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## Selected Poetry.

#### BEAUTIFUL STANZAS,

There is no heart but hath its inner anguish; There is no eye but hath by tears been wet; There is no voice but hath been heard to languish O'er hours of darkness it can ne'er førget

There is no cheek, however bright its roses But faded buds beneatn its hue are hid; No eye that in its dewy light reposes, But broken starbeams tremble 'neath its lid.

There is no lip, howe'er with laughter ringing, However light and gay its words may be But it hath trembled at some dark uprising Of stern affliction and deep mystery.

We are all brothers in this land of dreaming. Yet hands meet and eye to eye replies; Nor deem we that below a brow all beaming. The flower of life in wasted beauty lies.

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DENTON CRIDGE. CHAPTER IV.

In the northern part of Philadelphia, where the population is dense and the houses stand closely to the line of the side-walk, away from bless some portions of the Quaker city, stands young; "Mother Meredith," she is called, afa neatly finished edifice called by some the Vegetarian Church, by others, the Swedenborgian Vegetarian Church.

The ground surrounding the church has been dedicated to a grave-yard, and here lie the bodies of its members who have passed to the "farther shore." East and west, high brick walls of houses have pressed to the very verge of the burying ground ; like sentinels they stand, their long dark shadows keeping watch over the dead.

In summer, however, the perfumes of flowers, planted there by the hands of love, greet the pedestrian and attract the little children of the neighborhood, who press their noses against the iron gate, or climb the low wall and peep over the fence with admiring glances and exclamations at the nice flowers within, and beyond their reach.

Directly across the street is the residence of the minister. Plain and simple, both in its external appearance and internal arrangements, it corresponds with the limited circumstances of its occupant, who labors in another profession for his daily bread. During a period of nearly forty years he has been the regularly ordained minister of the Vegetarian Swedenborgian church, preaching twice ev-

ing opposite in his own house, which was bequeathed to him by a gentleman who was ral apprentices, and she promised to take will make a nice little Quaker preacher some made into the English language, and each sub- sions, then there are many "ionics," or conneither a member of his church or a believer one of us in five weeks. Thy seventy-five day." in vegetarianism, but a personal admirer of cents and mine will amount to \$7, 50, in that Mr. Meredith, who had formed an apprecia- time ; this, with what I can earn during thy ness, pervaded, however, by a vein of earnest- time of Edward VI there were two transla- are particularly attractive. Spiritualists, became affected, much as a subject would be tive estimate of his disinterestedness and phi- time of learning, will pay thy board until ness. lanthropy. Nearly half a century has rolled thee can earn something. I have inquired away in earnest, arduous endeavor, and now at several places about the price of board : we find him in the evening of his life, quietly Lucretia, Mrs. Carman's daughter, went resting on his oars. Fully appreciating all with me ; at last a lady with whom she is acconscientious thinkers and workers, however quainted agreed to board thee for \$2.00 different their views and measures from his per week." "Why, thee has been quite busy; this is own, conveying his opinions suggestively

we must tell mother about it."

could be together."

"Not yet, Jessie, let us see how we

kissed her brow, and said, "Dear girl, I wish

ter on the sofa, he continued, "What do they

intend to do? What is Jessie doing?"

rather than argumentatively, intelligent, cul- such a surprise, and a delightful surprise, that tivated and modest, he was greatly beloved by all who knew him. This sketch, however, would be very im-

succeed in obtaining work," perfect, did we leave out Christiana, his wife, who has, during all these years, stood bravely by his side and fought the great battle of A STORY FROM REAL LIFE! earnest, laboring life. No murmur if the lar-

der was poor ; Oh no ! but a stern, earnest WBITTEN FOR THE PRESENT AGE, BY ANNIE faith in their principles, and-as a means of their dissemination-a congregation and a church, were ever kept stedfastly in her mind. She is rather tall, well made, and healthy; quick, intelligent eyes, earnest voice ing in denunciation of wrong, kind, gene-

rous, and sympathetic, loved by old and and every child in the Sunday-school. How the chidren run to grasp her hand, and how kindly-how motherly she says, "Bless you, my child !" She is always ready, when ask- I could." Then sitting down with his daughed, to give counsel and advice; of that healthy, life-inspiring, practical kind which imparts refreshment and strength to the seek-

"She has been helping Rebecca Landon to er. In her were beautifully combined those do her house-work, father dear; and she apparently opposite qualities which, when looks so pale ! I know she works too hard. properly balanced, make completeness of char- Jane says she wishes her to learn gaiterbinding, and by-and-by they can all bind The letter which the minister was reading gaiters."

Just then Mrs. Carman entered the room. to his wife was from England. On finishing its perusal, he said, "Christiana, we must and hearing the word "gaiter-binding," said, try and find Mrs. Allston and her family. I "Yes, yes! I know what you are talking will either go or write to A ; it is not about ; I do pity that little pale face ; but far from here.'

"He speaks so highly of them, that we Jane is too slow, and that Jessie is too young; must try and find them, if possible ; one on- for my part I think both of them ought to be ly is a vegetarian ?"

opened the letter and said, "How nicely he think that is very good." speaks of her. 'Retiring, quite intellectual, and anxious to know and practice truth wher- | er ?" asked Lucretia, sadly.

ever it may be found.' Being a personal friend

The latter was said in Quakerish mirthful- VIII the will of God depended ! In the places, the Protestant two, neither of which raps were heard. I observed that Mr. Home

"Yes, yes," he continued, after a pause, 'I shall hear thee as beautifully earnest for Quakerism as thee is now in what ?" "No ISM" replied Jane, laughing. "There, there, Isaac," broke in Mrs. Car-

man, who had just entered the parlor : "thee thee can talk to her after that time, if thee

wants. "I'm only telling her. Martha, that she'll be a Quaker preacher some day, and she Sufficient of their conversation has been won't believe me," he said, rising. given to indicate their plans for independence "She,-no! For my part, I don't see why and bread ; let us leave them for the pres-

thee makes such a fuss over, her ; she has to work for ner nying, and she had better be content with that."

"Jane's sister has come, father," said Lucretia to Isaac Carman as he stepped into Isaac gave her a look so sorrowful, that the parlor, holding the hand of his daughter the good in her soul soon came uppermost ; whom he had met at the door. "I wish thee and with a pleasant smile she replied, "Oh, could see her, father; she is so beautiful !' well, Isaac, Jane is good, I know: and I Isaac smiled tenderly on his child as she said hope her talents will place her just where and manner ; stern in defence of right, scath- this. "Oh, such a sweet face and musical she should be. We will do all we can for voice !- her name is Jessie."

"Is this the sister that Jane loves so?" As Isaac left the room, he laid his hand "Yes, her only sister, father ; I wish thee on the shoulder of his wife, and said to her could help them do something, so that they very quietly as he looked into her beautiful blue eyes, "Thee is good, Martha ; don't let Isaac drew his daughter closely to him. care make thee appear to forget that good.'

> (To be Continued.) Reported by Loretta Mann, for the PRESENT AGE. Lecture by Thomas Gales Forster.

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I will invite your attention this morning to the xxv. chapter of Matthew, xLv1. verse. "And these shall go away into everlasting

nal." "Also: John XIV. 2d verse: "In my father's house are many mansions ; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

it is nonsense to talk about gaiter-binding ; at home; if too poor, then let them be con- the INDEPENDENT Theodore Tilton says, "If kinds are sustained and justified. If you from the legitimate results of acts against gin to move freely, and Mr. Home is himself in the pulpit." And the less intelligent have If authority for physical slavery Lev., 25th.

"Would thee think it good for me, moth- really grown to believe that a thought is Duties of slaves to masters, Eph., 3d, Collosworth but little, unless it comes from the sians 6. Titus 2d and the 1st, Epistle of

Mr. Carman turned to Lucretia, saying, mouth of a coffin. And many people always Peter. Flogging is sanctioned in Exodus all sorts of ideas bearing on the myth of the strong movements, was raised from the floor of the family, he knows them well; a dispo-sition to try Vegetarianism, may have indu-sition to try Vegetarianism, try Vegetarianis ced her to continue its practice. From his no common intellect ; she is fitted both by doctrines propagated to-day, and declared to These are some of the evils growing out of the present. We believe that love and gooddescription of the whole family, I am quite nature and education for better conditions," be legitimate truths? Here lies the funda- reading the Bible as the infallible rule of ness and wisdom are the manifestations of half illuminated state of the room enabled us "Come, supper is ready," said Mrs. Car- mental error of Christian teaching-a blind right. Spiritualists are charged with reject- God's character in matter and mind. man, who had been to the dining-room and reliance on the authority of the past. The ing the Bible. Not so. Spiritualists as a (Note :- Mr. Foster concluded with an "Yes, I believe we would; suppose you returned while Isaac spoke to his daughter; trinity doctrine is but a tangled mass of class believe more in the bible than before inspirational poem, which was impossible to any impediment from his path. He then ideas. If, at the Protestant reformation they were spiritualists, because they now per- correctly transcribe to paper. The above seated himself in the chair by the side of "Please don't talk about it at supper ta- reason was re-awakened, it was but to return ceive more of its spiritual truths. to grapple with creeds. But, you are all "But what has that to do with the text?" lecture. Should any of the dates in statis-"I won't," was Mrs. Carman's reply, as aware, that the latter effort turned out as I have not forgotten my text. I am warrant- tics prove to be incorrect, the reader will ancestors of many generations back, all anxshe gave her daughter a sweet, motherly badly as the former; for, though the Protest- ed in making these preliminary remarks. please attribute them to the reporter, and not ious to be understood, but strangers to that ant claimed the right of private judgment, There is plausibility in my assumption that to the speaker; as the former would be most mode of communication; his trance state be-Jessie was introduced. Isaac could not there is no firm adherence between faith and the present age is as well calculated to judge likely to be at fault.) L. M. conceal his appreciation of beauty. His mild reason, so that a man in the church, if he of the decrees of the Almighty Father, and From Human Nature. eye and that gleam of sunshine on his counte- cannot prove that he is right, will try to even better, in regard to this book, than the nance as he looked in Jessie's face, might not make himself feel that he is. Thus a writer minds of 1800 years ago. It is an error Mr. Home. have been in accordance with plain drab, or- has said Christianity has dwindled down to of many minds, that the words of every TO THE EDITOR : Dear Sir .- I have for thodox Quakerism ; but it was only moment- a burlesque, with horrid ideas of the future, language has an interchangeble equivalent in we find him at this moment in his little par- the door of the nursery, saying, "Oh, Jane! ary, and would scarcely have brought on him and a crazy infatuation." another. Linguists will tell you it is not so, It is difficult for them to tell what doctrines that in French there are words that cannot be of faith Jesus propagated. If asked "what expressed in any other. For example we have ally metaphysical, I was led away from my that she was not called Elizabeth after any "cognett" "boquet," "depot." Ask any early religious bearings, and restlessly passed friend or relative, but that circumstances at-After supper, Isaac invited Jane and Jes- is Christianity," very few will return the sie into the parlor. Very soon, as was his same answer. In Christendom it is answered French or German scholar if there is Jane was very soon half-way down stairs, custom whenever in conversation with Jane, by some arbitrary assumption, or an appeal to not an immense and incalculable loss of beau-Christmas present by an unknown friend. A and was met by Mrs. Carman leading the religious subjects were introduced. "I be- some text of scripture. Hence, Spiritualists ty and purity in translation. How many you card attached told all to be known-"The way to the nursery followed by Jessie, to lieve thee will become a Quaker," said Isaac are warranted in saying it is an exponent of hear regretting that they are not German cal and chemical forces, or that these were beth, after the mother of John, in the hope scholars, that they might the better apprecito Jane, in the course of conversation. "I individual fancy, whatever it may be. ate Goethe and Schiller. And is it unfair to Jesus did not write. His oral teaching suppose the same holds true in translations of should think thee smarter than thy sister day to see thee among our ministers, and to and spotless life gave a new spirit and feeling, Jane; I guess thee can hurry, and is real hear thee speak." This he said to her ear- but gave no new doctrines. During the earlier the Bible? smart about thy work. O, here is Jane !" nestly though smilingly ; and added, "Thee ages there were seven different sects of Chris-In the early centuries there were differences she continued, as she looked up; she can is so willing to be guided into all truth, Jane, tianity, likewise fifty acts of the Apostles, of opinion among the fathers in regard to the hurry too, I see, sometimes; walk into the that the light within thee will guide thee thirty-six Gospels and twelve Apocalypses. duration of punishment. It continued for Among these were the Acts of Andrew, the centuries, and I may say is not decided yet; must be Mind. The more I read and thought which she had entered. At this time Mr. "I think not, Isaac," Jane replied, blush- Gospel of Bartholomew, Acts of Paul, Gos- for those who take the Bible as their guide, upon the subject the more I saw it to be right Home leant forward and placed his elbows talk to Jane while she is sewing. I'll leave ing slightly, "I might, perhaps, have been pel of Paul, Precepts of Peter, Acts of differ as much among themselves as Spirituyou, so that you can talk, for I guess you led to the Quaker church as it existed in the Phillip, Revelations of Stephen, Gospel of alists do from them all. But they give each have plenty to talk about ; Jane has done time of George Fox and William Penn, but Thomas, and others, all of which were be- other the right to differ among themselves. time to Swedenborg's books, which did much and around it played a pale bluish light. nothing but listen for the door-bell, and look not to the Quakerism of to-day ; besides, I lieved to be divine by the early church. You These words are handed down to you by those to reduce my spiritual chaos to order, and then breathed forth one of the most sublime do not believe in sects and parties. I like must remember my friends, you had a church who believed in eternal punishment. Noth-The door closed and the sisters were alone. your idea of stillness; but if your speakers before you had a Bible. The canonical works ing is said by the translators of the opinions "Oh, I am so glad thee has come !" said are inspired by one and the same God, how were measured by a feeling already adopted, of the opposite side. Some few honest comis it that Lucretia Mott can say that in- and a number of works were thus tried and mentators have merely mentioned them. The could not realise such as positive knowledge, er spoken to him of any personal friend or spiration now and that of eighteen hundred rejected; and some that had been rejected word translated for eternal punishment is until Spiritualism came to my aid. My moth- circumstance. They could not therefore avoid years ago is the same : and then another, un- were restored again. All we have to-day ione. The meaning of ione does not convey er then "passed away," and while doing so the conviction that they were in direct com-"She has had two very severe attacks of der the same inspiration, arise immediately was the compilation of the early fathers. Then a possibility of meaning eternal punishment. (although in body two hundred miles distant,) munication with the glorified spirit of their visited me. Henceforward, as above stated, mother. head-ache; the Doctor had to be sent for the afterwards and say the very opposite? Here the New Testament was compiled. The book It conveys an entirely opposite meaning. Ione I lost no opportunity afforded me to sift the last time; he gave her some very strong is a contradiction, and either gives the lie of Revelations was not added till the year is one of those words in the Greek language that it is impossible to express in another. It merism well prepared me for such study. These are facts given by ecclesiastical his- is this: that it is a condition that receives "Very probably; yet both say, "I am is told that he has the Bible for his guide, he "ione" of a pear tree or a plum tree may that, after about three years' fruitless inquiry I sent for four individuals to be present. At will very naturally ask "WHAT Bible ?" Is both be full and perfect of themselves and as to positive results, I was blessed by many 10.50 we went into the drawing-room, and "No matter," said Isaac, "one is mistaken; it King James' Bible, in present use among different from each other. There may be the rare opportunities granted me for examina- by the time we were seated eleven o'clock intellect and inspiration must go together." Protestants, of sixty-six books, or the Catho- "ione" of infancy, childhood, and manhood, tion. The only difficulty remaining was a was striking. The manifestations at once "May not both be mistaken? May not lie Bible, of seventy-six books. Is it Luther's each one perfect in and of itself. Does that "May not both be mistaken? May not lic Bible, of seventy-six books. Is it Luther's each one perfect in and of itself. Does that those differences of opinion come from their Bible with the epistle of James and Reve- sound like eternal? The "ionice" suffering For many years I had desired to see Mr er six days in the week, sometimes from eight no replies. I will give thee my plan : I own spirit? May not their own spirit? The lations rejected? Or the Samaritan's Bible would be in proportion to the offence that Home, and to be the witness of the strange and the table strongly moved. Mr. Home, in the morning until ten at night, kindly and have become acquainted with a Mary Par- stillness of Quaker meeting be thus led to of the five books of Moses? Or the Jewish created the suffering. So with the "ione" of I manifestations I had so often read about, but saw an individual walk across the room. I frequently declining liberal offers of fixed sal-aries as a school-teacher and of pastorships well. Now I think if we had a little money is the seems to do the sould the privilege of having that remarkable hands; four individuals were similarly treated. aries as a school-teacher and of pastorships well. Now, I think, if we had a little money spirit when free from this physical form will, are so many, that the mind must first deterof wealthy and liberal congregations; but ahead, thee might learn gaiter binding; then in another world, have the power to know the mine what Bible is meant. one. For instance the Greek word "bap. tory of his residence with me that I now ly before from a music shop, was held by Mr. through all his trials he remained constant to we could take two rooms, have mother with us thoughts of others-have the power to return Again there are numberless translations. tidzo." Some contended that it meant to write, and I purpose doing so chiefly because Home in one hand, the other hand being on his principles-vegetarianism and a true min-and we might all bind gaiters. We would here to this earth and become guardian an-There are some few even in the present en-sprinkle, and some to pour, others to plunge, it bears considerably upon the question of the the table, when music of the highest order have, I think, more time for study; we gels; if they will then perceive all truth, as lightened age who think it is verbatim et al the preceive all truth, as lightened age who think it is verbatim et al. I arranged for Mr. Home to give readings distance, then it would swell and come near. His efforts have eventually been crowned would be together and independent, and thee, many believe; may not some of these pow- literatim, the expressed will of God as it they Anglicised the word, Why not Angli- in Clifton, and on the 13th of September he The alphabet was called for, and the sentence with success, through all pecuniary perplexi- Jessie, would regain thy health, while moth- ers, by the cultivation of our spiritual na- came from Divinity himself. In the year cise "ione" in reference to its origin? If came to reside with me. He was then totally given-"We are waiting to welcome you to 1200 was the first French translation of the they had, they would not now have to bear ignorant of all connected with me and my re- our"-as the last letter was rendered, the inkept before him the great object of his life ; all together. What does thee think of my "I think not ; I think such powers are es- Old and New Testaments. In the same year the gloom, and such a pall of mental night as lations. pecial gifts from our Heavenly Father. I was a Spanish translation; 1472 an Italian the doctrine of eternal punishment has thrown about eighty to one hundred members (many "It looks excellent, if we could only obtain think there is a little skepticism in thy mind, translation; in 1382 Wickliffe's, the English over them. It would then have accorded acter, which would have told strangely upon you to our sweet home." The instrument of whom are wealthy,) and the minister liv- the work to do, but where could I learn ?" but I don't fear it; for I know, Jane, that translator; Luther's, in 1532. During the with the second text. "In my father's house material thinkers. At the second seance

"I have been to see a lady who has seve- thee only asks for and seeks the truth. Thee reign of Henry VIII, there were a number are many mansions, etc." If many man- there were four persons present besides Mr Home. We had been sitting but a few minmitted to him; and on the will of Henry ditions. The Catholic is teaching three utes when heavy pulsations were felt in the

time of Elizabeth there were other trans- there are many; and that they are "ionic" pupils were locked backwards, and the whole lations, and as with Henry VIII so with conditions-determined by men and women other rulers, they constituted the deciding themselves. They teach, as did Jesus, that unconsciousness. Shortly, as it some invisipower. In sixteen hundred and seven man is not arbitrarily punished, but that there which had fallen backwards, slowly began to James was dissatisfied with the compilations are laws co-existent with Deity that express take its proper position, and the muscles of of his predecessors as to the rule of heaven, His presence, power and attributes; that suf- the face to lose their passive and lifeless apbetter let Jane attend to her sewing, for she and he appointed fifty-four bishops of the fering is the natural effect of their violation. won't do one stitch after eight o'clock; so Church of England to revise it, forty-seven Man inflicts his own punishment by perform. round the room in conversation with beings met, and in sixteen hundred and ten, pro- ing the deed, and from it there is no escape. invisible to us. His eyes were completely duced the Bible now in use in America; but This is in accordance with the teachings of sealed from physical light, yet he walked, as not the one the Puritan Fathers brought. Jesus. You may ask the best Greek scholar if by sight, into the next room, removing ob-They brought Calvin's translation. Two hun-in Philadelphia if I have not given the true with individuals; he returned and came to

dred and eighty-two years before Christ, a version of the word "ione." All clergymen me, laying his hands on my shoulder; then body of seventy-two assembled at Alexandria ought to know it and preach what they know. began a conversation with my father, mother. for the purpose of translating the Hebrew of Men would not then have such fearful ideas brothers, uncle and aunts, long since passed the Old Testament into the Greek language. of God. Spiritualists are the advocates of away, while their names and individualities It was then in use among all the intelligent eople of the world. Thus through the liberality of pagan rule the closed up litera-

ture of Judea was opened to the world. In praved they are called infidels. many respects it was an improvement on Polytheism. Thus, little Judea, a fragment of Syria changed materially the religious ele- not, they ought to be. Yet, there are some idiom was so completely rendered that I could ment. In the middle of the fourth century, Spiritualists who will go sighing and moping. not doubt of her presence. Mr. Home's at-St. Jerome translated the Old and New Testament into Latin-called Vulgate, which atom is impelled, propelled and inspired by man doing here? His name is Hunter"-(the is now held by Catholics as canonical. Now, you see I am not so far wrong in de-claring that the fundamental error of the grim monster, standing ready to grasp God's vid Beattie." I then thought of a brother Christian world is its blind reliance on the children. No wonder they sigh. Spiritu-age; but I found afterwards, from the appast, I believe that the disposition and de- alism teaches that death is the pale angel of pearance so minutely described, that it was termination to make the Bible the rule of a father's love, hovering along the paths of an uncle, who passed away at ninety years of right and guidance has done much harm to earth to gather the roses and transfer them age. Mr. H. then went to a young man presthe world. Under this influence men in the to heaven. The idea of Spiritualism is based ent, weakly in his health, and prescribed for

past, through the example of the Israelites on "ionice" conditions. Your system of faith brother] "has much to say to you, but we murdered thousands. Through its teaching is alleged to have a demoralizing influence on cannot keep Dan longer now." twelve men in the glorious state of Pennsyl- men and women. I feel assured that of all Home) then sat down and said-"Don't tell ounishment : but the righteous into life eter- vania, think they have a right to murder one systems of ethics none show more rectitude. Dan what he has done." He shortly passed of God's children. Under its influence mill- Not only are they inspired by the thought ions were murdered in Mexico in time past. that the best beloved who have gone before trance state it was most strange. The head Under the same influence the Puritan fathers are near to soothe, but the general proposi- slowly moves forward and gives signs of remurdered the Indians, and even the Quakers tion, that no such thing as forgiveness can turning consciousness; the eyes begin to Our good friend, Fish, said on Friday, that who had committed no offence except to come between cause and effect, must have a come forward and the pupils reach the centre, Our good friend, Fish, said on Friday, that who had committed no offence except to come between cause and effect, must have a ship- and then remain fixed on vacancy; at this printualists were a light-hearted people and preach a better doctrine than their own. By direct influence for good. It must be a slip- moment, when his own self seems laboring fond of amusement, I thank God for it. In it, to-day, mental and physical slavery of all pery code, indeed, that teaches an escape for possession, it is a relief when the eyes be

"Yes, one-Jane; but all of them are fa- tented as they are; Jane has seventy-five anything would render religion unlovely in want authority for the persecution of your neighbors. A man or woman who attacks again. vorable to the idea. Here the minister re- cents a week, her board and washing; I the eyes of the world, it is the sanctity used nearest and best friend, read Deut., 13th. the character, of another is sitting in the studio of the divine artist for his or her own daguerreotype.

tions, one of which was ruled out. In the following the example of Jesus, teach that when passing into a mesmeric trance; the man seemed for a time in a state of complete unconsciousness. Shortly, as if some invisipearance, and to assume a most sweet expression; then rising from his seat, he walked God and man. For daring to assert that was given, but I did not know that such a God is better than they have represented relative had ever lived. Him to be, and that man is not totally de- with my mother that I had long forgotten was mentioned; her manner of sitting, and "trot-They are right when they say that Spiritu-isad; her very mode of expressing endearment alists are a light-hearted people. If they are was significantly her own; and her whole They must learn that God is love, and every er approaching, when he said, "What is this Infinite love, and that future "iones" awaiteth brother of a lady present who passed away who passed away when about fifty years of into a similar state as when passing into the trance. To those who had never seen the

A seance took place at Miss Jones', on

September 21st, when eight persons were present. They had been seated at the table but a short time when the room began to pul-We see at once that Spiritualists ignore sate and shake ; the table, a large one, after pale light playing over his face, which the to see clearly. His eyes were closed, yet he walked round the room placing his hand on the head of each as he passed, and removing are the leading ideas of a most interesting lacture. Should any of the dates in static difficulty in communicating; for they were surrounded by such a number of friends and ing much the same to them as it would be to us to see a person for the first time in a faint. Then their brother William was near, whom Spirit Manifestations at Clifton through he represented to us by certain peculiarities of manner and address, which were exactly characteristic of him and known only to themselves, for he had passed away twenty years many years made it a duty to carefully em- ago. Their mother wished to communicate brace every opportunity for the study of spir- with them, and turning to Elizabeth reminded itual manifestations. My mind being natur- her how she [her mother] had before told her through every phase of thought peculiar to a tending her birth had caused her mother great freethinking mind, and found no resting place. mental suffering, from which she had been Refusing to believe fully that the universe relieved by the promises of holy writ; which was nothing more than the play of mechani- likewise induced her mother to call her Elizaonly one unintelligent force moving through that her life might be holy and blameless as all things, exhausting all conditions, yet it- her's had been. She then spoke of her long self unspent, unsatisfied, I still kept groping illness, great weariness, constant yearning for after something that would convince me that rest, their watchful care and love, to which the infinite universe must have an intelligent she had always responded, though to them it Creator and Governor. At that time I was had sometimes been obscured by the suffering led to think that if there was but one force and weariness that had worn her frame away, moving behind all phenomena and eluding all She then reminded them that she had passed analysis, the real and only type of that force away in her sleep, and spoke of the rest into that causation must be pushed from nature, upon the table, and clasping his hands togethand, as I thought, must be delegated to the er, he seemed to be transfigured, his face bespiritual plane. I was introduced about this coming indescribably beautiful, while upon teach me the difference between spiritual and prayers they had ever heard uttered, and Mr. natural existence; yet all seemed to me mere- H. returned to a state of consciousness. ly pleasing hypothesis. On careful inward They had seen Mr. Home for the first time examination, I found my mind did not and but a few days previous to this, and had nev-October 4th .- About eight o'clock, while phenomena. My long acquaintance with mes- myself, Mrs. Beattie, and Mr. Home were sitting, writing, and chatting, raps were free-I am not here going to give a history of ly heard. The alphabet being called for, the time to be able to do, but simply to state must sit to-night, but not until eleven o'clock. desire for more evidence as to the identity of began [in fact, Mr. Home seemed in a state of semi-trance from the time the intimation strument began to play "Sweet Home" in

ery Sunday to his little flock, but receiving for his labors, no pecuniary recompense. The gospel ministry, he believed, should be "without money and without price ;" freely ye have received, freely give.'

The minister now an old man, has devoted his life to the inculcation of his religious principles. One fundamental principle-or, perhaps I should say THE fundamental principle, is Vegetarianism. In every other respect, it is essentially Swedenborgian. Indeed it is claimed by the members of this church, that Swedenborg was a vegetarian, both in principle Jessie to Philadelphia. Jane plied her neeand practice, and that vegetarianism was a dle, occasionally looking from the window and constituent part of his religious system.

preciate the minister, let us describe him as lor reading a letter to his companion, Chris- thy sister Jessie has come, and what a little tiana, who has been his faithful helpmeet, beauty she is !" What sweet curls ! and O, philanthropically and otherwise, during half a how sweetly she asked for thee ! I love her, century. His favorite seat is a black hair- I do." cloth rocking-chair, which was sent him as a minister's Chair."

He has been out visiting patients ; for he believes that the duties of the Christian ministry are naturally co-incident with those of the medical profession, spirit and body being more or less dependent on each other, and that bodily health and purity constitute the "good ground" wherein the seeds of Eternal truths may freely ripen.

Here he rests, then, in the "Minister's chair." He's rather spare in form, somewhat above medium height; his mild blue eyes and every feature of his face, as well as his voice, are all outward indexes of the peace, kindness and benevolence that reign within.

He had received a good classical education in his native country-England, and when a young man, became convinced, after careful investigation, that it was "unscriptural, physically wrong, and hence religiously wrong to eat the flesh of animals." He was regularly ordained a minister of the Swedenborgian Vegetarian church in England, and some gation, came to Philadelphia, where he sup- since then she has not suffered, but I know ported his family by teaching school, at the her health is greatly injured." same time performing his ministerial duties by preaching on Sundays; his school-room, sie; I have a plan." which was also the church, being heated and lighted at his own expense.

And so for twenty years he labored as a teachistry.

and now we find a well-built brick church, scheme, Jessie ?"

sure we shall be benefitted by their acquaintance."

> take the stage and go to A---- to-morrow ?" "Suppose we both go?" said the doctor. This plan was decided on, and the next day the minister and his wife were in the stage as it rolled along on its way to A----

The day had at last come that was to bring listening attentively for the ring of the bell That we may properly understand and ap- that would assure her of Jessie's arrival. About evening, Lucretia Carman opened

whom she was saying :

"Why, thee is a nice little thing; I feel distinctly that thee will; I hope one nursery; let me take thy bonnet; why thee among us." has pretty hair; now sit in this chair and

from the window all day."

Jane.

"And I'm so glad to be here"

"Tell me about mother; how is her health ?" medicine, for he said she could not live twen- to your idea of direct inspiration, or that 565. years afterwards, with several of his congre- ty-four hours unless the pain was stopped ; they are not moved by the same spirit." "Poor mother ! we must be together, Jes-

"Has thee tried for any more situations advertised in the Ledger ?"

"I answered two by writing, but received

ties, through all trials and difficulties, he has er would be well and happy, if we could be ture, be developed here ?"

"go and call Jane and her sister."

ble," whispered Lucretia to her mother. smile.

a rebuke, had it been set forth against him at a Quarterly Meeting.

moved to speak thus and so. '

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SALUTATORY Dear readers of the PRESENT AGE, We give you kindiy greeting, And trust in spirit we may have, Many a pleasant meeting.

The hand of fate has led us out, Into this new field of duty, And we shall try to make it bright, With gems of living beauty.

The work is new and strange to us, And not of our own choosing, But when our angel guides say go, We think not of refusing.

And if the thoughts the angels bring Can make the paper brighter, Can strengthen one faint weary soul, Or make one sad heart lighter

If they can give one ray of hope To make the rugged way more smooth, The chilling blast seem warmer: To cheer the true refe

If they can take the thorns away, And scatter flowers and mosses; And give the weary spirit strength, To bear life's heavy crosses;

Then jeyously we will take 'th place For which fate has designed us; And with willing hands perform the task, That angels have assigned us.

We will work for every true reform That agitates the nation For temperance, woman suffrage, And equal compensati

We work to destroy menopolies That absorb the poor man's gains, That coines his warm blood into gold, And lives on his heart and brains

Thus with good-will to all and malice to none. We trust that our work may be faithfully done, That no harsh reproof or cold stinging word From our beautiful paper may ever be heard. And we hope that no thought that we may indite Will make the PRESENT ACE less useful and bright We promise while with you to do our best, To make the AGE an ever welcome guest From North to South, from East to West

NETTIE M. PRASE.

Diversity of Mind but Unity in Effort.

When we announced last week the names of our associate and corresponding editors, we said each would give full and free expression to their own views. That our readers may know the authorship of articles, which will from time to time appear in the editorial columns, the initials of associate and corresponding editors, will be attached.

It may be thought without reflection by some, that under this plan, with the variety of mind, as manifest in the varied and marked individualities of those whom we have called to our aid, that the readers of the PRESENT

AGE, may be served each week with a medley

Mrs. Love M. Willis, will express in different be seperate and distinct. Whereupon the other contributors. Our offer holds good to language, and resort from necessity, to differ- Chicago Tribune takes brother Tilton to task, the children for a photograph of Mrs. W. to ent argumentation, yet all will aim to reach and stoutly contends that it is the civil con- every one who sends one dollar, and a new

tract alone that constitutes Christian mar- subscriber for six months. We shall do all the same result. We care not what the object may be upon riage; also that Christ specified the only ac- we can for the children, but we advise all to which shall be first concentrated the united tion which, on moral grounds, renders this send for the LYCEUM BANNER. Every Spirituefforts of Spiritualists. Let it be a Univer- contract void. The Tribune further remarks alist who has a family of children, and does sity, or Industrial schools, Unitary homes, or that Mr. Tilton, may as well abandon Chris- not take this semi Monthly Magazine, is negan Industrial Institution, to which our worn tianity at once, and raise the banner of Four-lecting an important duty in that direction. out mediums and speakers may retire from ierism, for that is where his position will at Send one dollar and get it, or get a new subtheir more public labors and yet be useful to last drive him. When it is assumed, that scriber for the AGE, and send us \$2,50 and

themselves and others; whatever it may be, God's law as announced in the soul, may bewe will send both papers for a year. let us do something, not for the sake of Jesus, come the action of resistance to legal re-

men, is at an end.

strictions, the rightful authority of both church and state, in controlling the action of

# Meetings in Kalamazoo.

Miss NETTIE M. PEASE, was last Sunday,

The last Sunday of December, A. B French addressed large and intelligent audi-The Tribune's view regarding what constiences, morning and evening. This able and tutes Christian marriage may be correct, but eloquent exponent of our Philosophy has won Mr. Tilton is one of a large class who pro- the good feelings of all who have listened to pose to make similar innovations on the Chrishim the several Sundays he has lectured in Kalamazoo.

tian era, that Jesus did on the age of Moses. Woman Suffrage, Woman's wages, woman's

Shall we have a Camp Meeting.

but for the sake of humanity. Let us mani-

fest by our deeds as well as words that we

mean a moiety at least of what we profess.

In this direction we have a great educational

work among Spiritualists; we would if pos-

sible, incite to more devotedness and willing-

ness to sacrifice for the furtherance of our

cause, which is the cause of all mankind.

will impart that divinity to marriage, which ly greeted by a large audience, morning and It has been suggested that during the enhas been so long professed, but never realized. evening. She will lecture again next Sunday suing year, there be held at some central and The Catholic World is right when it says, at the usual hours, and also each of the Sunconvenient place in Michigan, a State Camp that this modern Woman's Right's movement days of January. Meeting, which shall be not only a meeting is "another chicken of an extensive brood for the Spiritualists of the state, but also a hatched by modern Spiritualism." We plead Lyceum Convention, to which all the Lyceums guilty to the charge, and shall yet be proud in the state should be invited to send repreto claim the merit. sentatives, Leaders and scholars. Well, the late affair about which we set out

We see no reason why this proposition may not be followed up, at least by a discussion o The manner in which Beecher and Colfax its propriety, and practical suggestions be elicited as to the time and place of holding public curiosity. Every body will read the day. such a meeting. We favor the proposition. about it, and a few will reflect, until they are and suggest that it be held in connection with prepared to take more advanced ground, and the Semi-Annual meetingof the State Assoperhaps concede that justice equally demands.

ciation. the defense of "domestic honor" in the per-We notice the Methodist are agitating the sons of helpless women, as of drunken men. subject, and we believe have decided to hold a State Camp Meeting. Why should not the Spiritualists? Such a gathering may be made a season of pleasure and profit. These gatherings have been customary for some

to some extent, being agitated in this State, years in Massachusetts, and we see no reason why Michigan, with its thousands of Spiritualists should not have such a meeting. Kala- as long as there is the shadow of hope of a mazoo and Jackson, are no doubt, the best return to their favorite Mosaic law, instead of Railroad contres of the state, but any point that recommended and practiced by Jesus. on the central road between the two places We have written to Hon. G. W. Peck, for a named, would be convenient and accessable copy of his report made, while Secretary of

Some of the advantages over a meeting, such as we usually hold, are : 1st, The burden imposed upon the Spiritualists of any lo cality where & Convention is held, and where they are expected to care for those who attend will thus be avoided. All who desire to

attend, can provide their own provision, and by making a small tent can live without the system out of existence. expenditure of a dollar, except to pay Railroad fare. And even this may be avoided by all within fifty or even one hundred miles, who have their own conveyances.

from all directions.

2d. Thousands would go to such a meeting merely from curiosity, who would never hear a lecture or attend a meeting under any other circumstances. They would thus be brought where they could listen, perhaps for the first time, to the teachings of Spiritualism, and be brought under its saving influence. We do t mean, to be saved from hell, but be saved. as the gallows. Nor is the humanity of the death penalty the only consideration which may be urged against it. Its effect upon the community can be but to familiarize the people with bloodshed, and to lessen, in their estimation, the value of human life rather than from the fear of it, for "fear hath terment." The board of Trustees of the State Association are to meet at the Editorial rooms of the PRESENT AGE, Tuesday January 11th, and increase it." we suggest this subject for their consideration, and ask the Spiritualists of the state to As I sat last night, in the soft moonlight, express their views in relation thereto. The Sweet slumber closed my eyes, And my spirit free floated out to see whole could be placed under the direction of The beauties of dream-land skies. the Officers of the State Association, who, I rose as air on the wings of prayer, could no doubt arrange for a good boarding And my spirit broke the chain, That bound it here to this earthly sphere, house or tent on the ground, to supply the This world of toil and pain. wants of those who might prefer it to the I thought I stood near a leafy wood. plan proposed of carrying their own pro-On an old rock worn and gray, On its sides were seen the mosses green. visions. Kissed by the light of day. We call attention to the subject thus early, And over me like a royal canopy, to afford opportunity for obtaining expres-Was a sky of cloudless blue, sions pro or con, and to give ample time for And angels bright from the realms of light, consideration and preparation.

One Year behind time. At least our foreman made us so to appear in our last issue, by the date on first page.

W.

education, are problems which, when settled the first after her return to the state, cordial-

We should be very sorry to have the PRESENT to say something, is not without a moral. Age, really so far behind the time, professing as it does, to keep at least fully abreast Year ! have become connected with it, increases the with all the great reformatory movements of

We think we have made some progress since January 1st, 1869. To decide this affirmatively, our readers will only have to take the number for January 1st, 1869, and compare with same date of the present year.

## Capital Punishment.

The question of Capital Punishment is yet

and probably will be, by a dissatisfied clergy,

this State, devoted entirely to this subject. We shall continue to oppose the death penalty, so long as we live, publicly and privately, and while we believe there is little if any danger of its restoration, yet we remember that other States are watching us to ascertain the workings of our law, therefore we will agitate until we have battled this murderous

In the meantime we are glad to find the following in an exchange, which purports to give the language of the newly elected Judge (Brown) of this District :

"SILVER SPRAY."

"The object of the punishment is three fold: first and primary, to reform the offender; second, to deter others from the commission of crime; and, third, to deprive the offender of the power to prey upon socie-ty. It can hardly be said that the death penalty tends to reform the person upon whom it is inflicted. Other modes of punishment may be sufficiently se vere to deter parties from the commission of almost any offense, could they be sure of their apprehension and conviction. If it is necessary for the protection of society to deprive the criminal of his liberty, it oc-

All the facts by seers foretold, would have been in the bosom of any other asy be quite as effectual is an ordinary task, but he who attacks old All the good of New and Old. E. L. W. church. And if these lines should fall under opinions, creeds and customs on the one the eye of my old professor Dr. Jesse T. hand, while he seeks on the other to arrest For the Present Age. Peck, whom yet I shrine in my heart of being within the apartment that contains the the impetuous tide of public sentiment, and Am I Right? hearts, as one of the best of men and teachturn it into broader and freer channels, has a I thought as I sat on the platform of the ers, I would like to ask him how he stands the building. This, when important demonwork that requires the most unremitting energy. Such is peculiarly the work of Spirit- Cleveland woman suffrage Convention, how on this question of "equal rights," irrespecmany religious sects were working together tive of sex and color. In his incomparable ualists, and to it we should bring our undiviharmoniously, all pet creeds for the time ig- school (T. C. A.) girls and boys were added attention. In our present disintegrated state, we are obliged to battle almost single nored, and only the one idea of equal free- mitted-the same course of study prescribed handed and alone, with a world in arms, and dom for all elaborated and urged for conside- for each-the same discipline administeredyet the victories we have won, and triumphs ration. Every year finds the barriers between the same incentives to exertion urged upon our cause has gained within the past twenty different churches, less high and insurmounta- both sexes. The chapel school to the eloyears, is without parallel in the history of ble. The paper wall between old and new quence of boys and girls alike, and I do not school Presbyterians has been taken down, remember of ever hearing a syllable from his the world. Having watched this progress with the the divorced parties are reunited, and the lips that did not apply with equal force to most earnest solicitude, and with firm faith world rejoices over their nuptials. People both. His training spoiled me, and ever afin and for the future. I feel it not less a are caring more for the spirit than the letter ter the two "distinct spheres" of men and duty than a pleasure to communicate with of the law, hence they are less restricted in women were terribly tangled, and for the life those who share in common with me the opinion, and more enlarged in human sympa- of me I cannot tell where one begins and the same aspirations and hopes. My regret is thy and charity. Jesus sternly rebuked the other ends, so overlapped and intermingled that the toils of the library, and causes at- pharisees for their overweening anxiety over are they. Cannot tell did I say? Ah! but tending a course of legal study, will occupy their formulas, and accused them vehement- I can tell to my sorrow! Yale College told so much of my time and thought, that I can ly of "devouring widow's houses the while me, when it took my gentlemen class-mates only devote an occasional hour to the readers they made long prayers;" or of "paying and feasted them sumptuously while it refused of the PRESENT AGE. I shall look forward, tithe of mint, anise and cummin, while omit- me the crumbs even that fell from their tahowever, to these as the traveller on the ting the weightier matters of the law, judge- bles! Public opinion told me, when I venbleak wastes of the desert does to the palm- ment, mercy and faith." tured to say I wished I might study theology, Unconsciously perhaps, we are under the and preach. The Board of Education told shaded oasis in the distance. The continually increasing influence and same condemnation of those phylactered Jews. me, when in their seminaries and public prosperity of the PRESENT AGE commends it We boasted of our free institutions, made schools I was paid as women are paid and not still more forcibly and earnestly, to those de- parade over our republican government, and as men! And myriad voices, treble and bass sirous of disseminating reformatory and pro- were vain of our religious tolerance, but the tell me to-day, as I stand up firmly for the gressive ideas; and the worthy and able late civil war woke us from that delusion. rights and privileges so long monopolized by corps of editors and contributors that it has and showed us without a mist between, what men. Do I not know, both from experience gathered around it, inspires me with no ordi- "whited sepulchers" we were! We could and observation where these "diverse spheres" nary pride, that I am enabled to associate not drown in our hosannas of praise, the begin and end? Does not every thoughtful myself with those whose talents I cannot wails and pleadings of the slaves. The ear honest woman knew; do not the laws of her hope to reach, and yet whose genius I would of a compassionate God heard the discor- own state tell her? Do not the avenues of dant sounds, and He demanded the sacrifice labor closed against her, with few exceptions gladly emulate. It is sometimes customary in appearing be- of our first born as an atonement for such in- tell her? Do not the different profession fore the public in a new attitude, to make a justice. And this chastisement was not keep their honors out of her reach ! Turn any planations, so as, if possible, to convince of declaration of those motives and principles that severe enough-still are we a nation of pre- way she pleases, limitations hedge her inshall govern future action. To this end we tenders-still our vaunted star-spangled ban- does she need any more proof of her inferior can say but little: we have no fresh issues to ner waves over a people half slaves, still is, position? And if she steps out into the bring before the public. We believe in the "sweet land of liberty" a mockery and mis- great world of thought and action, she does they fit themselves artificially to be. Thus, so at her peril. broadest, deepest, and truest reform compati- nomer. ble with the present state of society. We Punishment awaits us in a different quarwould advocate Woman's rights, Man's rights, | ter. Our boys are not the ones now to be and Children's rights, and above all, human immolated. Says the statistics, "crime in- sex, which wear its crowns! And yet right they enter the atmosphere preparatory to and equal rights-we believe in woman's po- creases faster among women than among there, a queen peerless as Harriet Beecher their work, and thus constitute themselves litical and social independence as well as men!" Our girls and women are the suffer-Stowe, is a disfranchised woman, pleading magnets, as before said, to that grade of ele-ments. A spirit must wear a heavy garment man's, and we just as firmly believe in ers. Suicide, infanticide, prostitution and unselfishly for freedom for the slave and jus- of these elements, one in which a force exists the dependencies of each upon the other, drunkenness are the legitimate results of the tice for the master, the while she herself is a attractive to its like, through which the will for the broadest culture and happiness of all. workings of society toward its women. We accept all phases of Spiritualism for what While the population is denser, while marri- master by virtue of her own genius! But of its like, or nothing can be accomplished we conceive to be the real worth of each, and ages are proportionately fewer and later. Mrs. Stowe the Moralist, and Mrs. Stowe regard fraud, deception, fanaticism, lunacy, while machinery supersedes manual labor in personal ambition, and selfish schemes for in- a great measure, but a few more avenues of ple! "A woman to profane herself by rounding elements. such strictures !" Ah, Mrs. Stowe has dividual aggrandizement not less tolerable in honest labor have been opened to the increasrun against the sides of her cage, and so. one place than another. We shall write as ing number of unemployed women. Hence we feel-speak as we think-criticise or en- in every city and village there is a "Bridge ciety pricks her through the bars! Men may criticize and expose the actions of men and N. M. P. dorse the sentiments and views of others as of Sighs" in whose gloomy arches stand our deepest intuitions shall dictate. We women-Lola Montez, Adah, Isaac Menken "Legions of unfortunates and other world-renowned Aspasias, but let a have no friends that we shall especially aim Weary of breath"to please, or enemies that we desire to pun- The more favored women hear the cry of their woman touch the world's idol, if it be a man, ish. "There is room in the world for all half-starved, half-paid homeless sisters, and and dirges toll where paeans rung! Brother Tilton in the Independent, is one vise every week, as we had hoped, our chil- that is in it," and with the earnest wish that they send the answer back. "We are work- I wish I could find one exception to the we may aid, in some small degree, in inaugu- ing to help you! Be patient and hopeful, rules laid down for women. I wish society We do not want the children however, to rating the religion of the future, I make my for the day of your redemption draws nigh !" would consider its component parts alike, as ized and finely attuned instrument which an- riage is not above a civil contract, that in the understand that they will be entirely neg- bow to the readers of the PRESENT AGE, as- Justice is not winged-it crawls. Give if conscious that the one-half men and onegels delight to use, the ever charitable and absence of a union of souls and sympathies, lected in the columns of the PRESENT AGE. suming the responsibilities of the position so women choice of vocation has been their de- half women made up the integer, and any affectionate Mrs. Horton, and the eloquent no legal ceremony can make one and indis- Mrs. Watson will write as health, and domestic generously assigned me, and await their mand for twenty years! It is the demand of lessening the intrinsic value of one fraction, A. B. FRENCH. levery philanthropic heart, for in choice of lessens the value of the unit. M. M. C.

#### The Old and the New.

Noiselessly the Old Year has glided past, with many a strange history hid in his bosom, many a secret sorrow that was breathed to him alone, many a withered flower in his coffin-crown, and many a tear-gem fastened in his burial robes. We love the dead year which the progress of to-day will make so old to-morrow; for he has smiled on our joys and wept over our sorrows ; he has sung anthems of welcome to our new-born babes, and requiems over our darlings departed ; and the Eternal Past listening to the brave resolves we breathe to the bright Young Year, whose happy face smiles out from among flowers of snow, and whose starry eyes are us than any heroic period preceding him! glimpses of tender angelic faces bending approvals. down through clouds of unbelief and the loving sun-beams, more potent than any artisthand, have caught their intangible shapes and kissed them into life-like pictures for our eyes ! Brave deeds have blossomed in every foot-print of the departed year : for noble men and women, touched by the unseen hand

of divine truths seeking embodiment, have waged war with wrong and oppression everywhere, and many a laurel crown will remain immortal, the generous gift of the good Old

welcome to the New-Year full of heart-felt gratitude.

Eveybody, even old "Father Time" him-What excludes her from practicing in our self, turns over a new leaf now, and writes Courts? One thing only-she is a woman! upon a fresh, white page ! Let envy, nor Only a woman ! Does a son wish to be a the civilized world for the last twenty-one jealousy, nor pride, nor prejudice mar a single minister? Helps come to him from every years, since that first rap sounded, it is hard sentence; but in the presence of that spirit source-public opinion sustains him, public to tell. However, it may be conceived that of progress which has won hard-fought battles praise spurs him on, and when the day of his something was considered necessary to be in the past, and sings songs of victory over ordination comes, amid te deums and elo- done by the ever careful mother, to set in the prostrate year, let us swear that we will henceforth be true to ourselves and all the thereafter if he wills, his course may be up- nineteenth century, or she would not have world ! Let us seek truth in every direction, listen to her "inner voices" however soft and Blackwell has had a different experience. such means. low, and give her a welcome in whatsoever "Through good and evil report," through the

the pathway of the other ?

Rev. Mrs. Van Cott could tell of days and

nights of sleepless anxiety over her choice of

vocation. Not because she distrusted her

own ability, or doubted the genuineness of

her motives, but because she dreaded the cru-

cible in which all women are tried, if they

over step the limits. Though she was severe-

ly censured by some, yet the Methodist church

is generous and progressive, and she was bet-

heard the prose of bad logic, and the discord has passed. Her way to the pulpit has been of conflicting theories : Let the New Year over "burning plowsbares"-the world that mosphere as mountains of rock, forests of feel the pulsings of poetic heart-beats and applauded the man, hissed the woman, not be- timber, beds of iron ore, etc., are at the see the the sweet illumination of a soul-life strong in its higher sympathies and true to its divine relationships.

#### Fainter grows the tapers glow, Flickering o'er the face of snow. Father Time has laid so low :

On a pale and frosty bier, Where no one may shed a tear. Lies the grand and good Old Year.

Springing up from ashes gray, Clad in garments bright as day, Comes the New YEAR glad and gay. High and strong our pulses beat,

To the music of his feet, As our hearts go out to meet

vocation is the solution of the problem. For the Present Age

What shall be done for the women underbid- Mediumship-Its Laws and Conditions. ding each other? And yet it has not been given. Rosa Bonheur took it in defiance of

BY MRS. MARIA M. KING. NO V.

custom and prejudice, and in the slaughter-The forces of nature at the command of houses of Paris learned what the schools of spiritual beings who understand their use, are Art denied her. To-day the world takes off all sufficient for the purpose of producing its hat to Rosa Bonheur, and swings its censer phenomena, such as has astonished the world of late praise before her. Harriet Hosmer since the advent of the Spiritual Dispensawandered from city to city, seeking instruc- tion. Notwithstanding this fact, which tion in sculpture. By the merest chance, St. should be so evident, many philosophers have Louis recognized her genius and forgot her pronounced, and do pronounce the phenomena sex, and to-day in the Merchantile Library produced directly through the agency of diseven now his spirit seems to beam out from Hall of that city, stand her imperishable embodied human spirits, the result of trickery achievements, Beatrice Di Cenci, Puck and on the part of "so-called mediums." Such others. Marble chiseled into such exquisite trickery nature herself is forever perpetrating, shapes, tells no tales of sex-it simply says, and through precisely the same subtle agents genius. Anna Dickinson wrested her voca- that spiritual beings use when they would looking far into an unclouded future ! How tion from the unwilling censorious world, call the attention of men, to the important much nearer to Heaven the old year brought and built a name for herself which is honora- fact that intelligence is not all embodied in ble. From Maine to California, her burning flesh, neither all power over the physical ele-So near that we have sometimes caught eloquence rings, and scoffings have turned to ments confined to physical man. The thunder peal is a "rap," and the lightning flash

How differently men take their places in that accompanies it, reveals the subtle agent the world ! There are no interdicted places that produced it. The scathing, blasting to them, no spheres outlined for them-in lightning, whose forked tongues of flame whatever groove nature or education designed scatter terror and devastation is nature's them to run, that they can do-human laws beneficent agent, notwithstanding men stand or customs do not lay an obstruction before in awe of it. It serves her divine purpose of them ! Does a son wish to be a lawyer ? | equilibriating the forces of the atmosphere, so The College gives him the best instruction that men may breathe a purer element, and and discipline, the law-school furthers and di- all nature rejoice with him, that stagnation rects toward one end what is begun, and in is not possible with nature's method of doing due time and with due ceremony, the young things. The tiny spirit rap, produced as it Our nation, with a clear, well-balanced Head, brave and busy hands and feet moving solely upon himself. Mrs. Myra Bradwell of the lightning does, viz; that of preventing solely upon himself. student is inducted into the office of attorney, is by the concerted action of intelligent bealong the flowery path of peace, rings out a Chicago can tell a different story. They will stagnation. In what an abyss of chaotic, not admit her to the bar, though she has stagnating elements the human mind would passed satisfactorily rigid examinations. have been now, had if not been revived and set to thinking by the thunder peals that have not ceased to echo, and re-echo through

quence he is sealed to the ministry; and healthy action, the sphere of mind in this ward and onward. Rev. Antoinette Brown raised the hue-and-cry she has, and through

Electric elements of different grades existgarb she may appear ! Too long have we scathing fires of criticism and reproach she ing in the atmosphere, are as much at the command of spiritual beings within the atcause she was a failure in what she attempted command of physical man. The latter but because she was a woman. If she should not materials, provided by nature for man's use, succeed as well as her brother divine, would remain unused for particular purposes until you wonder? Have you not smoothed the they are needed for those purposes, even pathway of the one, and planted thorns in though ages pass, and decomposition does its work again and again, on accumulated stores of this material. Thus with those subtle elements that spiritual beings, in common with nature herself use. They, as nature's powerful hand to do efficient work, use them as they have need for every purpose they will serve. Thus spiritual phenomena as they have prevailed since introduced, were for this age; and therefore it is no marvel that they were not introduced in ages previous.

Spirit circles for the production of Physical phenomena, station themselves in the atmosphere directly over the locality of the

physical circle or medium ; a circle of spirits

latter, and another in the atmosphere above

strations are to be made, and through two

grades of operators, as described in the last

article. The controlling spirit of the circle

stations himself above all, at such a distance

as suits his purpose of controlling all opera-

tions of the three circles subordinate to his

will. The battery thus formed is in strength

according to the force employed. Large cir-

cles, comprising from ten to fifty in all, fre-

quently combine their forces for private or

public seances, accomplishing wonders, as the

world deem them, in producing startling phe-

Will our friends canvassing for the PRES-ENT AGE, please bear in mind that we can send the back numbers containing all the chapters of Mrs. Cridge's new Story, with the above title.

> from our Gorresponding Editors. Salutatory.

In assuming the position of corresponding editor to the PRESENT AGE, I have little to offer by way of preliminary. Having been identified with the cause of Spiritualism during the past fifteen years, and much of the time a public advocate of its claims, I feel that I am not altogether a stranger to those

who will from week to week peruse its columns. Impaired health and the labors connected with preparation for a new field of action, necessarily remind me that the pleasant relations I have sustained to the Spiritu-

alists of the country, must soon in a measure be terminated. To become wholly isolated. however, from so many brave souls, who realize the significance and scope of this movement, would be an intolerable thought, and I have therefore accepted a position I feel at best but poorly qualified to fill.

All the hopes his young hands hold, ter sheltered and protected in it, than she To write in the interest of a popular cause,

"Is it Possible ?"

of conflicting ideas, and that it will be a departure from the course heretofore pursued of exercising a careful guardianship over these columns. This question, however, will be satisfactorily answered, by a moment's consideration of the ability and prominent characteristics of those comprising the entire editorial corps. Nearly all have been for many years, publicly identified with Spiritualism, fully conversant with its past history and present needs. Loveland, Willis, French, Whipple, Wadsworth, and Mrs. Horton, are well known, the country over, as not only among the oldest, but ablest advocates of our philosophy. The other three person making the complement of editors, Mrs. Love M. Willis, Miss Nettie M. Pease and Mrs. E. L. Watson, although not so long and prominently identified with the cause as those named, yet, are favorably known to the Spiritualistic pub-

lie. All are inspirational speakers and writers. It is true, we have here combined a diversity of talent, but it requires only a second thought to see in this diversity a unity. We think we have been equally fortunate in securing Contributors. We are confident that every one connected with the PRESENT AGE, believe the time to have fully come for constructive work. Further, that to purpose the accomplishment of some high and noble object, of an educational or humanitarian character, would do more to unite the now discordant elements among us, and tend to advance our cause more than all the preaching we can bring to bear upon the public mind. It is evident to every observer that we now need work, rather than talk. That, as a part of the human family, we have just now more to do with earth and earthly things, than with scenes beyond, of which we now have but a very imperfect knowledge. That while we should seek to obtain as far as possible, in our present state of development, a knowledge of our relation to the powers and forces of the Spiritual Universe, and while we seek all the the aid possible for us from the inhabitants of the spirit realm ; yet, there is work for ns, and it is time as Spiritualists to practically realise this important fact.

From the commencement of the publication of this journal, this has been the prominent idea we have endeavored to impress upon the minds of spiritualists. We have to this end favored every effort looking towards unity and co-operation. Hence we have worked earnestly, for local, State and National organizations, and propose to do so in the future. It is minds imbued with these sentiments ; persons unambitious so far as individual interests in any way conflict with the good of the expense of the other. There are people the cause, that we have intended to call to the support of this paper, and aid in the pro- vidual tyrant, against whom they hurl their mulgation of this view of our duties and obligations.

No doubt the thoroughly logical and searchdealt with. ing mind of a Loveland, the science-loving Whipple and Wadsworth, the impulsive earnest French, Willis, the sympathetically organ- this latter standpoint. He insists that mar-

#### The Richardson Tragedy.

tive of the backward state of public senti-

ment in this country, touching the most vital

questions of reform. The query with most

everybody is, "Did Mr. Richardson and Mrs.

McFarlan, comport themselves in strict accor-

dance with accredited Christian customs?"

If not, they should be condemned. If they

did so comport themselves, then they are ex-

cusable. It is known that Mrs. F. was driv-

enfrom her home by the abuse of a brutal,

drunken husband; that she went upon the

stage to procure bread for her starving chil-

dren, while the husband was making the

nights hideous with drunken companions in

neighboring saloons. Mr. R. attended the

theatre in which Mrs. F. played, in the char-

acter of a reporter for the Tribune. Some of

the lady's friends asked Mr. R. to accompa-

ny her to her lodgings at the close of the per-

formance, which he did. The husband learns

the fact, and fired with brandy, and jealousy,

followes Richardson under cover of dark

ness, and attempts with the use of a revolver

the defense of his "domestic honor." At

last when he hears of the legal release of his

wife, and suspecting that Richardson will

soon claim her as his own, his jealousy again

reaches a crisis, and he goes deliberately into

the counting room of the Tribune shoots

Richardson a second time, inflicting a mortal

wound. A large class justify these acts of

the "injured" husband, and condemn in un-

measured terms the resolution of the wife to

It occurs to but few that this case is a

symptom of a wide-spread discontent, arising

from the fact that existing marriage, is made

to serve the selfish interests of one party at

enough who are ready to condemn the indi-

anathemas, while but few reflect that it is the

leave the "bed and board" of such a man.

The treatment which this whole subject has received, at the hands of the press, is indica-

There were waves of light and creamy white, And many tints of green, And the brightest dies caught from the skies. That mortal eye had seen.

Seem ed peering the azure through.

And from my feet to their deep retreat,

The wild waves leaped in glee;

Like the anthem of the free.

Singing a song as they swept along

And pure and white in the golden light, Rose the mist on the morning air, Like a silvery screen it hung between This world and yen orb so fair. And in the mist, by the sunbeams kissed.

Just over the fearful ridge; An unseen hand had the wild waves spanned, By a beautiful rainbow bridge. From the rocky floor to each distant shore, And far out on the banks of green,

Those brilliant dies neath cloudless skies. Were plainly to be seen Where the wild waves leap from the rocky steep, Where they sport on the fearful ridge,

I saw there stand an angel band, On that beautiful rainbow bridge. There was one in white whose face was bright, With the glory of heavenly skies,

In each shining fold of her locks of gold, Were the flowers of paradise. Who could she be that from over death's sea, Stood there in the morning ray, From shore to shore above the wild waves roar Came the name of "SILVER SPRAY."

Why came she here to this mortal sphere, And why did she take her stand On that bridge of air, so frail and fair, Upheld by an unseen hand !

Oh ! death's river 1s deep, but it cannot keep Two loving souls apart. For God's own hand, has the wild waves spanned

And brought them heart to heart. And day by day, will SILVER SPRAY, On that beautiful bridge descend, Bringing words of cheer, to loved ones here.

From many a waiting friend. And year by year from yon star paved sphere, Will descend the angel hearted, Till those who wait this side death's gate,

Shall see the dear departed. This is why I'm here from yon distant sphere. To repeat the wondrous story, That at God's commands, bright angel bands, Are flooding this world with glory. That pain and fear may disappear, And every wrong be righted : And every heart to its counterpart,

## The Children's Department.

system of tyranny, which most needs to be The state of Mrs. E. L. Watson's health with other duties, will not permit her to super-

Forever be united.

among a very few, who view the subject from drens department. and poetic Mrs. Watson, Nettie Pease and solvable, what God has eternally decreed to duties will permit. We shall also be favored by verdict.

nomena and a variety of it. Three well trained operators, under the superintendence of a strong willed, experienced controller can work powerful manifestations when conditions favor them. Skill is all important for every one engaged, especially where failure would be disastrous. It, more than numbers, secures strong currents, and applies them properly. Although the chief operator's will controls all the movements, as already stated, he must first educate his subordinates to generate currents of the proper character ; must exercise them in this art until they are proficients in it, or they cannot effectually assist him. His will cannot impart skill, though it may effectually direct in its exercises by his assistants, after practice sufficient is had to constitute each, his well trained subject.

The world has had explanation after explanation of the spiritual phenomena, and still it does not yet quite understand the method in use by spirits to produce them. Therefore it is proper to inspire yet more exthe true method at length. A circle of spirits are a magnet to a certain grade of forces, as they are fitted by nature, and as the lowest grade employed to aid in produc-

ing Physical manifestations are so nearly In the realm of genius, are there queens allied to physical electric forces, that they as well as kings, but they are few of either readily clothe themselves with these when slave by virtue of the laws and custom, and of the intelligence it clothes can act to collect by it. It must constitute itself a giant in proportions as it stands clothed in this order the censor of Byron are two different peo- of elements as a force to act upon, like sur-

(To be continued.)

For the Present Age. WOULD'ST THOU BE BLEST. BY S. N. W. Would'st thou be blest? do good; do good; See how the single drop of rain, Ripens the earth; ripens the golden grain. Would'st thou be blest? work, work 'tis law, That theu should'st ever seek to find, Some action worthy the immortal mind. Would'st thou be blest? through efforts small, Thou may'st do good, with right intent, Despise them not, such are heaven sent.

As greater deeds that win applause Of men, and will not fail to bring Richest blessings from thy heavenly king. Would'st thou be blest ? show forth thy love

To all of earth, both small and great; For the love that Christ did preach, the world doth wait.

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A RHYME FOR THE HOUR. [1869-1870.]

As in the Past's great deep abysmal The Old Year drops, some memories dismal Weave their dark threads with hopes and fancies That brighten as the New advances ; Sighs blend with songs of gratulation; Gleam follows gloom in alternation ; Our very joy is tinged with sadness, And grief is qualified by gladness.

Some loves, some friendships, fondly cherished, Have, haply, with the Old Year perished ; Some fears have gone-some foes we dreaded Vex us no more-are dead- or wedded; We've had our pains-our gains-our losses-Our fights-our frights-our crowns-our crosses And the lapsed year, in its completeness Was filled with bitterness-and sweetnes

But thanks for this !- the World is moving. Guided by ONE all-wise, all-loving; And year by year its air grows clearer, Its orbit nearer still and nearer To the GREAT CENTER, whose attraction Shall conquer yet all counteraction, And hold it in its sphere supernal By force centripetal eternal

And thanks for this !- through all the ages Its war with Wrong the Right still wages ; And still, through changes and o'er chances The blessed Cause of Truth advances ; And Freedom still, the strife maintaining With tyrant power, new fields is gaining ; And Earth, long held in Death's subject

Mr. Thornton's Diary.

JULY 25 .- I have been talking with Helwhere had woman stood all this time? each en about the position that women hold and one was doing her work in a separate sphere. can claim as physicians. She insisted that There was no concentrate action. There was woman would instinctively prefer to be ata broad field of public action where woman tended by one of her own sex. But I claim- could work if only she would commence-she ed that men have through long ages given need not want, even for the ballot.

their attention to the science of medicine, It had been proposed to unite women in and that woman are only novices in the study : this work, by forming what should be called Besides, men have decision, endurance, cour- a Parliament-each city and town forming age. Helen was equally sure that women councils. The first work of this council of had tact, intuition, sympathy, and a peculiar New-York should be to promanate committees adaptation to conditions, and she sent me to and sub-committees, for work, viz. : Housestudy some of the facts in regard to the pro- keeping Committee- Educational- Societagress of science among women. I found first, ry-Humane-Working Women's Aid-Sothat among the Athenian women there was cial and Criminal Reform-Newspaper and gainsay it. a sense of propriety sufficient to make them Popular Literature-Social and Public Redemand the attention of women at the birth creation and Amusement-Art and Taste-

of their children. But as only men were Law and Justice. permitted to study medicine, there was often The first of these committees opened a a risk in employing a woman, lest she should broad field of work. In the present condibe illy fitted to perform the task imposed up- ton of households, all labor was done at great on her. Yet it is said that the noble ladies insadvantage. Women were compelled to of Greece preferred the chances of death to work themselves in wearisome drudgery. In the yielding of their rights. I was especial- co-operative house-keeping, if not carried to ly interested in the imperfect history of a the fullest extent, included only co-opeyoung Greek girl, whose name should be rative laundries and bakeries, would relieve made familiar to our own time. Agnodice, their present condition greatly. A number of fired by the ambition that lies so often smoul- families in Cambridge, Mass. had organized dered in the breasts of women, determined at with the intention of trying the success in all hazards to fit herself for the practice of the spring. It had already proceeded to obmedicine. Her only means of accomplishing tain a store room, and to make arrangements her purpose was by disguising herself as a for buying at wholesale prices. A calculaman, which she did, after first confiding her tion had been made as to the cost under the secret to her country women. She went suc- new arrangement, and it was found that it cessfully through her studies and entered up- would be one quarter less than under the on her profession. Her practice became very present system. The whole system of hiring

but it can Susan. Now I am going to try with those whose lives have been barren of the virtue of the reward of love. There is love, although they have been wedded for Kate, my old and long tried friend, that I many years. It requires varied experiences have told you of. She is just now out of all to enable people to enter fully into the lives employment, and before she seeks other, I of others. It is easy for us to condemn the will send for her. Of course we shall pay position of others, but unless we can put ourher but only just what we have paid Susan, selves in their condition, we cannot righteousand she will be also companion and friend." I had a little misgiving at this arrange- Edmonds can assert that two inharmonious system of taxing the rich by imposing a heavier tax ment, but trusted to Helen's judgment, and persons should live together and suffer, and so Kate is to be here to-morrow.

different conditions, money cannot pay me; severed. He of course can-not sympathise

Mrs. Pierce's Address before the Woman's Council.

A brilliant assembly in the fine Artistic Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association greeted the wife of Professor Pierce of Cambridge, whose widely read articles on Counite them. operative Housekeeping have given her a reputation. She is a woman of slight, graceful we say that men and women shall continue figure, delicate organization, and with a voice joined, who are virtually disjoined ! Truly, of small compass. Yet such was the force of this earth is each year taking upon itself, her language and of the spirit with which she more and more, of the likeness of the spirituttered it. That she chained attention from ual. We are finding out more clearly the the first moment. She set forth her idea of the power and sphere of womanhood. Why is woman in her present condition ? Because she is an isolated being-because she has can truly progress, never organized herself for work. What could man do thus isolated ?-nothing. He is spending a short time in the city, and has depended upon organized action for all the been giving seances with good success. She great work of the world. Look at our commerce, our navigation, our systems of travel, spirits, and also sings. of telegraphing, to whom did they belong ? to man, and he had brought them into their present perfection by organized labor. But

are held weekly under the influence of differfacts of Spiritualism. There will never be a time when we shall not need such manifestations as have been given through our best physical mediums. Men must see with their can believe that spirit has a positive exist-

> spheres, we should soon have such positive evidence of spirit power that no one could

For the Present Age CAR OF PROGRESS.

Mrs Hatch, the musical Medium of Boston.

The marvel seekers always find something

BIS.N.W. What will stop the car of progress ! Those monstrous wheels that rush Along, and yet, will surely crush Old error's bones, dry as the stones; What will stop the pondrous car? Is it the famous God of war! Yes ! he will try his very best, To block this wheel, but can't succeed; It is the very people's need ; Oh no! the famous God of war, Can never stop this rolling car-Though he's a giant, clad in mail And though great armies him attend, They cannot all, the law suspend. Which says, progress, to happiness; So giant, with thy sword and lance,

# Retire, thy name is ignorance! To the Public.

Correspondence.

### Property Limitation and Usury.

How shall the laboring class obtain their freedom om the oppressions of capitalists and corporations? partial freedom would be obtained by the abolition of usury but a system of limitation of property of the rich, would insure a perfect freedom for all classes ly judge them. By what spiritual law Judge of society. Congress has already adopted a partial on large incomes than on moderate ones. If the hording of money, results in wide-spread misery, condemn children to lives of inharmony, we clearly society, through legislative action, has the cannot understand. Surely our knowledge of right to prevent such hording. Progressive minds the laws that govern spiritual beings is sympaare not united on the usury question ; but upon this question there can be no controversy between them thy or love. Attraction is the magnet of souls. as to the justice of this proposition. Persons living The gravitation of spirits is as certain as the in the country and villages, do not know the amount gravitation of matter, and no amount of force of misery of the mass of inhabitants in our large or external law can bind together spiritual cities. New York at present, contains over a million beings. The law of their beings alone can of inhabitants, and the mass of property is owned by about a dozen individuals, some of them styled kings. Horace Greely advises these half starved inhabitants If this be so then by what authority can

to leave the side-walks, and go to farming. He supposes this settles the question ; but the sufferings of consideration, and a removal of the cause. The becoming a republic, still found themselves in slavetain is our highest and best condition that we plus to the public treasury.

History is repeating itself; let us take the same steps to remove this oppression as did the Romans.

The rich will defer the solution of this problem as long as possible, whose industry is chiefly devoted to devising means of adding to their power and wealth. plays upon the piano under the control of At present we have but one Telegraph, and one Express Co., in fact, in this country. Our Rail Roads the place and discharged with ability and integrity are fast being absorbed by the Rail Road kings. several offices of trust confered upon him. new and wonderful in the various circles that This state of affairs should arouse the workingmen. The standard price of a days labor, of an unskilled keep a record of their seances, and strive to really benefitted by the hording of an immense ple representing various phases of religious belief perfect the communication between the two and tyranny is generally the result of such hording. amount of money-(flesh and blood of the people,)

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. Dec. 18th.

I have just returned from up the coast. The sea

I am making ready for another trip by sea. Your

Washington Correspondence.

Congress-Christmas-Death of Mr. Stanton-Judge

Hoar-Eight Hour Movement-Georgia-Agricultu-

ral Department---- Tenure of Office Act--Supreme

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26th, 1869.

the best items I can pick up this side the sea.

COL. D. M. Fox : My Brother .-

readers will hear from me.

join his angel friends.

Court-Land Office.

this one reason, if no other, that the time may come when the precedent sought to be established by these bills will be dangerous to the liberties of the people. It will be contended that the judicial department should be left free to interpert pronounce, and exe cute every law in the enforcement of right, and in the redress of wrongs , for if not, some other department of the Government must usurp this power in order to command obedience to the laws, and without obedience to the laws there can be no security to life, liberty or property. No remark, says Judge Story is better founded in human experience, than that of Montesquirn, when he said

'there is no *liberty*, if the judiciary powers be not

separated from the legislative and executive pow It is well to remember that the wisdom of all governments makes it the duty for the legislative department to make the laws, while the execution is charged with their executive, and the judicial with the application of the same in the affairs of men. vast portions of civilized people, demands a thoughtful But it is proposed in these bills now before Congress to provide that the courts shall apply certain laws Romans after ridding themselves of monarchs, and whether they think them constitutional or not, thus leaving no safe-guard as contemplated by the Conry more tyranical than crowned rulers. They found stitution between the legislative power and the peo laws that govern us as spiritual beings, and the rich men to be their oppressors, and limited their ple, making the administration of justice, depend up it is only as we are true to what we are cer- property to a reasonable amount, passing their over- on the caprice or favor of whatever party may for the time be in power. LIVE.

#### Born Again.

Samuel Fletcher of Middlebury Ind. left his earthy form on the 26th, inst. in the 75th, year of his age. He had been for many years a prominent citizen o

Some three years since having outgrown the contracted garments of the church he con menced the workingman, is one dollar. Let the question be set- investigation of the Spiritual philosophy. Honest in ent mediums. There are daily inquirers tiled at the ballot box, whether one man shall hold his purpose and earnest in in his researches he soon among intelligent men and women for the the products of millions of days labor, or return a became a zealous and devoted Spiritualists. Conportion to the public treasury, to be used for the cious that his earthly existence must soon be terminbenefit of the producers of it. Unless this question ated he arranged his business with the greatest pre s agitated and steps taken to remove this great in- cission and care giving full directions for his funeral. istice, bread riots will be as common, in a few years | He talked freely and cheerfully of his departure and as strikes at present. We do not suffer as much left the body happy in the consciousness of meeting eyes, and touch with their hands before they from the oppression of the usurer, 35 wo do from the the loved ones who had preceded him. The minisunprincipled capitalists. Persons are benefitted a ter delivered the funeral address in the Methodis ence. If our most conscientious mediums would great many times by paying interest, but no one is Church on the 28th, inst to a large concourse of peo-

A. B. FRENCH.

## SPECIAL NOTICES. The Quarterly Meeting,

Of the Spiritualist of Nunica, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th of January. Mrs. got into a desperate rage so did my stomach, the re- L. A. Pearsall is engaged as Speaker, a cordial invisult is I have not yet read half the letters that tation to attend is extended to all.

awaited me. One from you (but one,) in it you speak A. BARTHSOMEW NUNICA, Jan. 2d, 1840. of other letters. I promise you my best by bravest thoughts. I will send as a contributor to the AGE

#### Calhoun County Circle.

The Second Annual Meeting of Calhoun County Circle will be held in "Fergusons," Hall in the city I am made so sad by the news of Mrs. Slade's of Marshall, on the Second Saturday and Sunday of

leaving us for the Morning Land. Her husband is January, 1870, commencing at half past two p. m indeed afflicted, but he will always be kindly cared J. S. Loveland and A. B. French are engaged as for by the angels. In a very little time he will go to speakers for the occasion. Other speakers will also be present and take part in the exercises. H. F. M. BROWN.

gress in this and adjoining counties to be present on this occasion. Preparations will be made to accom

in the indulgence of an experiment of this kind. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. But the fact is they cannot, and whenever we begin o say what class of laws are political, and therefore NEW BOOK JUST FROM THE PRESS, A

not subject to the revision of the courts, who is to REAL LIFE say where their end shall be? There is bound to be strong opposition to the passage of this bill, for · · · · - IN-

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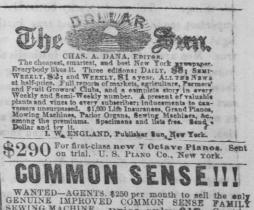
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In the brief address which I recently made great, so that the envy of the profession was and obtaining servants, would come under excited. They must do something to put this committe. down this popular doctor, so they accused The next most important committee would I set forth briefly what I would like. I will news gatherers. There is one idea, however, perbe that of education. At present our schools him of seduction. Agnodice under her disguise found herself are only schools for drill: boys and girls are a home.

forced into an unnatural process of discipline, 1st. It would cost less than a half as much in the court of Arriopagos to face the dreadas an isolated home, with equal accommodato make them simply arithmeticians and ful accusation. What could she do? She had tions, to construct my share of it. grammarians. The kinder Garteen system no choice but to let her sex be made known. The male students were not softened by the where children were taught naturally, and 2d. The current expenses of living in it, with a plenty of exercise and recreation. would not be more than one-third part as knowledge that a woman had stood side by should be introduced. The whole system of much as in the isolated house.

side with them in the medical school of He-3d It would not demand half the time and separating girls and boys is wrong. If it is rophilos, and had proved herself worthy of right for a man and woman to live together care in providing for the table. the honor of being a disciple of Esculapiaus.

4th. While in it, I could, when I desired as husband and wife, it is proper for boys and They followed her with bitter accusations, but the women of the city, those in high girls to associate together. The influence of it, be better protected from unwelcome com- perhaps, a few in your town, whose pride mingled rank and position, came forward to testify one sex on another is beneficial and altogeth- pany, than in the isolated home. for her. In a prosecution brought against er ennobling. 5th. Because being free from the cares and

intrusions incident to isolated housekeeping, her, the judges were forced by the strong in-We want, too, that women should be I could make a better division of my time, fluence of the women, to acquit her; and able to receive as free and liberal an educafor labor and study, than otherwise. the influence of this trial was so great, that tion as men. If women would endow institu-6th. Because I could, when I desired, have they were forced to repeal the law forbidding tions that would educate girls as well as women to enter the public institutions and boys, we should soon be able to command po- the best of companionship to aid me in our sitions in the colleges. Women often leave mutual studies, so that by a frequent inter-

fit themselves for the medical profession. large bequests to colleges, as Harvard and change of thought we could, by our joint It is a pretty picture that has come down Dartmouth, without thinking of the injustice through the centuries, a brave, noble one too, done to women. This matter would come diand one to shame our present age. Aunt rectly under the influence of the educational known to the world. Ruth had a letter last week from a cousin

7th. Because such a home could be closed committee. Also the half-pay of our female who had determined to fit herself for the duties of a physician. My blood boiled within teachers who often performed more and betme as I heard her recital of the indignities ter work than the male teachers. There are or months, while I might desire to be absent try, at most it is only held by the simple thread-like and insults put upon her in the public insti- about 2000 female teachers in the city of for health, business or pleasure.

tutions. The professors who hold high posi- New-York, and yet no organization exists 8th. I would especially like it, because any tions of public trust, made themselves brutes, among them.

The working women's aid committee will by their coarse illustrations of the facts of of such family could have more comforts, with medical science. When I ask myself if I take into consideration, the wants and condiless care, than the richest family, who conwould allow one of those men to attend Hel- tion of the working women. It would seek sume ten times their earnings now have, liven, in her time of trial, I am forced to say to provide them with comfortable homes, &c. ing in isolation. no. Then what position can I reasonably The wants of these women are just as numer-

9th. Because in such a family, organized take in relation to the members of the medi- ous as of the daughters of their employers .for the express object of making integral educal profession ? I feel that I must regard They want homes, recreation, places of amuseand trust their skill and experience, but I ment and education. They are now forced have the pecuniary ability to buy and hold, must also consider their false position, and into lives of poverty for body as well as mind. do what I can to take them from it. We An association of wemen working under an for our common use, such books, instruments need women of the highest culture, who shall earnest committee, could bring these women illustrate the possibility of womanly skill. I into conditions freed from all the dangers of might tell all the men in the world what wo- their present mode of life.

men can do, but if one woman would come Mrs. Pierce was obliged to omit much of forward and prove her capacity, she would her lecture, and to touch lightly on the duties do more than all my affirmations. A well ed- of the other committees, and summed up with ucated, thoroughly trained female practi- an earnest appeal for the women of this city tioner located here would elevate the whole to organize themselves into this working assex. sociation which should do so much for hu-

A really sad event has taken place in our manity. family-Susan has left us, just as we needed her most. Helen has trained her into habits of neatness, order and economy, until her services were really valuable, and then she

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will cease to be burdens. Mrs. Fannie Davis Smith has been giving found another place. But she has also illuslectures for the past three weeks, to delighted trated our teachings, for she went for higher audiences. Her hearers give her credit for female half of community in house-keeping, wages. Could we blame her, who felt the sincerity, truthfulness, and also for using the whole wrongs of the sex, and deplored the sharp knife of criticism for loping off some and have them thus released to embark in necessity to which girls were forced? But of the dying branches of the good tree of productive business, and thereby to become in justice to Helen, this charitable position progress. Last Tuesday, Judge Edmonds was taken through her. I almost swore at gave a short address, taking as his theme disuch ingratitude, such lack of appreciation vorce. The Richardson and McFarland case can never attain their right, illustrate their

I condemned the whole race of servers- giving him a text. The Judge has always the wealth of the world. they were ignorant, graceless, selfish beings. cherished the most loving memory of his wife, Helen said, "My dear, let us measure the and her entrance into the spirit world so long value of fifty cents to these people : they es- before him, has in no wise disturbed their unite with others, who would make education diciary should have nothing to do with what are timate its value through us : they see what communion, which has satisfied his spirit so a life-long pursuit, in a Unitary Home. On

we gain through a little money, and they de- perfectly, that he has come to believe that some future occasion, I will state my objecmand the only reward of value in their eye. there is but one marriage, and that the tie tions to common property, and Fourier Socie-The reward for service must accord to the that binds two persons by law must not be ties.

The adjournment of Congress, the departure of Congressmen and members of the "Third House" inviting co-operation in the Unitary Home, Congressmen and memory Washington a dull place for now add a few reasons why I would like such haps worth preserving, which is that Christmas in Washington as is everywhere in the South is marked as a day set apart for the commingling of the high, the low, the rich and the poor upon a common level, all enjoying the sumptuous board supplied with Turkies, pumpkin pies and generally Egg Nog, as done in the North on Thanksgiving Day. The color-

ed people as well as some not colored, as a kind of an instinct, expects a Christmas gift from almost every one they know, and the giving of presents seems so much as a matter of course that the purse strings of those whose purses are not empty are unloosened. But there are many here, as in all large cities, like,

with sorrow and poverty, will not allow them to so forget their distressful situation to enjoy this day. While I desire Mr. Editor, to join with you in wish-

ing your readers, (even those who have not reciprocated for the incalculable benefits derived from your past years labor) a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I do pray that ere another year rolls round, that those sickened and sorrowful hearts may be made glad, with the bountiful gift of the Author of Nature.

The lamented death of Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, expression, elaborate a science of human life, on Friday morning was most unexpected, and the more eminently practical than any hitherto report of his death was received as an additional solemn admonition of warning to those high in offici-

al rank, that "Death is no respector of person, and A in whatever position, rank, or however disirable that up and left, without hazard of loss, for weeks position mayibe to them and important to the coun-

tenure of the uncertainties of life. In rapid succession our country is losing many of its conspicuous Statemen, and in Washington where they most reintelligent laboring man with an industrious side, is felt and realized more perhaps than in other

family could live in it, and from the earnings place, the grave important and just lessons it teaches to our Public Servants.

work, to be done under or by virtue of any law, or any resolution of Congress, or by any office, agent, architect, engineer, superintendent or contractor for cation a leading life long pursuit, we would the United States, eight hours shall be a days work and for which laborers workingmen and mechanics shall receive the same pay per day or month, as those that work on private work in the vicinity laboratories, and to employ such teachers as where the public work is being done ; that the rewould be necessary for our common instruc- duction of hours shall not reduce the wages ; and

those that work on private work in the vicinity where the public work is being done; that the re-duction of hours shall not reduce the wages; and when work is to be let, it shall be stated in an ad-vertisement that the work must be done at eight hours per day, and so stipulated in the contract. The object is to require all public work to be done at eight hours per day, and is intended as an exam-ple for workmen on private work. 10th. Because in such a family, we should a blessing for each member of society to do at eight hours per day, and is intended as an exam-

The bill to promote the reconstruction of Georgia. which has passed both Houses of Congress and signed by the President, provides that the Georgia Legislature shall be convened by the Governor, and the expelled colored Members restored to their seats, and those inelligible under the Fourteenth Amendment excluded, aud that the State must ratify the Fif-

teenth Amendment before her Representatives can be admitted to seats in Congress. Gov. Bullock i sanguine that he can call together on the 12th proximo, a quorum of the Georgia Legislature, and made assurances before leaving that the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment would be in Washington in less than a month. The Governor has had much to do of late in influenceing Congress to pass the

relatively independent. Without co-operative Georgia bill, and he therefore feels responsible for house-keeping, that better half of humanity the course his State will pursue in the premises. As two bills have already been introduced in Con capabilities, or contribute their full share to gress that have for their object, a diminishing of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, a word on the matter may not be uninteresting to your readers.

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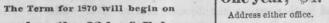
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CONCLUDED. Foiled in his appeal to reason, the Theist flies to the affections, and from them seeks to educe evidence of a personal God. Man, he down, we are at once in difficulty, for though often traversed by other sects, among which they retire in disgust from the new religion. affirms, is naturally religious. He worships instinctively, and not from any result of ratio- tain acts, and the possession of certain tem- willing.

cination. If a phrenologist, he tells you that pers prompting to those acts, we find the exhe has an organ of veneration or worship. Well, if man is naturally religious and worships instinctively, we do not quite see the necessity, or propriety of such desperate efforts, as we sometimes witness, to persuade presumed to take a census of his nation. We him to become religious. This seems a little are not to lie or deceive, but he does both. suspicious, and we watch the matter with The list might be extended, but these instanmore and more carefulness, and to our perfect astonishment we hear the assertion continuare in when we try to harmonize the exempliously repeated, that all are naturally irrelification with the precepts given.

Editor.

gious. But, without attempting to press this In concluding these articles, we ask our contradiction on the part of the Theists, we readers to review and ponder the positions we ask if this natural religion of man is the true have submitted. We think the unsoundness one? And also, if those, who instinctively of the Theistic arguments have been made worship, offer their devotions to a true or false manifest, and the utter impossibility of provand he worship, not God, but something else, to this notion, is because they cannot fully we confess that we fail to see any point, or comprehend the mystery of formation, forforce to the position we are considering. If there is any force, it is against the idea of hensible-unknowable.

any different from the fetichism of the bar- the insane attempt on the part of mortals to barian Bushman. There is no instinct crop- please God, to cease, and directing them to an

one personal God, and in favor of the grossest form of Fetichism, for most certainly that is the only instinctive worship to be found in laid aside in his manhood, we are impressed to is singularly weak, and outrageously false in the folly of the man, who should undertake the living, growing thing, may be entirely unnatwe trace the obsequious, cringing spirit, which ural in another and higher condition of the renders so many, slaves, and enables the few same thing. It is clearly natural for the ap- to play the tyrant over them. All the graspple in its greenness to be bitter, sour and ing greed of priests would cease to rob the unhealthy, while in its mature ripeness it is people-all the subjugation of the mind of most agreeable. So man in his infancy and the many to the few, would end, but for this childhood may be, nay; is, crude, fanciful crude notion. But for this, all the superstiand gullible, but it does not follow of man in tious notions of Devils and Hells would pass his maturity, when he has "put away child- away. The judgment day, with its terrors ish things." Things then, may be natural to and all the kindred array of dogmas would b imperfect conditions and yet not true in the at once discarded. So also the mummery of

light of reason. But the assertion is not of prayer, and the whole host of so-called true. Men are not naturally and instinctively religious ceremonies, would forever cease worshippers of Deity. To say nothing of What time would be saved, and energies and those tribes who give no sign of having any means now wasted would flow in a channel to sort of notion respecting a God, and have bless mankind. The cruel hate of man toward no word in their language to express such an man would largely diminish, when it ceased idea, we will appeal to children, even those to be believed that God loved some and hated born of parents the most pious. Have they others. Indeed, all the category of errors, is any idea of God ? Not the slightest, 'till it made stronger by this, or else are dependent is taught them, and then it is but little, if entirely thereon. Blot out this, thus causing

ever the same, but man cannot always appre- superficial comparison with others, will not their teachings is the main cause of these pray-giving forth the life-principle that hend their application. As to the exemplifi- always lead to correct deductions, and especi- failures in their professed followers. They God hath given you for the good of others! cation of the perfect standard, it must either ally when dealing with questions of the mag- wish to compromise the case by making a Pray to be a sunbeam-a ray of light, penebe repeated to every person, or else such a nitude we are now discussing. This fanati- truce with the old-they want to go into the trating the darkness of sorrowing and sufferrecord kept as would command the faith of all cal devotion to the old Hebrew forms, has idol temple with royalty, and kiss their hand love-consoling those who mourn without persons. No such manifestation is given to most essentially modified the whole genius to the idolatrous image. They are offended hope, and who, in the selfishness of their sornan now, and no such record exists The and forms of christianity, and rendered it and hurt to be told "ye cannot serve God and row, can find no gleam of consolation. Oh !

disputed about by those who profess to receive might have done. We should ponder well me." This is too radical, and when they are it. This assumed necessity, like the other, is this fact, else it will eventually be found that admonished that "father, mother, wife and are all within the reach of man. Oh! see that not met, and consequently the argument based we have simply followed the same circle of children must be forsaken" for the truth's your lives correspond to the principles that

our standard requires the performance of cer-tain acts, and the possession of certain tem-willing. we must take our place though never so un-ing that it comes "to send a sword"—the the spirit-life." When Mr. Home had finished

So to-day, we witness analogous fanaticisms. demanded by christianity. Not less is it re- not treat him rightly; also, that he used to

so also will Spiritualism, and instead of ex- the individual, how he shall work or give. mysell. We sat down by a large drawing room table. In a short time the floor of the Regarding, as we do, this belief as part of man's childhood weakness, and needing to be laid aside in his manhood, we are impressed to commen sense methods. Instead of waiting wroce the unavourdness thereof, as we should in the individual, how he shall work or give. We will dismiss this point with one addi-tional remark. No one could be a christian without this consecration. Christianity must in the individual, how he shall work or give. we will dismiss this point with one addi-tional remark. No one could be a christian without this consecration. Christianity must in the individual, how he shall work or give. we will dismiss this point with one addi-tional remark. No one could be a christian without this consecration. Christianity must in the individual, how he shall work or give. we will dismiss this point with one addi-tional remark. No one could be a christian without this consecration. Christianity must in the individual, how he shall work or give. we will dismiss this point with one addi-tional remark. No one could be a christian mosphere felt frosty. (the evening outside the history of humanity. But this argument is singularly work and outrageously felse in the fill of the man wheeheald undertake the

the sense it is stated. It is weak, because labors of mature life, with the playthings of views embodied in our own philosophy. In- So also is it with a true Spiritualist. Noth- another, loud raps were heard on the floor what may be natural in one condition of any childhood. To the belief in a Personal God stead of regarding ourselves as the mere ing is equal to it, nothing can be placed in and table; after which we were touched and under glass. It will stand the Winter without protecsport of a capricious power, we shall be con- comparison-for it, all other things are con- patted by the hands of the spirits-Mr. Home scious of a centrality of power in ourselves sidered as worthless. It is not a mere fact the severest examination. Mr. H. was many amply sufficient for the accomplishment of all recognized and received by the intellect, but times clasped on the arms and touched in vaneeded purposes.

> The correspondence between the two, is seen also in their disregard of forms and laws. In some instances, we find among the early christians, a temperary acquiescence in forms and ceremonies peculiar to the old worship, but all their teachings and most of their recorded practice was the contrary. Paul thundered against the old ordinances, pronouncing them only "shadows of good things to come." They were types of christianity. Christ "nailed them to his cross," thus forev-

ping out in a single instance to lend a feeble observance of the harmonic laws of nature

PHILOSOPHICAL DEP'T. say, that if a perfect standard were given in expected. The general culture of the age is still. Their generation is numerous. We pray-not by kneeling down and asking God the infancy of man, he could not not have not in the direction of profound philosophis-comprehended it. Principles, we concede, are ing. A hasty glance at a few facts, with a number in the future. The radical nature of birds we concerned to for earthly blessings or benefits—but pray as the flowers pray— Bible is rejected by millions, and its meaning powerless to accomplish the possible good it mammon." "He that is not for me is against if you could but understand all that lies about thereon is unsound. But, even if we accept change without any serious progress. We sake, their patience is exhausted, and with a you teach. See that you live out that which the Bible, and attempt to apply the rules laid have merely gone over the same ground, so terrible tirade about "breaking up families," you profess to be, standing as it were on the threshold-no, not the threshold-but as actually on the shore, waiting for this earthly

> Another point deserving consideration, we sword of division, even into the family as well this address, he went to Mr. Tommy, personaampler-God-violating his own law. We are must not pass over. The early christians as the world at large. The sword of the ted some one, whom he announced as an old not to kill, and yet we find him engaged in thought Jesus was to become a great king, spirit is truth, and it divides even the closest but he did not much care about its being the slaughter of some seventy thousand of his restore the Jews to liberty from the Roman unions if they are not founded on its adaman- called a Christian name; he would not give own people because David, their King, had rule, and restore the kingdom of David, to tine basis. Compromise is no part of the his surname then, but said he should aftermore than its ancient splendor. Without any genius of either dispensation. A divided wards know it. He then went through a seconception of how such stupenduous results heart was spurned by Jesus, and "witholding ries of expressive movements to enable him to identify him, which he failed to do at the could be reached, save by miracle, they stupidly part of the price" was a mortal sin in the time. He said that everything went wrong ces are sufficient to indicate the dilemma we followed him, wondering at his miracles and Jerusalem church, over which converted Peter from a certain time; that he ought not to supported from the bounty of his providers. presided. Consecration was peremptorily have passed away so soon; and that they did

Years ago, it was asserted that within ten quired by Spiritualism. Not in the same be very positive when on earth, and that when he took an idea into his head, neither heaven years the churches would be used for Spiritu- despotic manner to be sure but no less really. nor hell would move him from it. He also al lectures, and theology cease to be taught. In fact, every great principle in its very na- gave several peculiarities of gait and manner, But no such changes have transpired, nor do ture, demands consecration on the part of which Mr. T. subsequently recollected were they impend in the promises of the future for those who embrace it. The only marked very characteristic of an old friend of his who Deity? These are important questions. For ing a Deific Personality shown. The grand a long time to come. Thus the expectancy of difference we can see between Christianity "Captain," and whose Christian name Mr. if the religion claimed for man, is a false one, reasons, we apprehend, why some persons cling ends, through supernatural means, character- and Spiritualism, is that the former required Tommy was not certain about, but has instiises both dispensations in their incipient the consecration of all, and placed it at the tuted an inquiry in order to ascertain it. to this notion, is because they cannot fully comprehend the mystery of formation, for-getting that somethings are to us, incompre-getting that somethings are to us, incompre-

Is but exhaled to fall anew

Of fountains far away.

and thus construct them in harmony with the could be esteemed in comparison therewith. ways from the floor, and from one place to

love of the soul. sought to be attained must be the same. as to fundamental principles of evolution, er abolishing them. The master set the ex- and as we find the parallel between christiani-

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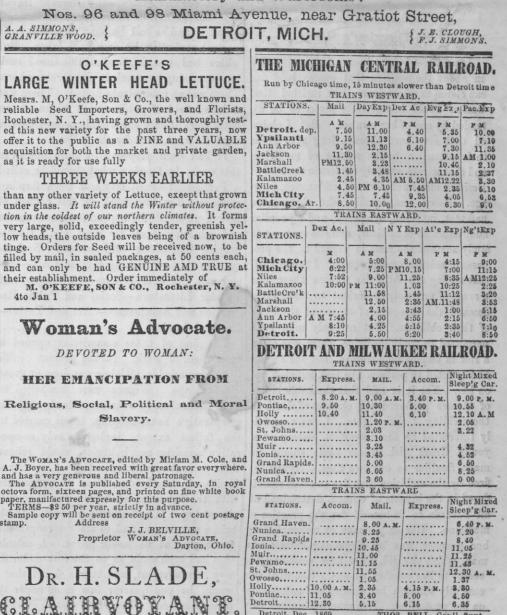
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Both are alike in their purpose, or ostensi-ble mission. The spiritual enlightenment of man, and his elevation in the scale of moral and spiritual life, is that purpose. Such had been playing on the harp. Mr. Home must be the aim of a dispensation founded up- asked if the spirits present heard her ; if so, on the spiritual nature of man. The modes had performed to us? At once they played of accomplishment may vary, but the end part of every piece that had been played by her that evening. At this time a chair, Now, as all great Spiritual eras must agree then standing about six feet from the table was by the invisibles placed beside the table, next to Mrs. H. and we all saw the bottom of the chair pressed or moved as by the weight ample of disobedience. He travelled on the ty and Spiritualism to be perfect in that re- of an individual sitting upon it. Mrs. H. Sabbath, and trespassed on the owners by spect, and yet, that the latter is, in its cen- here exclaimed, "Where are all my dear chilplucking and eating the corn. He openly repudiated and repealed the letter and spirit of the Mosaic law. Paul followed in the same course, and declared all to be fallen from

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On the contrary, it declares tioning, by showing what our religion teaches floor at first, and kept beating as if marching present systems of law, and especially reli- respecting the impending issues of the day. The manifestations have around for the time. AND The manifestations here ceased for the time. J. SIMMONS In conclusion, let me say-manifestations LORMERLY of Jackson, are now located at Kalamazoo. the future, and reveal the doctrines of the more wonderful than the above, have been recorded before, but it is by the repetition of **OFFICE--** S. Side Main St., near Burdick. DR. SLADE'S Clairvoyant ability and past experience as a Practioner enables him to successfully examine and prescribe for Patients at a distance by receiving *lock of* hair, with name and age. 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BOSTWICK, my mind's eye, the forms and manners of my Then let us use our better will mother and friends passed away, than the un-LIFE AND FIRE INSURANCE, To make them rife with good. Like circles on a lake they go. tutored hand could produce on the canvas the REAL ESTATE, Ring within ring, and never stay. high illusions of the cultivated artist. I, Oh! that our deeds were fashioned so, That they might bless alway! War Claim, Collection and Conveyancing Office, however, have no desire to comment, but to state facts in the simplest manner. OFFICE : Continued from 1st page. I must give my testimony that Mr. Home Israel's Store, Cor. Rose and Main Sts was then carried by the invisibles across, un insists on the severest investigation being KALAMAZOO, MICH. der the table, to E. Jones, when, in her hand, made; and since being with him I have form it played quite as well as before. Here Mr. ed the opinion that truth would gain much if GEO W. WINSLOW & CO'S Home became entranced, in which state, after some meetings were recorded where no mani-STEAM passing several times round the room and festations took place, and all the conditions RB walking into the next room for a short time, stated, with the most probable causes of fail he laid his hand upon the head of Mr. J., ure. For instance, one evening, Dr. D., the and uttered one of those speeches which can- Rev. B. S. D., Mr. Home, myself, and one WORKS. not be described. He spoke of us on earth lady, sat one hour and a half and had no ESTABLISHED, 1848 being attended by our guardian spirits, but manifestations. A gentleman, a great spirwhen we did wrong and would wander from itualist, had an engagement and left the Shop on Portage Street, Opposite Union Hall, the great centre, God, then brighter spirits room, when almost immediately manifesta-KALAMAZOO, MICH. came to us to win us back, finishing with "It is not so on earth." He then came and I am, sir, yours respectfully. 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ture is requisite before the idea of the superhuman consciousness, and that soon yields to and tortures, the most horrible, cruelties the the sublime philosophy of pantheism.

In addition to the foregoing, the Theist as- nearest and dearest human friends, to please sumes further that man must have something an imaginary God. And even to-day, amid whereon to lavish his love-some object in the focal lights of our enlightened civilization, whom he can repose the most perfect confi- all the amenities of social life and friendship, dence. In other words his affections demand are ruthlessly trampled upon at the behest of new, and it proposes the abrogation of the a personal God. That man needs an object the worshipped God of the 19th century, to love, and that too, supremely, we are not And, these monstrosities will continue to blot its youthfulness. Fossilized institutions are disposed to controvert. Nor, that his nature our nature, so long as we yield credence to also seeks a being in whom he can repose the those fables which recognize a Personal Deity, most perfect confidence. But, that that being outside of nature and of man.

must be a Deity, we are not prepared to grant. There must be some sort of comprehensionsome appreciation on our part, in order to love. How then can we love that which is confessedly inconceivable? It is impossible. Man always loves something which is like himself in some respects, and ever must. All his love of God is purely self-love imagined to be divine. That is, it is love of human attributes and nothing more Confidence is desirable, but it should not be in a person, but in principles primarily, and in persons, only so far as they embody and represent principles. But, there can be no religion, it is affirmed, without trust in a personal God. As religion has been defined, that is true, but we reject all such definitions of religion, and boldly declare that we want no such religion. We want a man, not a God religion. One which concerns

itself with man-his interests and relations, and not with God, his claims, will or glory, all earing for, if possessed of infinite wisdom as church. The same tendency to look fondly which all the faith in all the Gods, never inspired and never can.

help to the theory. A certain degree of cul- and the golden age would begin. It seems incredible when we consult histonatural is developed; and then it is ever a ry, that to the idea of God such oceans of consequent upon attempting to interpret the blood should have been split-such hellish barnatural The first interpretation gives us barities perpetrated by man upon his fellows. fetichism, as we have seen, and it is only after Nevertheless 'tis true. All the sentiments of long culture and thought that the idea of Mon- pity, friendship, patriotism and love have otheistic Personality gains ascendency in the gone down before this remerseless Juggernaut,

Religious forms and ceremonies are cast most terrible have been visited upon the

"All are but parts of one stupendous whole, Whose body nature is, and God the soul." Life is onward, use it With a forward aim ; Toil is heavenly, choose it, And its warfare claim. Look not on another To perform your will; Let not your own brother Keep your warm hand still. Life is onward, never Look upon the past ; It would hold you ever In its clutches fast Now is your dominion Use it as you please; Bind not the soul's pinion To a bed of ease What is Spiritualism? NO. VI. Another extremely injurious form of fanati-

gious law to be of no binding force on the con- We will address ourselves to those queries in science, only so far as it harmonizes with the New Age. eternal right and good.

aside as carelessly as by Paul or Christ. The ancient dogmas are rejected, without the slightest reverence for the age of which they boast, and which they invoke as a defence. The new religion has no reverence for an old falsehood. It demands truth whether old or false, however venerable with age, or lusty in of no more value to it than fossilized bones. They may be valuable for simple antiquarian studies, but useless for the purposes of present progress; so they are discarded as work-

ing models and relegated to the paleontologist for investigation. And yet, notwithstanding this seeming, and in many respects real disregard of existing laws and institutions, christianity and spiritualism, both declare, "I come not to destroy but to fulfill." This is a paradox to merely superficial minds, who can see only the Iconoclast in either. Both, however, recognize the great fact of progress, and that one dispensation complements what has gone before it. While it "makes all things new," it uses the old in constructing stooped down, and putting his arm around before, and by placing man at a different standpoint, he perceives what he had before seen, in an entirely new aspect-it is transformed before him. Neither of them assumes You know John was going for a long time to the function of the universal destroyer, or

eism in the christian church, was a persistent adherence to Jewish notions and customs. ism is perfect in this particular-the law of given him much trouble since. of which he ought to be supposed capable of This has never been extirpated from the Dispensation is faithfully manifested. asserted. There is no necessity for any such back to Egypt afflicts the New Religion. of their reception by the people. At first, a awoke. religion but there is need of the kind we Not a few, who assume the name of Spiritu- sort of stupefied wonder seemed to have seizmention. Man needs confidence in the immu- alists, cling with great tenacity to the appel- ed upon the masses. The next feature was Rev. A. N. B-d, and Mr. Tommy were table methods of nature, and also in his fel- lation of christian-they are christian spiritu- an insatiable curiosity to see the new thing. present. After sitting some little time at low man. When he learns of the unvarying alists, just as their prototypes were judaising But soon the synagogues rarg with denunci- the table, two or three of us felt a strange vibratory motion in our chairs as though it had character of law, and the perfectibility of christians. Incapable of that philosophic ation and warning. "He hath a devil, and man, he will possess a helpful confidence, insight necessary to comprehend the real na- is mad" cried the wily priests. "Can there the floor. We had been engaged in general been produced by an undulating movement of ture of a Dispensation, they imagine the any good thing come out of Nazareth ?" conversation about an hour, when Mr. Home possibility of a certain kind of mechanical These men are immoral, infidel-they break fell back in his seat, his neck resting on the back of his chair; in a few minutes he passed But, again, we are assured that a perfect union leaving both intact, or they merely see, the sabbath-they don't reverence the scripinto the trance state, then slowly rose, crossed moral standard is necessary for man, and also in an external way, the manifestations, and tures-they deserve death for violating our his hands on his breast, and walked two or STERLING a perfect exemplification of that moral upright- become a new sect, not apprehending the real laws. Moreover, these illiterate men and three times round the outside of the company; COIN, ness in a person for an example. But no gist of Spiritualism. Some men, quite emi- women presume to invade our prerogative, stopping behind myself, he personated my such standard is possible, unless we admit a nent in the political and legal world, are of and teach and preach to the people, thus en- mother, so that I instantly recognized her voice and manner; then passing to the Rev. personal God. It is very unfortunate for this character, and the majority of European dangering our control over them and periling Mr. B-d, he elevated his arms and uttered those who urge this argument, that the facts Spiritualists are involved in this form of fa- our salary. We must put this thing down over him a most eloquent and impressive in the case utterly refute it; for, even if we naticism. A celebrated author writes the by some means. But while the priests as a prayer. Having finished this, he said in a grant their claim that the Bible is that stand- "History of the Supernatural," as though body conspired against the truth, many of subdued voice, "You will become a medium." ard, the sober fact is, that not one in a hun- Spiritualism did not at the very threshold, ig- all classes accepted the new religion, rejoicing On reaching Mr. Rutland he drew back, exclaiming, "Why is this? you have no faith! dred of all humanity, ever so much as heard nore the supernatural, and demonstrate the in their acquisition. Various motives were you are all in confusion, but it will not always of it. To assert a necessity, which has never spiritual to be natural. Denial of miracle, the mixed together in some of the first converts. be so!" He then went to Mrs. T., and 49-1y. been met as an argument, is, to say the least, subjugation of all phenomena to the domain of Jesus said some believed because they were kneeling behind her on one knee he appeared a most fallacious way of supporting a propo- law and order, is the essential philosophy of filled with the loaves. The same motive is to be receiving something in one hand which sition. But there is a more fatal objection Spiritualism. Either this position must be not entirely inoperative in the New Dispensa- he transferred to the other, and then poured still. It is this; the standard is incapable of admitted, or else the conclusion is inevitable tion. Without a thorough comprehension of 19th of 1st Cor Oth reverse (To one is minuted) being understood-there is no certainty of that another fanatical sect has arisen to per- what they professed to follow, it is not won- the gift of healing," and added, "Your healwhat it means. Men of equal ability and petuate and intensify existing divisions among derful that, when the crucial test was applied, ing power will be greatly increased from this goodness are found from age to age debating men. Agreeable to this fanaticism, men are "many went back and walked no more with time." He then uttered the following adthe meaning of its sentences, and if we wait advised to stay in the churches, and thous- him," nor that others "believed in secret for dress, during which he was greatly moved ev.

until they agree, our life will not only have ands do so, supporting the falsehood they re- fear of the Jews." The same classes, pur- intonation combining to produce an effect so passed, but the judgment day itself, if there ject, and leaving unhelped the truth they suing the same courses, are found among us, sublime as to impress us with the conviction

he said in broad Scotch-"Tom says you Mrs. Ottendorfer is the sole proprietor of the largest Germandaily newspaper in the styles, and HEAD STONES of all descriptions. We do not "make beld to say that my HEQUAL can't be found, because they don't come HOVEE," but we no claim that bad shaped letters, bad punctuband died, leaving her a large family of chilconservators of that which is. The parallel-ism is perfect in this particular—the law of Dispensation is faithfully manifested. We notice also a strict analogy in the mode of their revention by the nomine where and a strict analogy in the mode



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