persons here, and do not appetite for food; because the loss of heat by if the name remains, a different meaning will see him. (Mrs. Howe said, "Truly, he cooling, and consequently the amount of heat be attached to it. If, as Wendell Phillips says, it really means practical good will to hands with others in the fellowship of the sweeping. Spirit and of good works.

The essay having been finished, Dr. Bartol, was terrible. "I can endure it if they are the host, first spoke. He said that perhaps "Here comes the stage," said Jesse; "no together," she thought. Her two dollars silence would best express our appreciation of so, she divines not their import, and yet, she the same kindly, pleasant face that blessed a more sermons, no more talk, you serious folks! had made her quite nervous when she and her this fine discourse; but since silence was opis striving towards a something, which ever husband and children in a distant land, in "Be off to school, you naughty boy," putting trunk were put down at the door of Isaac pressive when people had come together to

It was difficult, he thought, to define the be imperfect.

essential to the father as the father to the tion is the highest.

If God was an eternal creator, there was an tianity is found in the precept "Bear ye one

with, and believed in the doctrine of the discourse. A change has been passing over us. We practical recognition of the fatherhood of God, Rev. William J. Potter of New Bedford, the we believe in the doctrine of occasional super- tains much in support of this view, and there natural interference with the operation of law. is much reason for assuming that love to God We understand that the regular bearing of and love to man is a true summary of the The frequent discussion in our day of what the fig-tree is more than the alleged immediteachings of Jesus. Christianity is, said Mr. Potter, shows us how far Christianity has travelled. It was originally rather an enthusiasm of the heart than a always will be a specific meaning in the word stitutions of the Jews. He was the radical, conviction of the understanding; but, differ- Christian. The personality of Jesus was noth- the revolutionist, the Hebrew Protestant of

made to define it. These attempts show us The next speaker was Rev. James Free- keeping of adherents of tradition. The perthe existence of several groups of distinct be- man Clarke. He found much to admire in secuted and martyred minorities are the true the essay, but no statement included every- successors of Jesus. And the definition of Prominent among these is the orthodox thing, and in the present one he found this Christianity now in question is a plausible simple confession of Jesus as the Messiah was opinion, and believed further that our relation real origin of Christianity? Love to God

ers, there can be no doubt that he claimed humble Christian from any denomination, and But of late a definition has sprung up and sciously with God, that suffices; but when I an enthusiasm of humanity, and gives Jesus lose my faith, then I want Christ again. As the headship of the human race as the best to the distinction between supernatural and representative of this idea. This is the docequivalents, even where the same terms have natural, every human being includes both trine of Ecce Home, of Renan, of Schenkel. these elements. Jesus was in part Jewish, and of our own beloved Dr. Furness. Their the ascetic idea, the idea of self-sacrifice; a and in part different. Where did the undescriptions touch the hearts of all readers.

they can make a religion, not receive it, as philosophy. The active enthusiasm of the the spider spins its web out of its own body. Our course should be rather that of the bee The feeling of the believer must now depend them, attend its churches, and join in its or-dinances, without finding it necessary to make for him and works it over. He applies his What we need is a tracing back of events

> nition of the present Christ. He is here now by a view of those modifications of the ideas not less than of old. He is my friend, helper, of Jesus which came into operation after his inspirer. I can go to the father more easily time. When we have the true history writwith him than without him.

church, and some of them are ostentatiously friend, brother, to be meant. Christ as that of Jesus; and upon the fact that the pious. A young lawyer takes a pew, and a said: "Not as the world giveth, give I unto greatest enthusiasm was aroused by that belief

but found in it a thread of error twisted with | mediately after his own time humanity and nothing for self. Mr. Jones salvation not to the Jew only, but to the there with her books, she carried her low studies as cughly unprincipled in business and politics. agreed with Mr. Clarke in saying that the whole world; and, further, it then began the So widely is this the case, that no sagacious enthusiasm for Christ can be as genuinely policy of adapting itself to the genius of the

felt now as in the early times. Mr. Wasson said that he did not believe that the force of the Christian system was Connection between Food and Animal from God. It was well said by Mr. Clarke that the God taught by Mohammed had numerical unity, but not spiritual unity. The Christian scheme drew its real force from its activity in different latitudes of the earth. unification of God and humanity. Christianity never generated civilization in Asia; and it did this in Europe only after, and by means of, combining with an intellectual force until three centuries after Jesus; and reason could have their legitimate action upon

the messianic idea. that he did not understand what was meant this sort, and had asked, like others, that his in Sweden than in Sicily, and in Germany He now thought there was no good reason for these expressions. He found the Divine mind so pervasive that there was no room for Jesus Christ. When a man thought that he tions of carbon shall be taken in it. could approach God best through Jesus Christ, it was probable that he did not well understand his own meaning. Does Ra- than twelve per cent. of carbon, while the phael's personality help the enjoyment of bis A simple man cannot hold the place of paintings? He is not in communication with itants of the polar regions, contain sixty-six ment, apart from the individual who first temperate in warm climates, or to bear hunin a dubious sense is doing immense harm, and increasing harm. Jesus Christ is dead exhaustion. A starving man is very soon and buried. He has no vital, practical con- frozen to death. nection with our business on earth. He is Our clothing is merely an equivalent for not in this room. (Here Mr. Clarke inter- a certain amount of food. The more warmly might recognize all the bodies here, but to be supplied by the food, are diminished. spirits were invisible, though real.") Mr. If we were to go naked, like certain savage stood, that his expression had been too exposed to the same degree of cold as the

> Mr. Clarke then said that there was this his own. Mr. Weiss having formerly recog- gain, daily, as warmly-clad travelers have renized Jesus as mediator and helper, now lated with astonishment of some of these peothought there was no reality in those rela- ple. We should then also be able to take tions. He, on the contrary, continued to the same quantity of brandy or train-oil withrecognize them, because he found them very out bad effects, because the carbon and hy-

Mr. Alcott was the next speaker. He to keep up the equilibrium between the exsubject of which we had been hearing. The said that though there were many cultivated ternal temperature and that of our bodies. Rev. Mr. Herzer, of the Ohio Geological judgment of the head on something belonging and religious people here, few seemed to have

another's burdens." Dr. Bartol said that he sympathized entirely eousness the important thing. Others assume

A still stronger argument for this view is not easily give over such a character to the

and bring them into sympathy with Jesus; We are free beings; not under the abso- but this method gives us no true philosophy lute control of law, but able to do something of events or of character. It gives us a picto resist it or forward it. Some men think turesque drama of Christianity, but not its

spirits rose with the prospect before her, and lives. In the early days of Christianity, to own faculties to what he gets from without, to ideas and principles; and Christianity she wondered she had been so sad and anxious. assume that name meant martyrdom. It tested until he makes it his own. So I criticise the will not have its true place in the world's Bible, and yet find it worthy of veneration history until its history is written in this manner. We need a view not only of the What I miss in the essay is want of recog- life of Jesus but of its antecedents, followed ten, we shall find that the essence of Christi-Mrs. Julia Ward Howe said she found in anity is universal. The progress it reprethe essay all the sweetness and catholicity of sented was inevitable. It would have come which Mr. Channing had spoken; but she in some form though Jesus had never lived. also found something wanting in it.

Christianity includes something inward, off by an influx of better ideas which the

> the thread of truth; in it something was The original elements of Christianity were omitted, and something mis-stated. Christ's modified by the Greek tone of culture introlaw of love was something different from the duced by Paul and Apollos. Christianity un-Mosaic law of love; his doctrine was all for der Paul effected a change of base, offering

> > people to whom it offered itself

Energy. Baron Liebig thus explains the principles between the food of man and his warmth and

In the animal body the food is the fuel; with a proper supply of oxygen we obtain the heat given out during the combustion of that fuel. In winter, when we take exercise in a movement. Christianity did not gain its full | cold atmosphere, and when, consequently, the amount of inspired oxygen increases, the neforces of civil law and the free exercise of gen increases in the same ratio; and by gratifying the appetite thus excited, we obtain the most efficient protection against the most Mr. Weiss, the next speaker, confessed piercing cold. We expire more carbon at a low than at a high temperature, and require tervention which is the very essence of a by the influence of the personality of Jesus. more or less carbon in our food in the same He had himself formerly used phraseology of proportion. Consequently more is required

an eighth more in winter than iu summer. Even if an equal weight of food in consumed in hot and cold climates, Infinite Wisdom has ordained that very unequal proporfruits used by the inhabitants of southern climes do not contain in a fresh state more blubber and train oil, which feed the inhabto eighty per cent. of that element. From the same cause it is comparatively easy to be published its system. The using of phrases ger for a long time under the equator; but cold and hunger united, very soon produce

Weiss then admitted, as your reporter under- tribes, or if in hunting or fishing we were people in Arctic latitudes, we should he able with ease to consume half of a calf, and perdifference between his friend's position and haps a dozen of tallow candles into the bardrogen of these substances would only suffice

It appears, then, from what has been said, sense in which it was intended. They had ted by the number of respirations, by the By a law of life, we are in some sense criticised its omissions and short-comings, temperature of the air, and by the amount of Greenville the remains of a mastodon or mam- has a living power in us, and we are all bound its positive meaning. If the Christian The unequal loss of heat in summer and "He smiled, patted her on the head, and moth have been found, and operations have to pay a tribute of thankfulness for its transsaid, "Thee is a funny girl, Jessie; but here been commenced to exhume the remains as mission to us. As to the application of the don or the Zoroastrian, that is to be unchristiant only cause which renders necessary unequal consideration will show that there is no dif- of charity. The Christian doctrine came such as bodily exercise, and all kinds of labor ference between them. To be the son of man last, but the sacred books of all religions have and exertion. The consumption of Mechanihe means to say that the son, the child, is as differences. The most universal interpreta- imal works, a certain amount of food must be added; increased work and effort without a MRS. S. A. HORTON, Corresponding Editors. PROF. E. WHIPPLE.

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Written for the Present Age

"O, BITTEREST OF BITTER THINGS." BY EMMA TUTTLE. O, who has not with mournful eyes. Beheld great hopes go down? Those holy stars which light the dark And gem the thorniest crown Who has not felt his soul draw back From all sweet things there be. And wrap it like a lonesome ghost

In solemn mystery? It is an agony to bear Accusings not our mede But when to self the soul is false Bitter is life indeed; When longing in the face of Right It knew so well-so well It beckons wrong with wild delight

This treachery, my soul ! Thou hast betraved thy self and sold Thy vaunted self control! Thy garments which were, oh, so white Trail in the sordid dust ! To passion, fashion and deceit

Thou hast betrayed thy trust. What answer? nothing save but this "Pleasure allured you so!" You kissed her and sat down to say Your litany of woe. Where is she? ah, she did not stay? She did not blind you then, but oh Your bargain was not good! You sit so lenesome and so sad. So shadow-veiled, and dumb,

That I can feel my muscles chill, And e'en my heart grow numb. Up, up and be thyself again, Nor nourish thy self-scorn; Maybe thou wilt not soon forget That branch of blooming thorn!

The State Convention.

We have only time before going to Press to give so much of the doings of the Convention as appears in this paper, the whole of the proceedings will be given in our next issue. One week since we made ourself the prophet evenings of winter, to attend these meetings.

of the Convention, by saying: "Every indication gives the appearance that we are to have one of the best Conventions ever held in the state." Now we write as its historian, that it has exceeded our most sanguine expectations. The weather was unusually unfacomposed of some of the best men and women we have. The most perfect harmony prevailed in the consideration of every subject, and every question was so fully, and yet kind-

was obtained on nearly every question.

President as relates to finance, and our in- al of subscriptions which have expired. debtedness, reported a plan, which with some amendments made by the Convention, will ers, greatly exceed those we lose by expirawe think result in a speedy relief from our tion of time. present embarrassments and a renewal of the missionary work in this state. One of the amendments which we deem to be of the greatest importance, was the provision for the payment of one dollar annually, by each member. This seems small, but it will do for a beginning, and if every Spiritualist in the state, will pay even this small sum we can accomplish a great work. Other amendments to the constitution were made, which appear in the proceedings. One important subject that received the attention of the Convention, was the publication of the history of Spiritualism in Michigan. A committee was appointed for this purpose. We shall

allude to this subject fully next week. We are glad to say the PRESENT AGE reeived the full and hearty approval of the convention. A resolution which will appear in the proceedings having been reported by the committee on publication, speeches of earnestness and ability commendatory of the AGE, were made by J. G. Wait, M. E. Root, A. B. French, Chas. D. Farlin, Dr. L. E. Barnard, J. S. Loveland and others, fully endorsing the manner with which it is conducted and urging the spiritualists of Michigan and the whole country to give it a more liber-

al support. We were truly thankful for this earnest expression, and the entire unanimity in our favor. Having received this expression of full con- discriminating villification of what I believe fidence, our soul has received new courage, and our right arm new strength to work manfulin the conflict in which we are engaged. Oh it is a glorious work to participate in the ence, might go with my name to a paper mighty conflict between truth and error. Thanks to the good angels, the darkness of superstition, ignorance, and consequent big- effect." otry is receding, and the dawn of a brighter day appeareth.

"Our souls have holy light within, And every form of grief and sin

Shall see and feel its fire." Mrs. L. S. Burdick of Kalamazoo Treasurer.

These we believe are all, most excellent selections, and the officers of our choice should redicted with the distributions, and the officers of our choice should redicted with the distribution of the edachings of the Spiritual philosophy, by as many in proportion to her population, as in any other state of the union; and our pressure of the state there is a general inter-state of the union; and our pressure of the state there is a general inter-state of the union; and our pressure of the state there is a general inter-state of the union; and our pressure of the state there is a general inter-state of the union; and our pressure of the union of the state there is a general inter-state of the union. ceive the material aid, and the sympathetic support of every spiritualist in the state.

We feel confident that the success of this our fourth annual convention, will tend to give a new impetus to our cause in this state.

Not the least promising feature of the conject of the Children's Progressive Lyceums. The interest was greatly heightened by the recitations of the members of the several Lyfrom Kalamazoo was a great favorite and holds. These evils are nuisances, and must be and ted. Justices demand that every laboring personal ted.

THE PRESENT AGE! sweet were the words that fell from the lips of a little girl of only four years of age, we forget her name, daughter of Dr. L. E

> When Heaven and angels, earth and earthly things, Do leave the guilty in their guiltiness—A churub's voice doth whisper in a child's. There is a shrine within thy little heart Where I will hide, nor hear the trump of doom."

Kalamazoo Woman Suffrage Association.

The Association met on Tuesday evening, at the Hall in Brown's block. President Ayres in the chair. After reading the records of the former meeting, the delegates to the tions attended with such heart rendering circum stances, as in the death of Mrs. Alcinda Wilhelm Cleveland Convention were called upon to re-Cleveland Convention were called upon to report on the work accomplished by that Conyention. After their report, a vote was pass.

Slade, M. D., who died in Galesburg, Ill, Nov. 23,
1869. She was the wife of Dr. Henry Slade, of
Kalamazoo, Mich., and daughter of the late Report vention. After their report, a vote was pass-ed by the association approving the recommendation to call a Michigan State Convenformed in Cleveland. A committee was also Suffrage Associations in Michigan, with a view to calling such a convention.

these movements in favor of a cause they have ing her opinions; her speeches and writings have advocated almost without individual exception, from the first manifestation of Modern ple. No one ever conversed with her without deriv-Spiritualism. We do not ask them to go in to these organizations because they are Spiritualists, or as Spiritualisms any more than we would urge a Baptist, or Methodist to unite man Suffrage." When we see any attempt hands, unsparing and unwearied sowed, "snall deck her grave with amaranthine flowers and yield her fruits divine in heaven's immortal bowers." tarian purpose, it will be time to oppose.

The Association will meet on Tuesday evening of each week. We call particular attention to this fact, so that we may notify our readers in different parts of the county. We have no doubt many will avail themselves of the advantages of the long and pleasant

vorable, yet, the attendance was large, and adhere closely to the system of advance pay- cents. ments, and stop the paper when time of payment expires. No one when they consider our very liberal terms, can complain, for we will send the paper for three months at same ly discussed, that finally a unanimous vote price as by the year. We are sorry to part company with any of our subscribers, but The following are among the most impormust cut off all after the present issue who tant acts of the Convention: The committee do not pre-pay. We hope those indebted to consisting of the President's and ex-Presi- us will remit at once, and as we have made the Convention some practical and approprident's of County circles, to whom had been arrangements to greatly improve the PRESENT ate remarks. referred so much of the annual report of the Age for the year 1870, we hope for a renew-

We are glad to say that our new subscrib-

## "Is it Possible?"

The new story with the above title, by Annie Denton Cridge, the first chapter of which | business committee were appointed, composed we give this week, will be somewhat lon- of Mrs. Barnes, of Kent county; Mrs. Doty, story, the leading incidents of which are facts, | county ; and Torry, of Calhoun. but highly instructive and illustrative of

mence its publication until the beginning of them for the use of the Convention. the new year; but after reflection thought best to begin with last half of 2d volume. lish so as to be able to supply all with the P. M. first chapters.

# Correction.

In Mrs. Corbin's letter published last week, a mistake of two words was made by compositor, and not noticed by proof reader, which materially mars the sense. We give the sentence as it should read.

"It was when I read in the first number of the Universe, the most sweeping and unto be a primal and divinely ordered Institution of the race, that I firmly decided that I would not lend whatever of prestige or influwhich I believed to be run in the interest of such sentiments, and wrote you to that

## The Explorer,

A Monthly Magazine, devoted to the eradident of the association for the ensuing year. ject that seems to us better calculated to do vestigation of these so called spirit manifesta- that convention, as follows. J. P. Averill of Battle Creek, Secretary, and good. We present our readers with an ex- tions. The result was an acceptance of the

"Although land monopoly is by far the greatest evil that threatens our country—one which is already afflicting it with untold wees—yet it is by no means the only enemy which the philanthropist and reformer will have to contend with. The accumulation of large amounts of wealth of any kind, in the hands of individuals, has a direct tendency to oppress the poorer portions of community by robbing vention was the prominence given to the subportion of their own earnings-and frequently arge portion-to enable them to get the use of for the capitalist at such wages as he may please to pay. And all this, too, when these same poor men ceums represented. Miss Nettie Hewett have produced this wealth which this rich man These evils are nuisances, and must be abarecieved the universal applause. Master should possess enough of this world's wealth to make Frank Wait of Sturgis, brought down the them comfortable, in health and in sickness; but they do not now possess it. But I have not time to house every time he appeared on the rostrum, enumerate the evils which afflict society in conseand no less excellent was the recitation of They meet us at every turn, and follow us wherever

"The Good shall be Remembered."

We copy the following well merited tribute to the memory of Mrs. Slade, from the Philadelphia Ledger, published in a city where Mrs. Slade was perhaps better known than in any other, save perhaps her native city, Baltimore. Yes, "the good shall be remem-

"What a world were this, How unendurable its weight, if they Whom death hath sundered, did not meet again !'

MRS. ALCINDA WILHELM SLADB, M. D. Although death is constantly visiting those around us, and grasping in his icy embrace those whom we hold affectionately dear, yet rarely are his depredahone conspicuously bright in the circle in which

orimination, scrutinizing and controverting every soint in which her own opinions did not acquiesce. appointed to correspond with other Woman She was a woman of great native ability and rare excellence of character, and by her unwearied exertions and perseverence she has attained an eminent place among the gifted women of our day. Her argumentative, practical independent qualities of mind won universal esteem; and, as she lectured through

The grateful hearts of hundreds of our wounded as such. In this grand movement from which, soldiers upon the fields of Gettysburg proclaimed when successful, the world is to be so greatly sacrificing spirit. Though her benevolence was acbenefitted; all party distinctions are lost tive and wide spreading, yet there is a private record known only to those who are the recipients of her sight of, and we organize solely for the accomplishment of the object proclaimed, "Wo
somplishment of the obj

We see thee still; Thou art not in the grave confined; Death cannot claim the immortal mind. Let earth close over its sacred trust, But goodness dies not in the dust. Thee, noble woman ! 'tis not thee Beneath the coffin's lid we see; Thou to a fairer land art gone. There, let us hope, our journey done, To see thee still.

Reported for the Present Age by J. P. Averill, Sec'y. Proceedings of the State Convention of Spiritualists, of the State of Michigan, met at Stuarts Hall, in the city of Battle Creek, Dec. 10th, 1869.

Convention was called to order by the President, Col. D. M. Fox, who addressed to

In the absence of the secretary, J. Averill was elected Secretary pro tem. Singing by Mrs. Williams. On motion by J. S. Loveland, the President appointed a

committee on Credentials, consisting of brother's Root, of Bay County, Logan, of Kalamazoo county; Tallmage, of Calhoun county. On motion of brother Lord, of PawPaw, a

ger than any we have heretofore published, of Wayne county; Brother's G. W. Merritt but will be one, not only of deep interest as a of Hillsdale county; John Farlin, of Eaton On motion, the Convention enjoyed a consome of the wrongs of our social system, and ference meeting. Mrs. Williams, being

We had at first thought best not to com- Jefts and Greebles, and kindly furnished by After an inspirational poem, by Emma

Martin, on Conference meetings; and inte-This is a favorable time for our friends to resting remarks by several members of the canvass for new subscribers, as we shall pub- Convention, it adjourned until seven o'clock

Convention was called to order by the President. Singing by A. B. Whiting. Invocation by Emma Martin. It was resolved that the time of the Convention be mainly occupied for the evening in speaking, whereupon brother A. B. Whiting, addressed the Con-

To the Members of the Michigan Association of Spiritualists.

It becomes my duty as well as pleasure, to our prospects for the future. Soon after the first manifestations in West-

any other state of the union; and our pres-ent condition will show that the Spiritualists est awakened, and speakers are called for, from seved position in the Spiritualistic movement.

guard in this, and all reformatory work. Fifteen years past away in the work of proclaiming the new gospel, by which was made known the facts of spirit intercourse, and the intimate relation existing between the two worlds. The result of efforts in this direction, was a general disentegration of many religious societies, and a more general individualization, than ever before known. During all this time, the work of re-formation or co-operative effort was scarcely thought of, attended our efforts wherever made, and that more from the fact that in the enthusiasm of the mote our interests than ever before in as many years.

and as man had a work to do, some system

In a few localities, as at Sturgis, Battle Association. Creek, Coldwater and a few other places, or-ganizations had been formed, and we shall find that in all places where these associations | Secretary to read for your consideration, and record have been maintained, our strength to day is mend its reference to your Committee on Organization Your board would also call your attention to greatest. No efforts however, were made looking to a state organization, until as late as the year 1866. That year a call was made the Press to be the great lever power by which the Press to be the great lever power by which the

mendation to call a Michigan State Convention, to form a State Woman's Suffrage Association, ciation, auxiliary to the National Association

show conspicuously origin in the circuit in the organization of a State Association, who has left a blank which cannot be filled.

Mrs. Slade was early distinguished for her intellectual power, calmness of judgment, and deep dislectual power, calmness of judgment, and the adoption of a constitution with no our sentiments, and the purposes for which

She was a fluent speaker and writer; a close, clear able debater; a bright star in the constellation of general circulation among our citizens.

We hope all our friends in Kalamazoo, and all other places, will take an active part in these movements in few these these movements in few these these movements in few these m highest and most harmonious development of all the powers of man to a complete and consistent whole.

Accepting the law and fact of universal progress, and believing that freedom is its primary condition, President; Mrs. P. D. Coryell and S. F.

we hereby unite to destroy all institutions—religious governmental, and social—which unjustly limit its full and complete enjoyment by humanity.

Accepting the great fact of spiritual intercourse, as demonstrative of the spiritual entity and divine relationships of the soul, of its possibilities for endess in the highest spheres, and as illustraless progress in the highest spheres, and as illustra-tive of those angel ministries which have through all ages cheered on the great prophets and seers of the ages cheered on the great prophets and seers of the race; the sovereign authority of nature, reason and intuition; the essential unity of all true science, philosophy, and religion; the liberty and equality, before the law, of all humanity without distinction of sex or race; we seek to fully discover and unfold a progressive world religion, without sect, superstition, bibliolatry or priestcraft; to secure in America a pure Republic, founded on the eternal principles of interior liberty and laws and the activation. of justice, liberty, and love; and to establish on earth a pure and divine society in which no individual, class, or sex shall be debarred from enjoying

organizing.

We have to some extent varied from the above rule, and have been greatly the loser thanks. We halieve the only correct course the only correct course thanks. We halieve the only correct course the o

We refer with pleasure to these expressions, enunciating as they do, in few words the grand purposes of Spiritualism, from which we cannot depart in our organic work. The following were the officers elected for

the year. PRESIDENT-Selden J. Finney, Ann Arbor. VICE-PRESIDENT—J. G. Wait, Sturgis.
SECRETARY—J. M. Peebles, Battle Creek.
TREASURER—John C. Dexter, Ionia.
FINANCE COMMITTEE—H. N.F. Lewis, Detroit;

D. M. Fox, Lyons; Mrs. Deborah M. Brown, Battle Creek; Mrs. Charlotte M. Fobes, Lansing, G. W. Winslow, Kalamazoo.

the interests of the association. The following extract from an Adrian paper in suspending the work until November.

gives in brief its doings.

mediately upon the work. President-Col. D. M. Fox, of Lyons ; Vice-President

tion, accepted and referred to the several address to the Spiritualists of the state was sociation. presented by the president, adopted by a in sympathy with us.

"Bros. A. B. Whiting, C. B. Lynn, M. Henry Houghton, Sisters Pease, Pearsall, Reed and Martin, eral Counties which we have been unable to respond ganization, so as to insure co-operation and unity of effort in the employment of speakers and the promulgation of our teachings among the people, is

Our resident Speakers have all be that has placed them with the advanced thus plainly shown.

We do not claim perfection for the plan we have presented for organization. It is now before you for asideration, and, if you please, for amendmen and improvement. Our work is to be progressive we have no pet system, like Congregational, Presby-terian or Episcopal forms, to adhere to, but the his-tory of all forms and systems of the past from which to gain knowledge and experience to profit by in our work for the freedom of humanity from church bonds and creeds which hamper the aspiring soul; and also to devise the best means of ting ourselves together for the benefit and elevation of the men women and children of to-day. We do claim, however, that marked success has

and man had little to do but look on and see efficient, and through its workings reach every town, most sanguine expectation, yet we need some voted to this cause. I shall hold them ever the salvation that was to be wrought out for ruths and facts of Spiritualism. Very little has 

We feel that a necessity exists for more uniformity in our articles of associations as societies, and that was demanded by which they could be brought all should be so organized as to conform to the com-

The board have therefore thought best to reco for returns and records, which we have directed our the Press to be the great lever-power, by which the for a State Convention, which assembled in the city of Battle Creek in the month of July. ustain an organ devoted to their interests. The Convention was not largely attended, would therefore recommend the appointment of a humanity."

subject, to report at the present meeting.
Your committee would also recommend that the President hereafter at each Convention appoint the following standing Committee, to whom shall be reother provision than naming its officers, and specifying their respective duties. The preamble adopted is so beautifully expressive of mittee on Credentials, Business, Finance, Resolutions, to the premiute on Credentials, Business, Finance, Resolutions, to the premiute on Credentials, Business, Finance, Resolutions, to take into consideration and co-operative work. A Committee of three Missionary Work, Publications, and Miscellaneous

The list of organizations that have been reported in whole or in part numbers forty-two, to wit: thirty-three local Societies, five Children's Progressive

At this Convention, it was thought best to re.organize and adopt a constitution, better adapted to the growing interests of the cause Breed, Vice President; L. B. Brown, Secre-Mrs. E. A. Pratt, Trustees.

sionary work was to be continued, and it was have given their approval to any measure live. I trust the Convention here assembled, thought best to employ two agents. I cannot proposed. This will avoid the difficulty to may by its practical work, give a new impetus perhaps give you a better view of the subject, which I have referred. than by quoting from the report, made by the President to the association at its annual Convention in January last, at Jackson.

the month of March, and such had been their success vidual, class, or sex shall be debarred from enjoying all its blessings, privileges, and protections.

And for the attainment of these great purposes, we do ordain and establish this Michigan State Spiritual Association.

The enunciation of these sentiments, was

The enunciation of these sentiments, was followed by the passage of the following reso-lution, which no doubt expresses the views of every spiritualist as to the object we have in she has rendered to amount of \$180, to Dean Clark \$148 and to S. F. Breed \$240. This unfavorable pecuniary result of their labors, is no doubt to be attributed to some extent, to the warm and busy

the full amount of subscriptions, but have no doubt if all were paid, our indebtedness would be small. pay up these workers in full.

Under the circumstances referred to, we thought t better in the month of November last, to suspend our missionary enterprise until collections could be made, and some more efficient plan adopted for the collection ef subscriptions and missionary funds."

blame upon the executive officer of your asso- beloved sister Alcinda Wilhelm Slade. ciation, for not sooner suspending the One year ago she was with us in bridal mind that at the semi-annual meeting in with us in the beautified form and radian Mr. Finney, soon after left the state and June, sufficient money had been collected to robes of Summer Land. We can exclaim in no effort was made during the year to advance pay the agents, and the prospects appeared the beautiful language of one mourning as most favorable for the future. A majority we do to-day-On the 3d day of October 1867, agreeably of the board were present and unanimously to a call made by J. M. Peebles, Sec, the resolved to employ the third agent. I heard second Annual Convention was held in Adrian. each month from these agents, and the re-So little interest however was felt in the state, ports showed that up to October, Mrs. Horton that only fifteen persons not residents of Len- and Dean Clark, were receiving in money and awe county were present. The few who at- subscriptions enough to compensate them. S. tended were in earnest however, and, at this F. Breed was not so successful, but as the convention was initiated the work which has board had recently considered the subject, as since been successfully carried on in the state. your executive office, I did not feel justified

At the annual Convention, assembled in ing year. One hundred and sixty-six dollars committee on revision, consisting of Hon. J. was subscribed on the spot, and subscription lists are G. Wait, Dr. C. D. Hampton, D. B. Harringtion, which meets at Lansing, the 22d inst., to make arrangements with competent lecturers to enter imand by an almost unanimous vote (only one The officers elected for the ensuing year are- opposing) the Constitution was made as you -N. W. Clark, Esq., of Clarkston; Mrs. J. N. Chandler, of Adrian; Secretary-L. B. Brown, of The name Michigan State Spiritual Associanow have it. The changes were as follows: sing on the 22d day of same month, for the ciation were made elective by the Conven- good and brave of earth. vention in an able and interesting manner. purpose of adopting a plan of organization. tion, instead of the "board" as previously, After which the following very able report of At that meeting the constitution for local and the Presidents of county circles were the best of my ability served nearly three ply and demand in an imposing way, as if the President was presented to the Conven- societies and county circles, together with an made ex-officio Vice Presidents of State As-

to the changes made.

Our resident Speakers have all been con-

financial system to enable the executive offi- in grateful remembrance. If I have wronged cers of State Association and County Circles to any one I most sincerely regret it, and I dework more effectively. Each year will add sire as soon as you elect my successor to reto our experiences, and the mistakes and tire with the kindliest feelings toward all. Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of grand Temple of Truth.

I would recommend that in addition to the standing committees there be one to consist of the Presidents, of County Circles to to take into consideration and recommend some plan for obtaining and publishing the history of Spiritualism in this state and a committee of three on proposed amendments to the constitution.

One of the principal difficulties under which we have labored the past year, has been the difficulty of securing the attendance of a quorum of the board of trustees. The board consists of twelve members, residing in different parts of the state, and as it is difficult to tary; James C. Wood, Treasurer; J. K. get seven together, I would recommend, that to exert a yet greater influence in spreading Bailey, C. C. Randall, Lewis Bascom, and three constitute a quorum for business, but a true knowledge of Spiritualism, and in adthat no action shall be valid until submitted vocacy of the reformatory and progressive By a resolution of the board, active mis- to the members not present, and a majority work of the grand Era of time in which we

due the missionary fund, remains unpaid. all personal feeling, and select those who will The subscriptions were put into the hands prove, not mere sinecures, but earnest men "Mrs. Horton and Dean Clarke were employed in of Mrs. Horton, Dean Clark and S. F. Breed, and women, who will devote themselves to have reported to me, or to the treasurer, to not forget that this grand work was indue them. I hope measures may be taken years ago, and we must ever keep ourselves to satisfactorily arrange this matter.

You will permit me to say, that with the we would succeed. All is respectfully submitslight changes I have suggested to your plan ted for your consideration. of organization, and a closer adherence to the County Circle system with earnestness on your part, you cannot fail to disseminate a true knowledge of Spiritualism, and gain new strength and influence for good.

I cannot close this report without alluding to one known and beloved by us all-one who was with us at our last Convention, in health and strength dressed in bridal robes, Some arrangements we hope will be made at this meeting, for the raising of the money necessary to and her soul all aglow with love, not only for him who stood by her side, but for the cause she had so long and ably advocated. I need not say to this audience whose eyes are yet wet with tears because of our great There has been an attempt made to cast loss, that I allude to the departure of our Speculation and Gambling-Are they

missionary work. You will please bear in attire and earth form. I trust to-day she is

"Though they may lay beneath the ground We know her spirit hovers round, And mingles with us here; Her home may be in heaven above Yet, oft to us below, She will return to breath her love The angels tell us so !' We mourn not as those who know not of

permanently made her home for earth-life earnestness to which we have so often listen-

"Life is real,-life is earnest."

A word personal, and I close. I have to years in the official capacity to which you they had anything whatever to do with spechave assigned me. I accepted the position with ulation. That speculation affects them often I have been thus particular in refering you reluctance, knowing that I should receive de- to pernicious ends is admitted, but all apunanimous vote, and two thousand copies or- to the facts in the case, for the reason that an termined opposition from the opponents of preciation or depreciation of values by specdered to be printed for the purpose of distri- effort was made immediately, after the ad- Spiritualism, and anticipating a no less bitter ulation, is violative of the great law of trade bution throughout the state, the object being journment of the Convention by a few disap- feeling from many in our ranks, who at that and of legitimate supply and demand. to secure uniformity as near as circumstances pointed persons, to make the impression upon time were opposed to organization of any The truth is, that speculation in all its lay before you as best I can, the present state would permit. Five thousand circulars were the public mind that a new association had kind. I have not been disappointed. I found forms is based on the chance of rise and fall, of the Association, together with its past his- also printed and mailed to different counties been formed, and one individual from some sintory, so far as may be necessary to enable wherever we could obtain the names of per- istermotive, published an article asserting that itualists of County and State strangers to locking up currency, or by some of the many you to judge of the progress made, and of sons known as Spiritualists or supposed to be we had two State Associations. This feeling each other. All is changed and the result is ways of operating for a rise or fall known to was confined to four or five persons, but the before you. The first and second year I vis- the initiated, the dice in this game are always The result of these active measures was former Secretary who failed of a re-election, ited more than half the counties of the lower loaded, and the honor generally observed ication of evil and the elevation of humanity, ern New York, exciting the public mind and the organization of thirty three Societies, as refused to give up the records of the Associpeninsula, have been present at every State among gamblers, entirely ignored. The man of which we have just received the first num- awakening enquiry as to the source of the reported to the next Convention which met in ation to the newly elected Secretary, which Convention ever held, and have represented who buys what he does not want, and who We shall allude more fully to the entire ber, we should like to see in the hands of phenomena, the people of Michigan, who will Jackson on the 24th day of January 1868. has caused embarrassment in our work. We you as best I could in three National Conven- sells what he has not, on the venture of havwork of the convention when we have time. every friend of the laboring classes. We at least compare favorably with any other, for Perhaps we cannot do better than to present believe the board of trustees, with perhaps tions. I have paid travelling expenses over five George McKay of Marshall, was elected Pres- have seen no publication devoted to this sub- intelligence and liberality, commenced an in- an extract from the offical report made to one or two exceptions were opposed to the act hundred dollars, have given all my time, and buying at a discount, gambles, in every legitireferred to, and all are now in agreement as have refused to receive a dollar in return. I mate meaning of the term. His action is have frequently had it offered to me, and at more injurious to society than that of the During the last year no state missionary times when I very much needed it, but have professed gambler; because the gambler's work has been attempted. Mrs. Horton, our | been determined to be able to say at the close of gains only rob his victims, and his losses only former agent, has by urgent request remained my official term, I have served you freely and affect himself, while the speculator robs not in the state, and been laboring successfully, according to the best of my ability. You only those from whom he realizes the adof Michigan, have ever maintained an advanc- to. The importance and absolute necessity of or- with societies previously organized by her, will excuse this allusion to myself. I have vance, but all who are required to purchase been compelled to it from reports that have while the market is disturbed by his speculabeen circulated by personal enemies in this tive operations. stantly engaged, are well received and and other States. During the past year I sustained in every part of the state. We have been unable by reason of the demands have also been glad to welcome lecturers from made upon my time as editor of the PRESENT the resent discovery of mounds in the mounother states, among them brothers Loveland, AGE, to devote the time that ought to be de- tains similar to those which have already been Whipple and French, now with us. Several voted to the Association by its President. I found in the valley of the Mississippi. These others have been transiently lecturing for have, however, visited six County Circles and mountain mounds are high up on the Rocky local societies. Our cause has never been maintained a correspondence with prominent Mountains, 3,000 feet above the timber line, more prosperous than at the present time, and Spiritualists in all parts of the State, and are of stone and evidently very ancient. we have great reason to be encouraged in our with nearly all the speakers. I know that They are partly of stones laid up. and partly much more could have been accomplished, and of stones loosely thrown, covering areas of one The great want seems to be a more perfect | no doubt will be by some one who can de- or two hundred yards each. The stones were the beautiful little Miss. (Williams, we think was the name) of Battle Creek, and oh how was the name) of Battle Creek, and oh how was the name) of Battle Creek, and oh how was the name) of Battle Creek, and oh how was the name) of Battle Creek, and oh how was the name) of Battle Creek, and oh how was the name) of Battle Creek, and oh how was the name) of Battle Creek, and oh how was the name) of Battle Creek, and oh how was to do all the work for humanity. We are greatly encouraged in our work, and we most work than myself. I have been aided by face, which is cleared for stones for earnestly recommend to your sympathy and support our missionary cause: you can, if you will, make it formed. We have susceeded beyond our many noble men and women in the State de-dreds of yards around the mounds. system of co-operation not only in the state vote more time, energy and ability to the evidently collected from the surrounding surbut in the counties where circles have been work than myself. I have been aided by face, which is cleared for stones for some hun-

failures of one year, will enable us to avoid I rejoice in the progress of freedom of together, in united effort for the accomplishment of their objects.

piled laws of this State, and thus become legalized "Religious Societies" under the Statutes, and we believe such too should be the case with our State that where, we have the best and oldest or theological teachings have been dispelled by ganization there our work is the most prosper- the rising sun of the "New Dispensation." ous and while sects are consolidating and The teachings of Spiritualism are to-day bemaking greater efforts than ever before to lieved in by more than half in all the churches, propagate their sectarian and partial theolog- although not confessed by them. A jealous ical views, thus drawing lines of demarkation wrathful God, is no longer preached, a perbetween the children of the All Father, we sonal devil has lost his power, and death its too, should be more earnest in our efforts to terror. The great distance between the two publish the glad news of Angel Ministration worlds has been annihilated, and constant and the teachings of spiritualism so beautiful- inter-communion is maintained; and yet we ly expressed in these few words-"The have but just entered the vestibule of the

" Bright days of which the angels sing, Speed onward with your endless spring, And let the golden age come in Triumphantwith no stain of sin-Justice will then have done with wars And valor need not carry scars; Mercy will be a name unknown When love sits sceptered on her throne How\_beautiful will life be then When earth can cry, "Behold my men!" And woman in her perfect state Be womanly, and yet be great. Then childhood with heaven's dew impearled Will make more bright a sunny world, And famished faces, wild and wan, Will no where haunt the paths of man, Mankind will all be brothers then. Not prince, or slaves, but only men And link them by their wondrous arts."

While I thus retire from the more public position, which I have by your choice occupied, I trust I may be able in another direction to our cause. In the selection of officers I I am not able to state how large an amount am sure it will be the desire of all to lay aside who were authorized to collect, but as neither the duties required. Let us above all my knowledge, I cannot give the amount augurated by the world of spirits twenty-one receptive to their influence and seek their aid, if

Donus M. Fox.

On motion of J. S. Loveland, a committee of three was appointed, to forward the interest of the Progressive Lyceums, President appointed J. S. Loveland, of Battle Creek; J. G. Wait, of Sturgis; Mrs. Barnes, of Grand Rapids.

Convention adjourned, until 9 o'clock, A.

M., Saturday. ED. of Age. - I will furnish you with the proceedings in full, for your next issue. J. P. AVERILL, Sec.

one and the same thing?

I. R. INGALS.

The Revolution under the head financial, copies with apparent approval, an article from the "Herald" attempting to show that they are essentially different things. The main argument relied upon is, that one deals with actual property, and the other does not. Upon a close examination, I am sure we shall find that these attempted distinctions are without the shadow of foundation. In fact, when speculation deals with actual property, angel ministration. We had, however, antic- it is no longer speculation. Gambling is pated so much good to our cause as the re- staking money on some future result --- as the sult of her labors in this state which she had issue in a game of chance---the drawing of a certain number --- or the success of a certain which are now agitating the public mind. called upon again, sang and played a sweet state Spiritual Association," closed its session in which are now agitating the public mind. The significance of the title will become appa
The subject was referred to a find expression. Time cannot erase from our out equivalent. Does speculation essentially memory the burning words of eloquence and differ from this? The speculator buys gold, to be at once circulated throughout the State, in time to enable the Board of Trustees of the Association, Dr. D. Hampton, D. or other property, not because he wants it, ceasing labor illustrated the grand truth, that, tain or not distant day, as it will be worth enough more to remunerate him for all trouble As we become more familiar with the his- and risk. He does not seek any delivery of the tory of this true reformer, and take into con- property, nor pay any thing upon it, except a sideration the courage required ten years margin or stake, which he is prepared to lose De Witt; Treasurer—John C. Dexter, of Ionia;
Trustees—Mrs. S. D. Coryell, of Lansing, Mr. N. T.
Waterman, of Cold Water, Mr. S. F. Breed, of Paw
of Spiritualists. The place of holding the world as a public speaker advocating an un-State Convention was left discretionary with popular cause, sister Slade will rise yet high- out and out, that market will advance one The Board were requested to meet in Lan- the board of trustees. The officers of Asso- er in the estimation of all who reverence the day and recede the next, without any pretense of purchase, I am unable to see.

The writer above referred to, speaks of sup-

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## Mr. Thorntons Diary.

April 21. A new trouble has come to me not quite new, but new to my present position. It came about in this wise. I had never confided to Helen the true state of my affairs. I took the position that almost all men take, that finance is altogether outside of womans sphere of action. Aunt Ruth's economy gave place to Susan's thriftiness and I wanted to indulge Helen in every beautiful and appropriate thing. Just as if indulgence could compensate for anxiety! And I got

I became a coward again; I feared to tell Helen. I thought of every expedient to save her; I would borrow money, I would ask for an increase of salary, I would demand pay they gave forth poetical recitations of great in advance. But I could not quite satisfy beauty. myself with any of these expedients, so I grew anxious and perplexed. Helen read it on my face and I was forced to tell her all. How gradually her spirit asserted itself. She humbled me by every word she uttered, She said "to owe anything? to be in debt to those in humbler positions? It is dreadful, it is sinful. Why not have told me all, meal porridge were more nourishing than unpaid roasts. I would live on crusts sooner than be a problem. I sat silent and abashed. At last she said again. "There are a dozen Thought seemed taken possession of by naments, but that would humble you, I could dismiss Susan, but that would make me suffer. The readiest means is to provide some way sitions: for earning money. I think I have it now. I will write some stories for the paper," "Stories?" I said, "You write trash

easiest is by fiction. A good story conveys truth splendidly. It is a certain way of cession, as they must be played, but the whole at once. That is the delight. reaching many minds. A good story teller has the best opportunities of disseminating truth. It is as if you buried your bread in wreaths of flowers. It is natures method who gives us nourishment in the shape of delicious write some popular stories. I will go to-day and engage to do it." "But Helen you are not fit for such exertion, you need care and attention." I interposed.

"Then you mistake the need of my condition. I need that which shall call out every faculty of my nature. I want to be ennobled by noble action. It was only yesterday that I was lamenting that I had so little to awaken my spirit of self-sacrifice and devoted love, and now my good Providence has brought the opportunity to me. It is certain that if we trust the love of our good protectors on the better side of life, they will bring in what we most need. In reading a work to-day on inherited virtues vices and intellectual force, I learned that it is precisely as a mother calls out her noble nature that her offspring become noble expressions of humanity. Women have too small opportunities to exercise their virtues. They need broad fields to ream in search of pleasures and noble occupation. I wonder that I did not feel this before. So you see that it is circumstance that is ever made the benefactor of our lives."

Helen's face looked so radiant as she said this, that I almost thought myself a hero in bringing her burdens. Such is man's self sufficiency. True to the spirit that moved her she put on her shawl and bonnet that very evening and went to the home of the editor of our county paper. He readily engaged her at five dollars a week for three full columns. My blood boiled as she told me what she had done. Five dollars for ones best, noblest thoughts. Five dollars for what a man would claim fifty! Again the great question of woman's halfpaid service to the world forced itself on me. What right had that man to offer Helen so petty a sum? He knows her talent. He has seen that it will be a good thing for him and save him many hours of careful attention to his paper, since it will bring him ready popularity. I said all this to Helen. "There is justice in what you say" she replied, " every work should be judged by its merit, and not by the source from whence it comes. A woman's work is just as valuable as a man's if it is just as well done. But we must take the ready to take advantage of our necessities."

and if she is rightful head of the family why land has within herself these unawakened asnot of the great family government? At pirations, these inactive capacities. hand for postage, expressage or any little ex- labor, for the reason that all are in the hands penses that continually open the purse. I of those indifferent to our success. as to the right method of living.

### Inspirational Utterances.

The Home Journal has a long and candid with the emperor of Japan. Modern table house. turning is similar to the use of the Thors sed similar powers to the modern seers and ded in words, and it is said that thousands destroyed by the order of the Emperor Auseemed to go into a state of extacy, in which

Mr. Harris, perhaps, presents as remarkable an instance of the power of the Divine afflatus as any one of modern times. His Lyric of the Morning Land was given in thirty hours at different sittings. It is acknowledged that there are many stanzas of great merit and originality, and that would not discredit any living poet.

It is pleasant to find so much justice given to the unpopular productions of Spiritualism. a beggar as every one is who involves himself We have no doubt that many, if not most of unnecessarily. But this is not the point to the valuable poems attributed to modern autalk about. The way out, that is the question. thors, are due to a similar influx of spiritual And then she sat and mused. A fire was power. Many of our poets and musicians burning on the hearth for it was a damp eve- have acknowledged that they could not acning. She gazed at it, as if she were solving count for the rapidity with which their poems would at times flow from their pen. ways out of this difficulty, I could sell my or- some superior power. The following is from Mozart's own account of the way in which he received his happiest musical compo-

"When all goes well with me-when I am in arriage, or walking, or when I cannot sleep at night the thoughts come streaming in upon me most fluently; whence, or how, is more than I can tell. Then follow the counterpoint and the clang of the different instruments; and if I am not disturbed, my "There are many ways of reaching the peo-ple, "she said, "And I believe one of the when the piece is along one; and I see it like a beau-when the piece is along one; and I see it like a beau-

If we could have the testimony of our distinguished authors, we should without doubt find that to a similar condition is owing our all. Think of the Philadelphia riot, when most rhythmic poems. Mrs. Stowe gives us young women were hooted at and insulted, fruits. Yes I am resolved I can and will an account of the condition she is often in followed, in fact mobbed because they were when writing. She sits enraptured, taking seeking to fit themselves for woman's natural no note of time. The point of her pen seems effice, the care and treatment of the sick. as if dipped in fire, and the thought seems to flow from it as if it were imbued with life.

have similar experiences when their words Now we all know that for clothing, education, seem to proceed from a power superior to amusement, food and shelter, we require themselves. That which we call inspiration about four dollars a day, or we should have angel power. is only the sympathetic relation between the that to give us what we could readily and mind of the person and a sphere of thought or usefully spend for ourselves or children, Now hand to make the lovely picture?" asked intelligence. It is not necessary to have perfeet control or a condition of trance for spiritual ed to that amount. We want ten times the forces to act on the brain. It matters not means of gaining wealth that we have now. whether such outside power or force be ac- Hew easy to see that woman's work is needed its to guide and guard you always." knowledged. We all know in the case of to increase the wealth of the world. She has Henry Ward Beecher, that at times a pure the largest opportunities before her if she inspiration flows from his lips. He is led knew how to adapt herself to them. away from his notes and text, and breathes forth words that burn. In such a condition he gives utterance to the thoughts that contradiet his previous prepared statements. He is easily fit herself to be a merchant, an broad, liberal, and stands above all church importer, a druggist, as well as a doctor, a dogmas. He comes at once into relations with teacher or an author. She makes a good farthe universal of faith and feeling. He is no mer, or superintendent of out door labor. longer a preacher over a limited congregation, She has served faithfully as sea captain, and but he is receiving from the universal sphere has shown her capacity as astronomer. We of truth, and speaking to the universe.

be brave enough to dare to utter truth, if er; the means to fit the work for her and such comes to him. We often notice broad, her for the work. high brains that would seem to fit the possessor to become a teacher of (ruth and are surprised when we find such an one holding back capacity, but not daring in such a one

We make a mistake in numbering our inpirational speakers and writers. We can claim almost every name that has appealed to the heart of the people. Why do we care whether they be counted among the Spiritualist? By their truth ye shall know them.

## Address to Woman's Council,

One of the important questions for us to consider is this, how can we best interest women in the subjects, that we know are vital to their progress and to their attainment of the position which belongs to them. We know world as it is, and we know the world is ever there is a great many women untouched by the questions, that this movement presents. But this scheme of Helen's has humiliated There are the fashionable women, the conme more than I can tell. I the Lord and servative women and the ignorant women. Master, the God appointed supervisor of We have to acknowledge that they include worldly matters! how do I stand in my posi- four-fifths of the women of this Western tion? I hide my diminished head in shame. I world. Yet, as we know that in the breast of find that Helen has a tact, a capacity, aspirit one woman glows aspirations, unsatisfied of endurance quite superior to mine. Is not longings for a freer broader sphere of usefulwoman after all head of all family matters! ness, so we know that every woman in our

least she is the equal with man. She is an There is a law of humanity, certain and equal partner, and if she is that, then she active, a law of progress. We may be sure should have all confidence. What would be- that any truth or any condition in itself sucome of a firm if one partner was never con- perior to, or in advance of the age, will be sulted as to the great interest of their business. | accepted and become the universal condition. And if women are rightful partners in care, of Thus we know when we work for any cause, course they are in income. Half the money that has for its aim the advancement of the belongs to the woman, it is her's to spend or human race in any way, that we are sure to invest or give away. Half the men do not find that cause progressing. Therefore we know how to spend money. I am sure that need have no doubt as to the ultimate of our women are more faithful, more just, more efforts; we can work with good heart, being space at rates hardly conceivable in the out from the poor erippled body, free and economical than men. They are said to be sure of success. But what we want to know present. mean, that is because they have had a train- is the speediest method of gaining our desired ing in little things. I know men who give end. We want practical methods of work. their wives a dollar or fifty cents at a time, We know we have a great variety of characand then expect them to always have cash on ters to appeal to, we have few ready means of

am convinced there should be an open box of It seems to me one of the first things we deposit, equally free to husband and wife. have to do, is to give power by extending our This experience of mine has given me new means of labor. We want to control the infaith in woman's capacity, and many thoughts fluence of wealth, because we can carry on It is called topacco amaurosis. no great project without capital. The mo- other kind of stimulants.

ment that a woman engages in any paying work, in any labor necessary to the world that moment she becomes a force in the world. article on what it calls supernatural poetry. Talk as we will of the dignity and honor of It admits that the poems are meritorious; housekeeping, a great many women know that that they are worthy attention aside from they are capable of a work beyond the kitchtheir claims of an uncommon origin. It is en. Every woman of energy knows she has acknowledged that the phenomena of Spirit- a chain about her neck, when she binds herualism have been recognized for ages. Plan- self to the monotony of dish washing and chette was familiar to the Chinese hundreds scrubbing. She knows she has a broader of years ago. Vision-yielding balls of crys- sphere. There is no more reason why a wetal were used by the Arabians from time im- man should consider it her province to wash memorial. A crystal ball has been one of and bake, than the gentleman of the house the three symbols of sovereignty associated should get in coal, split wood, or paint the

Mrs. Pierce has seized the great lever that Kettle or perhaps the Delphic tripod. The is to lift so many burdens from women's neck. Sibyls of Camaca, Delphi, Troy, &c. posses- She has struck her axe at the root of one great evil. In co-operative labor, we are to mediums. The ancient oracles often respon- find the way out of prison for hundreds of women. But that movement seems too far of volumes containing their sayings, were off for us to wait for it. The whole fabric of society seems to rest on the kitchen. It is gustus. The improvisatores of ancient times like tearing up the foundations of the world to disturb those precincts. Each home has its consuming fire, burning up the wealth, the patience, the energy of half the world. There are great souls being consumed in these fires

If we could start an organization of women that could place opportuneties of work before women, we should do the first great labor for woman's elevation. Now, if a woman wants work she has to stoop for it, she must sue, petition, humiliate herself. It requires more ourage for a woman to seek fitting labor than is necessary for heroes in arms. All honor to those women who have boldly and Mrs. Mead. fearlessly pressed forward through all obstacles, to occupations for which they felt it : I cannot tell you how, for I could not | Healing by the Laying on of Hands. themselves fitted. Their examples prove what stop the pencil, and did not know what I was

any great enterprise, to be conducted by great earnest eyes were fast filling with tears, bers that would seek employment. It has Mead's countenance. "Katy, come here : been said here that women are not qualified did you see Marcia draw this?" and Mrs. | gation. Some four or five weeks ago, our town was for such labor. The women who present Mead held up the picture before Katy's eyes. themselves for clerkship, and inferior positions are not, but there are scores of women who ties of home, who have learned to manage, to economise, to direct, and whose brain burns thing to do!" with unused forces, who would adapt them selves readily to positions of influence and trust, if only they knew how to reach such

Woman's fitting labor is given at such disadvantage, that it is a wonder she works at

It is estimated that the wealth of the productive industries of the world would allow We know that our best public speakers to each person 40 cents a day for support. Mediumship more than once before; and to-

At present women engage in only a few lucrative occupations. We need not enumerate them. We know she is fitted or can know so many women waiting for work. and One of the first requests for this kind of we know that the worlds work is waiting for speaking or writing is courage. A man must them, that we only ask for the adjusting pow-

## The Empress and the Pyramids.

As we read the accounts of the celebraand repressing his best thoughts. There is tion of the opening of the Suez canal, we are to Katy's "school-room" the next day, and The great Pyramids, with their majestic seand gay shawls, standing face to face bridging ever the forty centuries, and bringing the great past face to face with the brilliant present. She expressed the French nation, with its active life-giving expression to the taste and artistic culture of the present The Pyramids seemed a solemn protest against the vanity and frivolity of the present. And yet the present was the real en-

gine of power. The Suez canal was the out-work of the power of the present, which alike strives to develop use and beauty. Better than the kings and potentates, Eugenia expressed the living, vital present. It is a woman's work to recognize both use and beauty, and fit them to the time. We are glad the emperor could lead the fetes and ceremonies of the time.

The Suez canal, spite of doubts and misgivings, is a success. It is a means of uniting the nations of the earth in closer relations, and giving a new impetus to civilization. Speedy means of transportation are among the most necessary of modern inventions. All that facilitates the ingress and egress of national industries, is so much done, to hasten the equalization of national power, and to unite races and tribes in a family of interests. We expect soon that some mas-

## Tobacco Smoking and Blindness.

The London Medical Minor says tobacco are fast accumulating to prove that loss of sight is due to slowly progressive atrophy of the optic nerves induced by smoking. In a vol. of the London Hospital reports, Mr. Hutchinson relates several cases of amaurosis occasioned by the injurious effects of tobacco Katy must try to grow into the household.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Michigan Spiritual Publication Co., will be held at the office of said Company, on Monday, December 13th, 1869, at 10 c'clock A. M. The election of Directors and officers of said Company, for the ensuing occasioned by the injurious effects of tobacco smoking. It is called tobacco amaurosis.

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTM'T Mrs. E. L. WATSON, - - Editor.

All communications for this Department should be addressed to the Editor, at Titusville, Pa. EVERY GOOD SEED WE PLANT IN THE HEARTS OF THESE LITTION ONES IS A TREASURE LAID UP IN HEAVEN.

> "Come mother, oh, come to the window and see What a world the sunset has lighted for me!" But a few moments since. I looked to the west And saw only hill-tops, where th' clouds seemed to rea But now, gentle mother, my glad eyes behold Islands of silver in an ocean of gold!

I thought as I stood here a moment ago, That I saw little boats with spread sails of snow, But now they're melting to intangible things And must have been shadows of some angels wings For mether I am sure the sky is so fair Some day we shall find it is Heaven up there Yes, darling, the sunset is lovely te-night, And its lesson will linger long after th' light, For 'tis saying to me "The clouds that you mon To islands of silver some sunset will turn, And over life's hill-tops love's ocean will roll A golden high-way for the Heaven-born soul!

Katy Mead-Or Something to Do.

For several weeks Katy and Marcia promptly met, missing only a few afternoons and doing a great many things, both for themselves and others. Marcia had gone far beyond Katy in drawing, and surprised Mrs. Mead very much one day by bringing her a beautiful picture of a child-angel, almost an exact likeness of Katy's little sister, who died when Katy was a baby.

"My dear Marcia, where did you get this?" asked Mrs. Mead.

"My hand drew it, ma'am;" answered Marcia. "You drew it? Impossible!" exclaimed

"But indeed, ma'am, my hand did draw making until it was finished, and then the If an organization of women could start pencil flew from my fingers!" and Marcia's truth, and that honest, candid investigation is the women, we should be surprised at the num- as she saw the look of unbelief on Mrs.

"Why, yes, mamma: is 'nt it beautiful, and will not Marcia become a great lady if have had a long training in the arduous du- she keeps on drawing?" and just to think, mamma, this all comes of my wanting some-

> Mrs. Mead was greatly puzzled, and resolved to watch Marcia the next time the children were seated at their different tasks.

Marcia had been growing thin and weak of late, and her poor mother felt afraid that she should lose the angel of her household before the birth of spring flowers made earth glad again; and when Marcia reached home that night and held up the picture, Mrs. Dean nearly fainted-she knew better than Mrs. Mead, how the angels come to us on earth, helping us to do a great many wonderful things, and had seen evidences of Marcia's night she clasped Marcia to her bosom and wept for joy at this beautiful manifestation of

"Mother, was it an angel that moved my

"Yes, darling, and you must thank God for the beautiful gift, and pray the good spir-

Mother," said Maria. "I think I shall not stay here many days longer, for Grandmamma came and stood beside me last night in my dreams, told me I might come and live with her very soon; and you know, dear mother, these poor hands and feet are so tired all the time! I'm sure I shall not be crooked and lame in heaven, mother, and if you can spare me I would like to go, oh, so very much !"

"My darling, my darling," sobbed Mrs. Dean, "I cannot bear to let you go!"

"But, mother, Tom and Willie are so good and you have to work so hard for us all, don't you think it would be better to let me go?" and Marcia looked out toward the golden sunset longingly, as though she felt the goodness and beauty of the angel world drawing her to its shining shores.

"God's will be done, my precious child, I will try to give you up!" Marcia did not go struck by the impressiveness of the scene. after waiting for her some time Mrs. Mead and Katy went to see what was the reason of cret enclosed in their sombre stones, and the her unusual absence. They found Marcia brilliant Eugenia with her silks and feathers, quite ill and Kate was grief-stricken, for she had learned to love her gentle companion very

> "I am so glad you have come, Mrs. Mead," said Marcia, "for I wanted to give you the picture before I went to live with Grandmamma, for the good angel that helped me draw rose-wreath; see, it says "Flora Bell," and name and burst into tears.

"Yes, little Marcia the angels helped you not go, and that it was given to Eugenia to come to her earth-home, although I have

This was a very happy day to Marcia, not- to bless her. withstanding she was so sick. Katy stayed until late in the evening, and returned again early the next morning, but Marcia grew worse every moment and just as the sun was blessing this land e'er it arose upon another, she called to her mother, and as Mrs. Dean bent over her, murmured-"sweet mother, I am going now; Grandmamma has come for me, and I can see oh, so far away-I think it must be the heavenly country! Good bye, motion that govern the suns and planets in Tom, good bye, Willie! be good to mother, their course, and send us whirling through our sweet mother!" and Marcia's spirit went strong and beautiful, to find in a brighter land, something still to do!

For weeks Katy could not be comforted; but her wise mamma told her she must not smokers must look to their eyes. Many facts forget the sweet lessons little Marcia had sight is due to slowly progressive atrophy of taught her, and every day there were calls Katy must try to grow into the household could for the poor childrens' sake.

And so Katy persevered, and before sprnig ner busy fingers had made many a poor child glad, and the boys by Sunday study in Katy's good and true things besides how to read, the lessons so much better when, with a new interest, she repeated them to her bright-eyed

was a great deal to vex a little girl.

I wish I might tell you how Katy grew to a wonderful womanhood, working day and night for others, blessing the poor where-ever she found them, making her mamma so happy that she felt more than ever that Heaven was not far from earth, and that her dead darling could visit her home. And I would like to relate how Tom and Willie, inspired by their fair, young teacher worked harder and harder, until enabled to give their poor mother the little garden spot and cottage. How Tom did become a soldier and fought for the freedom of the down-trodden slave, and helped to gain it; and brown-eyed Willie felt little angel Marcia helping him to play the soul-enchanting violin until he grew to be famous and played beautiful "dreams' 'and "visions" to applauding multitudes; but all these things I must leave for the children to imagine. And I hope this little story, though poor and incomplete, will inspire my readers (if I am so fortunate as to have any) with a desire for something to do all their lifetime on the earth, so they may be ready to begin a still better work in the Heavenly land toward which all onr earthly ways are tending,

To the PRESENT AGE : MR. EDITOR :- Believing in the omnipotence of

surest means of developing it, I desire to present to your intelligent readers, a few things that have presented themselves in our midst, for consideration, and which I believe to be worthy of careful investivisited by a Dr. Chas. Peet, from Sturgis, Michigan, who advertised to heal the sick by the laying on of hands. At first we paid no attention, supposing him to be like many others who are traveling through the country, making great pretentions, but doing, as a general thing, very little good. After a time we began to hear of some very remarkable cases that as helpless; another, Mrs. Crouch, who had been afflicted with stricture of the throat for ten years; and a number of other bad cases, all of which appeared to yield to the powers of Dr. Peet. But the case I wish particularly to call the attention of the public to, is that of Mrs. Samuel Westenberger, who lives at Manchester, a town fifteen miles north of this. I will state the circumstance as it was related by Mr. and Mrs. Westinberger to me, on the 8th inst., at the Eureka House, were they then were stopping. On Friday, the 5th of November, Mr. Wertinberger said he came to see Dr. Peet, and get him to go to Manchester to see his wife, who was very low and not expected to live. Dr. Peet was very busy at the time, with patients that were therein for treatment, and informed him it was utteriy impossible, as he could not neglect those who had come to see him. Mr. W. turned to go, whereupon Dr. Peet accosted him and bade him stay, and he would see what could be done. agents, u As soon as Dr. P. got through with the patient he was then treating, he called Mr. W. to him, bade him look at his watch and note the time. The Dr then said : "Go home, your wife will be better from this hour," which was between 12 and 1 o'clock. Mr. W. departed, and when he got home he found his wife better, and when he enquired of the change and time of its taking place, found that it agreed with the time that Dr. Peet had said she would be

Mrs. Westenberger was present, and corroborated the statement of her husband, and stated that she felt at the time that Dr. Peet must be doing something for her, from the strange feelings that seemed to possess her, for her sickness and pain all appeared to gather at one place in her system, and then instantly leave her, and that she had not felt pain

These statements I had from the parties them selves, and from what I know and have seen of Dr. Peet's powers, I have no reason to doubt their truthfulness, as the statements are corroborated by abundance of testimony. I do not pretend to have any theory of my own in the matter, and merely present the facts as given to me, for those who have a desire and capacity to investigate.

Dr. Peet says it is a power beyond him, and claims nothing for himself. Will somebody please give this their attention, and explain to the world how these things are done.

Yours for truth, ISAAC C. TEAGUE, M. D. Wabash, Indiana, Nov. 24th, 1869.

When Eugenie's train passed Magenta, the battle field was lighted up with Bengal lights, and the huge grave where the Frenchmen were buried was thrown into strong relief. The Empress ordered the train to be stopped. Walking amid a tolerably large gathering of villagers, who saluted her as she passed, she approached one of the smaller graves, marked it wrote a name on one of the leaves of the by a simple cross, and placed some flowers upon it-flowers which she had plucked from a mound hard by. "I have nothing but these Katy said that was her little dead sisters flowers to offer you," said the lady-"nothing name!" Mrs. Mead took the picture with but these flowers, my poor Erenchmen. But trembling hand, read the delicately written they are better than the thorns I find here." And she brushed away some rubbish that lay on the grave. Then, remembering that she had a bouquet in her carriage, she went back draw it," said Mrs Mead, "for no one else for it, and placed it at the foot of the large could have created such a likeness; I never monument, of which she read the inscription, believed before that our dead darling could adding something in a low voice which no one heard. Perhaps it was a prayer. When she went away, the people raised their hats. But yearned for her deeply; but little dying went away, the people raised their days with their kind Italian voices, called on God

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In a recent article, we urged the necessity qualities of the Godhead, but all those men- umes might be written on this topic, and yet,

sessing in a finite degree what, in the Deity, knowledge of all the minutia of every branch that that, was not all of our movement. We is Infinite. No other view is possible, as we of human science, though of some it is very are now to prove that point more fully. All to a knowledge of Chemistry, and yet, not of the presupposing intelligence, and of course, indefinable realization of his own nature and be able to give the details of all known chemi- these effects must be wrought in accord with its attributes. The mystery of man is here cal combinations, or perform at once all the some law or method. The spiritual phenomwonderfully manifest, for in this process, or experiments necessary in giving absolute ena of to-day are declaratively produced by state of self-consciousness, the objective and subjective seem to combine. The actual self-hood, the personality of man, becomes, or seems to become, an objective entity to its own self-cognizing faculty. And, in this own self-cognizing faculty. And, in this own self-cognizing faculty. And, in this own self-cognizing faculty and magnetism be necessary in giving absolute demonstration of its affirmations. But the departed, human spirits, whose purpose is, to and all will use according to the type of their own the Protestant would prefer the Protestant would equally oppose. The point when actually put to the test, may be determined by the sheer force of majorities; but this will not change the aspects of the positive and negative ural agencies. With such declarations, supported by sufficient proof we are compelled on the protestant would prefer the Protestant protect in their character and absolutely ural agencies. With such declarations, supported by sufficient proof we are compelled on the protestant proporties and in the use of purely natural agencies. 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It is this: the solution of his mistaken notions concern- who are to a considerable extent ignorant of Spirit manifestations are natural instead of majorities, one way or the other, can ever It ought to be sufficient alike fer Catholics ing a Deific personality; for, this subjective the details of some of the special branches of supernatural. Or, in other words, the facts settle. ideal, when projected in, and expanded by, science, may nevertheless, be proficients in on which all religions are founded are no those who adopt his conclusion, may be the imagination, becomes more perfectly ob- the scientific method of investigation. We miracles, but as amenable to rational expla- briefly stated in the following propositions: jective in conception, and constitutes what do not think it necessary to prove that all re- nation as the falling of rain, or the flowing of 1. That our schools are managed by the govman, in his weakness, worships as God. It is liable deductions must be drawn from prem- the tides. Hence, religion becomes a science no inconsiderable evidence on this point that ises which are supported by ample induction. as really as physiology or chemistry. Spirit-indiscriminately upon all tax-payers—whether man has never worshipped any God, who pos- Men may reason correctly, so far as the forms ual naturalism, or natural spiritualism is ex- they are Catholics, Protestants, Free Thinksessed any attribute or faculty differing from of logic are concerned, and yet, the whole pressive of the new idea. The so-called ra- ers, Deists, or Atheists. 2. That the prime his own, save in degree. So, also, the gods structure may be worthless, because their tionalistic world had affirmed a dead, cold object of these schools is to furnish to the of all nations and ages have been only the ex- major premise involves a false assumption. materialistic naturalism, while the various dimental elements of a common education, ponents of the intellectual and moral status The scientific method is inductive. It begins religions have unanimously asserted a mirac-such as will fit children to become useful and of that nation and age. The same name may with particulars—with facts. It examines ulous spiritualism. The supernaturalist and thrifty citizens, and not to inculcate any of have been transmitted from age to age, but these facts, or things carefully. Ascertains the rationalist have been in fierce conflict for the special doctrines of the Christian religion, his character has perpetually varied. The all their qualities, functions, and hence, their generations. One has shouted infidel, and or favor any of the peculiar tenets of reli-Jehovah of Moses and that of Dr. Channing, relations to each other. It then classifies the other has retorted superstitious. And this government, both state and national, all this government, both state and national, all rest to their legitimate results. We believe though seemingly the same, are no more them in appropriate categories, for it has disable than Juggernaut and the Great Spirit covered the common principles underlying a man's own consciousness, and so ficreely at same ground and are entitled to precipally the same, are no more them in appropriate categories, for it has disable than Juggernaut and the Great Spirit covered the common principles underlying a man's own consciousness, and so ficreely at same ground and are entitled to precipally the same. alike than Juggernaut and the Great Spirit covered the common principles underlying a man's own consciousness, and so ficrcely at same ground and are entitled to precisely the of the North American Indian. The Jesus certain class of phenomena, or things. Cer- times as to make life a burden. But in spir- same rights; and that too without any refer- and best for religion that the two should in of the North American Indian. The Jesus of phenomena, or things. Cerdines as to make life a burden. But in spirate of St. John, and the one taught by John tain substances are ponderable and others important the contest has ceased. Reason to their religious creeds. This makes a complete severance of all organic connection each should in this respect to the other alone. of St. John, and the one taught by John Calvin, are as dissimilar as the characters of ponderable. A certain class of animals are and the spiritual instincts are married, and between religion and the state, and leaves Let religion take care of itself, in the spontation between religion and the state, and leaves Howard and Tamerlane. One age represents carnivorous—another herbivorous, and still it is a true conjugal union. Reason is actually the citizen free, without any pains, penalties, neous and voluntary keeping of its friends, Deity as 'laughing at the calamities and another omnivorous. Now, if some would-be knowledged as the supreme faculty in that or disabilities, to exercise his rights of conmocking at the fears' of men, while another shows the same God weeping over, and lamenting the sins of his creatures. In other menting the sins of his creatures. In other measures the single qualification that he must not so exercise them as to interfere with the rights of others. 4. That the reading of King of others. 4. That the reading of King of others. 4. That the reading of King of others are investigated and just as true in application to that governments are investigated and just as true in application to that governments are investigated and just as true in application to the single qualification that he must not so exercise them as to interfere with the rights of others. 4. That the reading of King of others are investigated and just as true in application to that governments are investigated and just as true in application to the proposed and just words, God has changed just as man has find plenty who could deny his conclusion, the province of reason to affirm or ignore James' version of the Scriptures in our pubchanged. The change in the character of though they might not be able to show the facts independent of the testimony of the sen- lic schools is practically a Protestant method the gods, has always been the consequent of a prior change, or growth in man. The oppothe master of science be especially anxious prior change, or growth in man. The opposite idea is claimed as true by the logical fallacy of his syllogism. Nor would see, but to assist them in their exercise, and prior change, or growth in man. The oppothe master of science be especially anxious point out the bearing, relations and significant of the conscientious scruples of the conscientious scruples of the conscient of site idea is claimed as true, by theologians of on that point, because his prior method had nificance of phenomena when observed, we Catholics, and perhaps some others, who, what in like circumstances we should demand all religions, and, as I wish to express all assigned the lion among the carnivorous or have reached the period when religion can be although they are taxed to support these truth, I admit that in a certain sense there flesh eating animals. Or, suppose he should rational and reason religious. Religion, or schools, decline for this reason to send their is plausibility in the statement. The men of affirm, the trance is a spirit-induced condi- the status and development of the spiritual children there, and substitute therefor through to the bitter end we do not question; genius, the seers—the prophets of the ages— tion; therefore, John Smith is a spirit me- faculties, is as amenable to scientific methods private schools under their own special mana- but their practical wisdom as men and their the profoundly intuitional men, in their sea- dium, for he is entranced, how should we set- as is the culture of the perceptive and intelsons of deepest introspection, when the outward world and life have faded entirely from syllogism was imperfect, in that it did not af- longing as they do to the category of the in- Bible reading in our common schools. 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the usage press that the case of the usage press that the ual excellence and beauty, which are now the not entitled to claim mediumship of John ing arc of the circle of eternal destiny, and ties desire? Is it the destruction of our possibilities of human hope in its aspirations, Smith. This would be a valid objection to solve the mighty problem involving these common school system, and the distribution of and to be the glorious certainties of future the correctness of his argument, but it would exponents. And the fact that spiritualism the public school funds among private schools realization. As these sublime conceptions not prove John Smith not to be a medium, discards the supernatural, and affirms instead instituted by particular sects and so conducted have come careering over the field of con"very true," the captious logician will say, the natural, in other words the progressive, so, then far distant be the day that shall witsciousness like a vast panorama of revealing "I am not bound to prove a negative." Very growth, or unfolding of things, brings every ness their success. We should regard it as angels, the seer has mistakenly thought that true, we reply, you are not, but every lover thing within the scope of scientific analysis, one of the most serious disasters which could this opening and blossoming of his own na- of nature and truth wishes to know what as well as philosophic generalization. The happen to the country. If, on the other ture, in that hour of ideal transfiguration was caused the trance in Smith, Spirits, says one; perception of facts lies at the foundation of hand, these parties simply desire such a an illapse, a veritable unfolding of the Deity and some other agency asserts another. Can all genuine philosophy, as really as it does change in our common school system as will to himself; for, in that peculiar state of ab- they settle it by logic, or by a process of de- of true science. And whether those facts are have adopted in the construction of our civil stractedness, the subjective is easily, and in ductive reasoning? Never, the scientific powers or phenomena, makes no difference, polity, and if with a view to this end they jective. Thus, this idealism called God, becomes invested with the noblest attributes of human nature, and expanded by the imagination, and intensified in the lofty visions of the transparence of the truth. It is of the transparence as a human condition. 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Thus a standard state; and also what are the specific points of ken fancies for facts. But fancies are usual- one whose reading was in debate. They of excellence, beyond the actual condition of difference, if any, between the persons condihumanity at large, is presented and becomes tion under the different entrancing agencies. cealing, and therefore, disguising dress. ported by funds for whose creation they were 49-1y. an incentive to noble effort on the part of the Then, if we find distinct features of unlike- Should one visit a masquerade, and describe taxed. In our judgment, the objection would aspiring of the race. But this so-called charness pertaining to the several methods, the appearances as real, he would be dealing be well taken; and hence we are not able to acter of God, is simply and only human conquestion is settled, and argument is at an end. in fancies, and yet, beneath all those quaint

contrary to be true. The unfolding of the garded and an unreasoning fanaticism takes period of humanity, they were thought to be moniously settled, except by their mutual denounced as inferior, and fanatically com- lism have been compelled to leave the field,

WHO ARE SLAVES. They are slaves who dare not speak For the fallen and the weak: They are slaves who do not choose Hatred, scoffing, and abuse, Rather than in silence shrink From the truths they need must think They are slaves who dare not be In the right with two or three.

What is Spiritualism? NO. III. not meant an absolutely new mental creation. but a discovery of a new relatedness, or a phenomena, involving the exercise of mind, Persons may be justly entitled to lay claim necessarily presuppose a purpose in the mind jective, divine personality has been purely chimerical. Man had better listen to the local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the school—The medium is consulted rath-local powers are there, though of the scholar powers are the scholar power

divine is simply and only the unfolding of the place of rational culture. All religious miraculous, and were covered with the mask agreement to omit the reading of any version systems, thus far, have been opposed to the (fancy) of supernaturalism. In process of must come to this point, or continue the war-My readers will pardon me for digressing scientific methods, and it remains to be proved time, the growing, but immature, reason of fare, deciding the question in this locality and here, in order to suggest that the solution whether the great mass of spiritualists will humanitary, boyhood, became extremely dis- that according to the accidental preponderance of much that passes for spirit manifestation is to be found in this peculiar state to which we have adverted. Paul says he knew a man, result. And it might seem strange, did we proceeded with an Aristotelism manner, to answer and the political parties. caught up into the third heaven, but, wheth- not comprehend the philosophy, that those, nounce that the mask was a myth—"a false It places the Catholics and the Protestants er in the body or out, he did not know claiming to be most radical in the ranks, are creation proceeding from the heat-oppressed on precisely the same footing. It not only That is, he could not in that peculiar condi- the ones, who are most directly working to brain." Thereupon, commenced the war be- accords with the genius of our republican in tion, determine whether he heard or saw any- that result. Respecting ignorance in their tween rationalism and supernaturalism, which stitutions; but also exempts the public school state of subjective vision, or interior percep- stitute and work those methods by which the power the last two centuries. Neither has children of all classes. With it the Catholic tion. Such is still the condition of man. spiritual movement will be converted into as been fully defeated or compelled to leave the ought to be satisfied; and surely the Pro-He cannot determine, while in that peculiar souless a bigotry, as narrow a sect as ever field, yet the gain has been on the side of ra-minds is in a more unsatisfactory state, so beings and things ab extra, or with his own Having no knowledge of science themselves, and is to-day fighting its most successful would demand a like concession to his views. far as a definite solution is concerned, than subjective ideas and emotions. It is the they are filled with envious hate of those who battles there. The final result of all war is If, however, the Catholic programme be province of the logical consciousness or rea- have, and seek by all foul means to either peace, though secured in various ways. Some agitation, either for the purpose of breaking erably linked is it with the religious senti- son, to pass in review upon all these visions, drive them from the ranks, or kill their in- more than twenty years ago, commenced the up the common school system or for that of ment, that it partakes of all the crudities of and vigorously measure, classify and assign fluence in them. Let this be done, let but modern manifestations called Spiritual. The "veiled Isis" had appeared again. The of peace-offering, then we pronounce the promask was no longer a thing of story, but a gramme utterly insincere in its argument and derstood, is impossible without a personal or measuring is the dread of all superstition. is sealed. It is a lamentable fact, and fraught tangibility to the senses of all. And while just as objectionable in its end. To neither Deity—a father or mother God, who pity Because reason, or the logical consciousness with a telling significance, that so many of the more shallow rationalists shouted humbug, of these purposes would we yield for a mo-Deity—a father or mother God, who pity Because reason, or the logical consciousness with a telling significance, that so many of the more shallow rationalists shouted numbug, ment. The common school system ought to their children, and are "touched with a feel- is incapable of these trances and visions, it is the ablest and best expounders of spiritua- and the analogous class of supernaturalists be maintained "at all hazards," and against howled devil, another class, from both the all enemies. No sectarian affinities in any

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The action of the Board of Education Cincinnati in excluding the reading of the Bible from the common schools of that city, We have shown, that a new religion neces- tains elements and influences which may lead school, in which all are equally concerned

ican people.

It is well to observe that the question in debate is whether the reading of that version their differences in the former respect, if there new characteristic, or a new function, would of the scriptures that Protestants generally be any, on the basis upon which our political be a new idea; or, again, to discover that use, and which is known as King James' and civil system rests—a basis that will be certain effects flowed from entirely different version, shall be continued or discontinued in just to all and ought to give offense to the causes than had been previously assigned, which has been used when any has been read. Just to all and ought to give conscientious scruples of none. The Cathowould be a new idea. Let us see, then, if we Shall the use be suspended, or shall it be can find in this age a new idea respecting the pursued "at all hazards?" If the reading of the school question. If he will not do so, spiritual life of man, and also if it is the fun- of the Douay version were the question, then then he is shown to be hypocritical in the armortal, self-conscious personality; that the difference between God and his children, is not in essential nature, but degree, man pos-The question, however, being, of our common school system. 'Shall King James' version be read in our public schools?" then the objections come from Catholics, and perhaps, to some extent from those who are styled Rationalists and Free Thinkers. It is thus manifest that the American people, divided as they are in opinion and preference on the subject of religion, cannot agree with anything like unanimity the church, for disseminating religion among

ernment, and supported by public funds, sent here to be citizens, without bringing their which are collected by a general tax levied masses an opportunity for acquiring the ru-

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There is no peril to the cause of religion in this land, and none to the Bible, to arise from the adoption of the view we propose. The truth is, it is not religion or the Bible agencies, partly in the family and partly in The argument of the Catholic, and of and Protestants to employ these agencies, antagonists in respect to the common school. Neither should ask of the other what neither can conscientiously grant. Both should con-

religious antipathies into the domain of their citizenship. This will involve no sacrifice of principle and no jeopardy to religion, while it will most effectually promote the greatest good of the greatest number. Protestants will lose nothing by it, and Catholics lose nething to which they are justly entitled. The views presented in this article are the

natural and necessary sequence of the principles which the American people have adopted in the organization of civil government. They sults. We believe that it is best for the state and not look to the state for direction or supmental machinery for popular education which is styled a public school as it is any where of them. The honesty of those Protestants who propose to fight and vote this thing consistency as American citizens are by no means so clear to us. Bigotry, passion, and prejudice in Protestant minds are no better than the same qualities in Catholic minds.

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