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PLEA FOR CHARITY,

BY ALICE CARY. If one had never seen the full completeness Of the round year, that tarried half the way,

How should he guess the fair and flowery sweetness That cometh with the May-Guess of the bloom, and of the rainy sweetness

That comes in with the May Suppose he had but heard the wind a-blowing,

And seen the brooks in icy chains fast bound, How should he guess that waters in their flowing Could make so glad a sound-

Guess how their silver tongues should be set going To such a tuneful sound!

Suppose he had not seen two blue-birds winging Nor seen the day set, nor the morning rise, Nor seen the golden balancing and swinging

Of the gay butterflies-Who could paint April pictures, worth the bringing To notice of his eyes?

Suppose he had not seen the living daisies, Nor seen the rose, so glorious and bright, Were it not better than your far-off praises Of all their lovely light, To give his hands the holding of the daisies, And of the roses bright?

O Christian man, deal gently with the sinner-Think what an utter wintry waste is his Whose heart of love has never been the winner To know how sweet it is-

Be pitiful, O Christian, to the sinner, ink what a world is his !

He never heard the lisping and the trembling Of Eden's gracious leaves about his head-His mirth is nothing but the poor dissembling Of a great soul unfed-O bring him where the Eden-leaves are frembling,

And give him Heavenly bread.

As winter doth her shriveled branches cover With greenness, knowing spring-time's soft desir Even so the soul, knowing Jesus for a lover, Puts on a new attire-A garment fair as snow, to meet the Lover Who bids her come up higher.



is the town of Camden, connected with Philadelphia by several steam ferries, rendering it an elligible residence for persons doing business in the city.

About ten minutes walk from one of the ferries, on the Camden side, is a neat, white industriously to ply her needle, study during house; look up to the second story; some person there loves flowers ; how very beautiful those Hydrangea-how sweet those fuch-

felt that she could not go forward and deliver by the minister ; the latter, however, regardit; so she sat still, her hope and courage fast ing differences of opinion as private property, ebbing away. By-and-by the examination commenced; certed, but sufficiently impartial and Catho-Jane's fears momentarily increased until she lic to appreciate whatever force there might trembled; in vain she thought herself fool- be in William's objection. He ever encourish to feel so-in vain tried to encourage her- aged and participated in Mesmeric and Biself. By-and-by, in the course of the exam- ological experiments made by the young peo- reality." ination a question was asked, which she felt ple in his congregation, making no endeavor

she could not answer, on which she left at to influence their opinions and conclusions evening referred to; but after being repeatedfrom the result. On one of those Sunday re-unions he call-

On her arrival at home she wept like a child. "I cannot go to another examinabe interested in such subjects, to an experi- a mystery. tion, mother; if I never obtain a school without being publicly examined, then I fear ment with a gold ring, hung on a fine hair held I will never teach ; I felt so timid, my brain by the fingers over a peice of gum-shellac. 'If a female hold the hair, the ring will seemed to reel. I cannot say how an examination should be conducted to suit me; but to North to South ; while if a male and female be placed in a seat expressly to be criticised, joined hands it would move round and round, to see how much I know, and to feel all the time that though I cannot answer because of the gum-shellae. These, said the minister. this foolish timidity, yet that I am equal to "are the facts as told to me; now, Jane, that and far more, is most distressing.' you can test them." One after another went to the table to

"Well, my child," answered Mrs. Allston to this quick outburst of Jane. "I should think they might write all the questions, and let the applicant write the answers."

"But if I feel that I must either answer in a limited time or be regarded as incompetent, I would be sure to fail; timidity and incapacity, thee sees require the same treatment; and so I perceive that unless the School Board, or some of its members, either knew me themselves or would take the word of those who do. I shall never teach. however well qualified."

"Well, never mind," answered the kind mother; "we can live comfortably without thy teaching."

"Yes, mother, but think of Jessie; had I school, she might give up gaiter-binding altogether." Here Jane's pent up feelings again gave way; her great love for Jessie, connected with the bitter disappointment she had just experienced, and the sad assurance,

thence resulting, that she could not obtain a school and thereby release Jessie altogether from labor so as give her some opportunity to recover her health--all these were too much for herself-control.

These were sad and bitter moments to Jane ; but, quietly if not actively courageous, she bowed to the inevitable, continuing heart. allher spare moments, and calmly await the development of events.

sias? Yes, some one there does love flowers, her daughters crossed the river to attend abled him to acquire some

Jane related to him what she saw on the otherwise disbursed.

ly canvassed it only remained a curious fact ones, helping nature to heal the body and at and I hesitate not in saying that every where complish the greatest good to the greatest that could not then be accounted for, the the same time imparting comfort to the anx- in nature-in every department of her works- number. We only differ in the way to accomed the attention of Jane, whom he knew to cause being obvious, but the modus operandi, ious mother and sister.

Very beautiful life became to Jane, for she months; still Jessie' and Oscar linger. Mrs. had life indeed, which is love; its ever pre- Allston and Jane have watched those loved sent consciousness buoyed her over all trials ones day and night. No matter if every move from East to West; if a male, from and clothed all things in ever living beauty. cent was spent; no matter if they should be They walked along the banks of the river utterly destitute and Oscar could never retowards Gloucester, raribling in the green turn to College; O, how utterly insignifiwoods reading and conversing; and so their cant was all else compared with the restoralove grew greater and stronger, as do all tion to health of Oscar and Jessie !-

beautiful things in the open air-among trees, flowers, birds and sunshine. As soon as Jane was engaged to Charles tumn had given place to the cold and stormy least the passions of men, either morally, by Upland, and felt that she was to be the winter, and the recovery of either was doubt- moral and religious Societies, or physically sist in immorality and crime against society. mother of the little boy, "Charley," she de- ful, while the triffing sum of money remain- by the strong arm of the whole people-the and refuse to try to do better and insist that sired him to go to Massachusetts for the ing to them at the time of Oscar's arrival at State-is infringing upon the just rights and child, that she might have him with her, in home was nearly gone, with no prospect of its privilges of the people ! Law may be, like all which proposal he at once acquiesed. When being replenished.

father and child arrived at Mrs. Allston's, Jane was in the city, The little fellow- fact : then about eigteen months old-would not

"Is Oscar any better, Jane ?" go to Mrs. Allston or Jessie, would not have his hat taken off, but clung to his by." "I want to die, Jane, dear." go to Mrs. Allston or Jessie, would not "No, darling, but he may be by-and-

"O, don't say that, Jessie, thee is young! Soon afterwards Jane came, and as soon Mother and I cannot do without thee." as he saw her he put out his arms, saying, "I have nothing to live for. If we could ' Mamma ?" and went to her. Blessed darlng! Charles and Jane looked at each other all go together ! Poor mother ! Oscar is with moistened eyes, while the father said, in better. I want to die Jane."

"Oscar is no worse, and I believe he will a voice hushed by emotion. "Does he feel recover. When thee recovers, all will be well; but don't talk, for it will injure How Jane's large loving soul clung to the child ! He was to be her child-was her thee."

"Let me talk awhile; when I am dead, child now. Could his angel mother have look-Jane, bury me under the shady tree we aded on at that moment, she would have said, mired so much in the center of the graveyard." Charley was a fair skinned, dark-eyed, ro-

Seeing Jane weep, she put out her thin bust little fellow, just beginning to lisp litfeeble hand, took Jane's and said, "Jane, I will wait until thee comes; I will rest, rest, loved him and sung to him every day in the next world, for thee will come very and many a time in the day when he was asleep, or toddling around the room, she soon:

Together we'll roam through regions afar ; Together we'll visit and study each star-Yes, Jane ; we will live there-no pover

Jessie's voice was weak and broken ; she means. On his suit of mazarene blue, embroidered with silk breathed with difficulty, and, for the greater them. Let us carefully and in the mos

A balancing fact came, however, when halves to her angel lovliness. Jane appears the right and power to inflict punishment by upon the weak and innocent; to set aside ob-Charles Upland in telling her his love refer- calm when in the sick room, but alas! has way of correction. Now is there anything in ligation; to abolish right; to go back to barand to be respected as such, was never discon- red to his first visit to her house, when he no hope! The loved pet of her soul is going this that sheuld strike with dread the honest barism; ay, to worse than Savagism. This saw her with her mother and sister, saving, to be taken away. Gaiter-binding and dress- earner in the great school of humanity-one may seem strong language; but I hope it "On that evening, Jane I claimed you for my making are at an end; the sick ones must be who recognizes the fact that "order is heavens will not be offensive, for with the kindest own, for there I saw you as you really were, nursed; the money so carefully, so religious- first law," and disorder is Hell; that God feelings to those who differ from me, I must and my dream of you was then merged into ly held by Mrs. Allston for her boy's educa- punishes by way of correction, always when say, this is but the expression of my honest tion, and its attendant expenses must now be his rules of action, or laws are infringed or convictions.

violated? He who would learn correctly I entirely agree with you, brother Fox, should take lessons of Nature around him; that our aim should be to so organize as to acshe never deviates from law, order, and pun- plish this. You would take away all restraint Days gone into weeks and weeks into ishment for the purpose of correction; or in or have none; I would use all the moral other words: God most clearly manifests His force, a society has to restrain the undue "Code of Discipline" in His government and manifestation of passions, and keep them controll of all matter and mind. It seems within the bounds of reason, morality and strange to me that there can be found strong virtue. A just "code of discipline" wrongs minded men and women who teach and no no one. It is only the wrong-doers that is doubt believe, that law is tyranny; or simply interfered with by such a code, and there owner, at an instrument by which tyrants oppress the your "Hammonton frier 2s" and in as many the weak and innocent; that order is 'old logyism, adopt cne we believe we should do all in The time came for still greater trials. and the result of superstitious attachment to our power to benefit the erring; first by kind Summer had passed away, and the still au- old worn-out forms; that to restrain in the pursuasion, try to lead them in the ways of rightcousness, but if this fails, and they pervice is virtue, we think we can do them and ourselves far more good by excluding them good things. perverted-turned into tyranny; from our fellowship as a society, than by re-Listen to a conversation not fancy, but Discipline may be used by designing and taining them; and thus command the respect wicked men as an engine to blast ones just of the reasonable and moral portion of comreputation; but these are abuses; and what munity, and make it possible to do them good is not subject to abuse? Shall we not eat also. This is the greatest "Thumb-screw and because eating improperly often causes great Rack" that can or cught to be used by any pain and even death. Shall we use no fire be- moral or Religious society in our country. If cause it consumes whole towns and destroys there is no real love and fellowship between many lives ? Shall we have no marriages bemembers, they can do each other but little if cause many are improperly contracted? Shall any good by association in society. Instead we have no homes because many so called are of being attracted together, they are repulsplaces of strife, bitterness, and woe? Let us ed from each other, and thus such association reform abuses-weed out the tares that have is a source of weakness rather than of sprung up with the wheat, but let us be carestrength. To illustrate this I might cite you ful that we do not uproot the wheat with the to most of the Spiritualist societies through tares, or trample it under our feet with wild the land; and when the cause of their lukeand inconsiderate recklessness. I am for orwarmness and inharmony is carefully examinder and happiness; and there can be neither ed, it will be found to have resulted chiefly without law and discipline. from two causes : First, the want of a proper

You say : "better no organization than foundation to build upon-agreeing upon one that shall in the least bind the human definite aims and principles; and Second, by soul or limit in the slightest degree, its free having no "Code of Discipline" by which to expression." I thank you for the frank and rid themselves of the load of immorality and conscise manner in which you have stated sensuality, that like an incubus has been your position on organization, which I ac- weighing them down to the earth, to say nothknowledge is the language and sentiment of ing of the horde of unreasonable extremists many who are marching beneath the banner who find convenient shelter and refuge where of Spiritualism.

no doctrine or practice is a bar to fellowship. Here, I take direct issue with you and Thousands of good people in and out of the churches, for the want of these are kept from

make the experiment. Dr. Meredith standing near Jane an approving spectator. All went for sometime in accordance with the programme; but by-and-by a lady with a large brain and positive temperament, came up and took hold of the "magic ring," when lo ! it moved from North to South, and on Jane joining hands with her it revolved around the gum-shellac. Sundry theories were thereupon devised to

account for the phenomena, one of which was that men were, as a rule, positive and women negative, but that in rare and exceptional cases, the reverse was the case ; while an

other theory, of a skeptical nature, assumed that the preceding was fanciful, and that one's thoughts directed unconsciously the movements of the fingers, so that the ring would in fact revolve as directed, or expected, the link that unites us, my Jane?" by the mind of the person making the expe-

riment. Other and varied theories were devised and discussed, to all of which the minister listen. ed with ardent pleasure, making no remarks, hough his silence was not grand, conspicuous or uncomfortable, his presence being lov

ed, but never felt to be there as a power. tle words. Jane washed and dressed him. Sometimes to Quaker meeting or Vegetariin church, Jane was accompanied by a special friend-a gentleman, for love had come to

Jane Allston and taken up its abode in her watched him, forming many a plan in the fu-Charles Upland was a widower who previture for her boy Charley.

ous to his marriage, had spent several years "Dress him according to your own taste, ty!" Every Sunday morning Mrs. Allston and in Peru, where his mechanical genius had en- Jane," said Mr. Upland so she made him a

Even so-amen!

Every day Dr. Meredith visited the sick

love. Their avocations have brought them in his being thus far but little noticed. not only necessaries, but comparative indekindness of the old gentleman, Mr. Sanford, who spoke so pleasantly to them when on eyebrows, features well chiselled, his rather their gaiter-binding pilgrimage, they are furnished with the best kinds of work from his an expression of solidity and squareness to establishment. Their three rooms on the se- his physiognomy, which would have been atcond story, so comfortably and neatly furnished, with their flowers and books, have made indicative of decision and power. He is, them very happy and contented. Rents are however, less easily described in detail than lower than in the city, while dress-making as a whole; he was quiet and more inclined their new abode, declaring that the six weeks all instinctively listened, his sayings bethey were with her were the happiest she had ing characterized by a charm of originality spent since the death of her daughter. Good and quaintness that was highly appreciated Mrs. Pierson ! would that there were more by the few whose privilege it was to be in his such "Samaritans" to heal and take by the company under favorable circumstances. hand the worthy and industrious poor.

ious mother and loving sister.

determined to attend a Teacher's Examina- was so holy as to check naturalness or spontation in the Sixth street school, to which niety. Sunday being the day in which they whom it was more particularly intended, as ty able to step from the carriage; they helpcourse she was impelled by her loving care strengthened their friendships for each other when the former class mount a "hobby," a ed him up the stairs, and laid him in his teacher, Jessie need not labor and might verse. self to the effort.

room in which the examination was to be con- make the required examination.

There is nothing at first sight prepossessing but whether characteristic or the result of and plans for the fature, her boy Charley thee will go." pendence. No fault-finding Mrs. Carman; in his appearance; a plain man almost thirty sorrow for his companion was difficult to de- prominently mingled! During three of the no more eight cent gaiters ; for through the years of age, or perhaps younger ; iron-grey cide, his features expressing indomitable will six months spent in their Camden home little mother will do better without me." eyes, deeply set, and well protected by heavy prominent chin giving, by its peculiar form, tractive to a disciple of Lavater, and clearly has been obtained just as easily as when to listen than to talk, but in every day, social herself, neither had she recognized love in and sent home to his mother. He had not the same paper, in answer to certain strictwith them, and sometimes visits them in mirthfulness. Whenever he began to speak she found rest.

After religious service those friends would Rapidly have rolled on the days and weeks; cross the street to spend an hour or two with and thus arriving at correct opinions, made ters all the comforts of a home. phia and their location in Camden, Jane had there was nothing forced or stilted; nothing gar on horseback, etc," bore as ready appli- terrible disease we have mentioned.

for Jessie; for could she obtain a situation as and their love to the Father of the Uni- result substantially similar to that mentioned mother's bed, from which it appeared as if then recover her strength; so she thought, Jane and her brother while in England occurrence, in which principle the eccentric my poor boy !" said Mrs. Allston again and and so she gathered resolution to make the had, though quite young, joined a Phrenolo- and purposeless gyrations of certain classes effort. Isaac Carman gave her a note of in- gical class, which, in connection with subse- of would be innovators may be accounted troduction to one of the examiners, and Jessie quent study and observation, had made Jane for. tried to encourage her by reminding her of a competent phrenologist. Occasionally at The first visit of Mr. Upland to Jane's the various efforts she had made to obtain these incidental meetings, Jane was solicited residence in Camden was accompanied by a situations, and how easily she had become to examine the head of a young lady of the rather remarkable incident. Jane, who had

platform, when the lady having been intro- were indicated the character and capabilities not fathom-a fact, however, previously obof introduction, which she had with her, but ally disarrange the application of such facts body."

either the Cherry street meeting house, return to his native State (Massachusetts), braid, and bought him a black hat trimmed part of the time, had to be kept in an up- friendly manner examine this proposition for acknowledging their faith in our True Philobor has enabled them to keep together, whence nied by William and Hannah Tilghman, and, baby boy who was taken charge of by a rela- into existence in a short time! How care- necessary to fan her the whole time. joices in her children's presence, while Jane his unassuming habits and disposition to keep Philadelphia immediately after his wife's bu- lifted him to the window that he might see at their fountain. and Jessie bask in the sunshine of a mother's himself in the shade have naturally resulted rial. There was in his countenance and in the child as he crossed the open space in

> power, courage and fortitude, while his low. Charley has been the pet of the household. nellow voice had a plaintive cadence.

troduction to each other by Isaac Carman, tions which they were bravely enduring to rest in heaven !" been warm friends. During all Jane's dark carry out those intentions were destined to

cation to the poor on ideas as to those for in the proverb is far! from being an unusual he would never rise again. "My own boy !

greet the minister, who would say in such nearly opposite him, while in conversation saw

How the good intentions of Mrs. Allston Mr. Upland and Jane had, since their in- and her daughters, and the toil and depriva- whispers, "We'll rest in heaven, Jane-we'll

days in Philadelphia-during all her anxiety be broken up, and scattered to the four winds and care, she had turned to Charles Upland of heaven ! Oscar, for whose College eduand found a degree of rest. Not that she cation-they had chosen their present positold him her circumstances, or anything about tion, was suddenly taken with typhoid fever,

similar; their opinions, too, on religious sub- of whom he was to be the provider and de- to it the attention its importance demands. jects, were very similar; or rather, their ab- pendence. Oscar, so far from ever shrinking I fully agree with you that : "As the time has

dox children when "ghosts" and "Spirits" are mentioned. again, as she laid her hands on his pale forehead and fever-flushed cheeks.

How often we remark that "misfortunes never come singly;" such was the case with our friends. On the day after Oscar's arridiscouraged; so Jane resolved to nerve her- church, or of a young man who had called to taken her seat at a short distance from yet val, Jessie, who had been busily engaged in us examine this "terrible Monster," for a until then, restraints must be placed upon waiting on her brother, and attending to gen-But her courage failed at the decisive mo-cases, "Now let my friend Jane Allston ex-(or was it fancy?) the duplicate of Mr. Up-eral household duties, thought she would ment. When she arrived at the Sixth street amine your head and tell us what are the land glide towards her, then recede and wash her wealth of curls in some clean suds, ary language means "an orderly collection, not use their moral farce to restrain their school-house she was shown upstairs to the promises of the future," when Jane would blend in the real form of her friend, then ad- and was just finishing, when Jane saw her system, or digest of laws; a compilation or members from immoral conduct. In our day vance towards her and recede, as before, un- falling to the floor and caught her in her arms; system of laws by public authority." "Dis- and country the "Thumb-screw and rack," ducted, where she found at least one hundred This, however, did not occur every Sun- til the two forms became again blended in she was fainting; camphor and water were cipline " means, according to Webster, "the are used only to embellish the sentence and with those that did not belong to the sects ladies present as candidates for examination, day, nor was there any stereotyped method of one. Jane had tried in various ways to ex-"All these ladies want schools !" said Jane passing the day. Phrenology, Mesmerism plain this vision-" Could it be that his fore consciousness was restored; indeed, this ucation; development of the faculties by in- cian; and are not real things that should termed by these, "publicans and sinners;" to herself; "then there is no chance for and Biology were often discussed on these oc- spirit thus went out to hers, and she enabled was but the introduction to the sick bed; struction and exercise; training; subjection frighten any one from propriety, and drive me." She took a seat near the door, and casions, whatever related to mind being to to perceive it?" that might be the impelling gently they carried her to her room, and laid to rule, submissiveness to order and control; people to consent to dispense with all rules, but for the sake of the argument I admit them looked sadly and timidly around the room at them of peculiar interest, as they were deem- cause, but why such incomprehensible manithe great number collected; occasionally a ed so many connecting links between the body festation? Is the spirit dual? does it step to Jessie, art thou too passing away?-is it a ed by way of correction and training;" &c., organizations. lady would arrive accompanied by one or two and the spirit. Facts on the subjects con- greet its kindred unbidden and uncontrolled? truth that thy merry laugh, thy musical, ever Its Synomins are education, instruction, cul- To say the human soul must not be bound or gentlemen, who walked confidently up to the stituted their Cabinet of specimens by which There was the bare fact, which Jane could varied voice, shall be heard no more!

Step lightly! she s'eeps ! yet breathes very "Code of discipline " then, must mean an or- pression, it seems to me, is to plead for the nor they to follow him without complying duced to the examiners, the gentlemen retir- of the immortal principle-the spirit. served by one who said, "There is a natural quickly; "inflamation of the lungs," the derly collection of laws or rules of action to abolition of law, and the establishment of an- with his "Code of Discipline." ed. Jane thought of Isaac Carman's note William Tilghman's logic might very materi- body and there IS (not WILL BE) a spiritual Doctor says: How like a dream her face ! develop the faculties of the learner; a system- archy; for the letting loose of all the passand those curls tossed on the pillows are as atic course of instruction and exercise including ional nature of man to pray, unrestrained,

"But we should go together, Jessie; do

How large and bright appear Jessie's blue

eyes! how pleased her countenance, as she

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daughters. Six months have passed away; which belonged to the Hicksite Quakers, or he married a young lady, when he had pre- with black feathers; this was to be his suit right position; notwithstanding the severity a moment. To organize means to associate sophy and Pure Religion, and casting their gaiter-binding and dress-making have kept the Swedenborgean Vegetarian church. when he went with his papa and Jane for a of the cold, the doors and windows must be together with a common aim or purpose, and influence and means in its behalf. them very busy and very happy, for their la-Whenever at the latter they were accompa-Whenever at the latter they were accompa-walk. What frocks, aprons, etc., spring kept open, and now while talking Jane found it exert the combined efforts of all to effect that I am at a loss to know what you mean by purpose; to co-operate to a certain end. the "Christ principle." If you mean the has come strength to endure and capacity to cocasionally, friend Martindale, whom we tive, and had since been deprived of both fully she dressed him and combed his hair to Jane tried to answer cheerfully, though her Then to organize implies an agreement or principle which actuated "Jesus of Nazareth" ought to know better than we do, but that father and mother, for Charles had left for meet his father every evening! How she heart ached and the tears stood trembling pledge of its members to try to effect certain when he said to some; "Wo unto you scribes objects, and this creates special obligations and pharisees hyporites! "ye serpents, ye

upon each member to fulfill his contract or generation of vipers, how can you escape the his mild dark eyes an expression of sadness; front of the house, and how, in all her hopes try to live, for if thee desires to die, I fear pledge in the premises, whatever that may damnation of hell? "See Mathew XXIII be. As no two persons can be expected to 13 to 29," or when he made a scourge of "I have nothing to live for; thee and always think alike on all questions that may small cords and whipped the speculators out

arise as to means, policy, etc., etc. I assume of the temple and tipped over their tables &c. that the majority must be allowed to control had a general house cleaning of the house of where there is a difference of opinion, and the Lord, John II. 14, 15, 16, or when he the minority must submit, even if their said : "Every tree that bringeth not forth "souls" are bound or "limited in their free good fruit is hewn down and cast into the expression," for "the voice of the people fire; wherefore by their fruits shall ye know [majority] is the voice of God." There them;" or when he said; "Give not that must necessarily be a power somewhere in which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye

In the "AGE" of Nov 7th, appears certain every organization to decide questions that your pearls before swine." No man can come before it; and in all organizations serve two masters;" Ye cannot serve God Editorial comments on an article of mine in based upon the Republican idea of equal and mammon." Or when he said ; "love Jane and Jessie were with good Mrs. Pier- life seemed to crawl out from his shell of re- her preference for him; he was her friend- felt well for some months, yet had toiled on ures of the "AGE" upon our Preamble and rights, that power must be in the majority. your enemies, bless them that curse you, do son, who, by the way, was very sorry to part ticence, and then became genial even to her dear friend, and in that thought only had studying with all his strength that he might Constitution, which I did not intend to let pass Therefore, when one becomes a member of good to them that hate you and pray for them be prepared for the future—that future which in silence, but absence from home and press of such a society, he expressly or impliedly which dispitefully use you and persecute you; In many respects their tastes were very was to unite him with his mother and sisters, business has prevented until now my paying agrees to submit and be bound by the action and kindred expressions I have no fault to of the majority. The very essence of the find with it when taken together and properly Republican idea is that individual will or construed.

sence of decided opinions, but desire to in. at the idea, longed for the time when he evidently come for organic movements among opinion, must submit to the will and opinion I am sorry that I was so unfortunate in my vestigate, test and compare for the purpose of should take his father's place in the house- Spiritualists, a full and fair discussion as to of the many, and thus be bound and "limited language as to be understood as favoring exbeing established on a foundation of truth, hold and gather around his mother and sis- the kind of organization needed is certainly in its free expression.' To refuse to submit pulsion on the sole ground of "what will the demanded ; " for it is only by such discussion, to the majority is violating the agreement by world say of us ?" which I understand you to

how bright has been their little home! and the minister and his wife, whose house was them in this respect alike. Both were inter- Knowing well that the purse at home must and a careful and honest examination of the which one becomes a member, and is rebellion say should not be a question to be considered yet during all this time there has been one always open on Sundays, the aged couple be- ested in dietetics, and were experimenting be low he had, instead of visiting them, whole subject, that we can hope, as Spiritual- and anarchy. No society can exist where all at all by a true Reformer. If there were no dark cloud in the home sky-Jessie's failing ing like father and mother to the members of on the effects of diet in which the flesh taught a country school during vacation, by ists, to build a structure that will be permanent, the members have their own way, and will other reason for rejecting and expelling perhealth. Her constant cough and hectic flush their church, who, old and young, flocked in of animals had no part. Though ready to which means he had been enabled to remit to that will withstand the winds and storms of not submit to the will of others. Each must sons from Spiritualists societies than this, caused many a sigh to escape from the anx- at intervals throughout the day to shake investigate whatever came in their way, neith- his mother a sum that was very acceptable. opposition on every hand and from every hand and fro hands with and greet the minister and his er were bigoted or given to hobbies, fully Scarcely, however, had he resumed his studies cause. I have your article to which I intend any society, and allow the wisdom of the so- the intend the minister and his er were bigoted or given to hobbies, fully Scarcely, however, had he resumed his studies cause. On the arrival of her mother in Philadel- companion. In these unpremeditated re-unions realizing that the old adage of "Let a beg- in College when he was struck down with the this as a reply, in part at least, you charact- ciety to govern; not that the majority is al- mast flimsy reason, and worthy of no attenerize my article as favoring a "Code of disci- ways right, but it is the best that can be tion ; but if public opinion is founded upon On his arrival at home he was with difficul- pline." Very well; that language does not done. just grounds-if public opinions condemns a

frighten me, though I know that very many The human soul, I think no one will deny, man because of his immoral conduct, or a so-Spiritualists nearly go into hysterics over sometimes manifests great perversity, and un- ciety because it fosters and upholds immoralthose "awful" words, and tremble like ortho- less "limited" in some degree "in its free ex- ity by having no condemnation for it, or pression." would trample upon justice and dis- those that practice it, and as far as its influregard right, laugh at weakness and innocence ence goes makes vice as honorable as virtue : And may it not be in both cases from the and scorn the pleadings of reason. When if the world thinks evil of us because our same or a similar cause-improper education every human soul becomes so far perfected in deeds and influence are evil, in some respects. and a misapprehension of the proper meaning its moral nature as never to do intentional then, indeed, should we care for public opin-

of these, to them, frightful words; and what wrong, and has developed a wisdom that al- ions and abandon the evil; if not for our own is regarded with so much horror, in the first as ways judges justly and truly, then all may be sake, then for the world's sake, and for the in the last case be our dearest friends? Let a law unto themselves, and need no restraints; sake of the good we have that the world has moment-take him to pieces and see what he men; and Religious and moral societies are and therefore we should care what the just,

A. J. KING.

Hammonton, N. J. Jan. 3d, 1870.

not. To do the world good we must be above its contempt ; we must be respected,

You intimate, that Jesus associated with

'Sinners," and that they are fit associates

for those who would be good. It is recorded

of him that he did once eat at the same table

but there is no evidence in this that these

his desiring to enter into a close fraternal re-

lation or association with such on their level. He required of his associates that they leave THE PRESENT AGE.

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INVOCATION.

BY E. L. W. Oh, thou who art the same forevermore, All-powerful, all-loving and all-wise ! Thou unto whom all aspirations pour, And whom all nation's and all tongues adore, Oh, hear my soul as unto thee it cries! Life's way seems dark; the lamp of Faith burns l And sheds on past and future feeble light; It lends no more a sunny spirit-glow To faces sweet and pale as drifted snow, That crowd around our lonely hearth to night; And heavy sorrow's like an iron hand, Hold fast my heart, while tear-blind eyes behold Once brave and beauteous blossoms of the land, Broke and borne down, as by a storm of sand, And sunk from sight of Heaven's gates of gold ! own we learn Untill in kindly sympathy we yearn To give to all the woe-struck world relief? Oh, Parent-Soul! be pitiful and show Through all these clouds that gather dark above.

That thou, who dost all human heart-needs know, Canst give to every midnight hour of woe, The holy star-light of divinest love! Oh Father ! let thy wisdom be our trust. Thy love be our example evermore ! Though golden links of life may gather rust, And all love's roses moulder back to dust. Still will our souls believe, and still adore ! Titusville, Jan 4th, 1870.

Spinoza's Philosophy.

The Caucasian race have, in the course of its development from the earliest Hindoo civ. ilization, developed two fundamental forms of thought, known as Pantheism and Platonism. The Hindoo originated the first, the Greek the second system of philosophy, In later times Spinoza, an apostate German Jew of the seventeenth century, gave the most concise statement of Pantheism extant. He is now better appreciated by thinkers than in any other period since he wrote. We append a tion that the present condition of society few of his propositions and axioms which forms the basis of his philosophy.

Cause is the essence of that which involves exis- effect. They ask by what authority has wo-Substance is that which is in itself, and conceived man been treated as an inferior and slave, even

per se; that which has no antecedents. Attributes are the qualities of substance. Laws are the affections of substance, or modes

ed as equal to man. If all governments demotion which substance assumes. rive their just powers from the consent of the Every thing which is, is in itself or in some other thing, That which cannot be perceived through governed, why do man made laws control that another must be perceived per se. Substance is prior to its accidents. Two substance

large and intelligent class, who have been ces having different attributes, have nothing in comdeprived of their political existence. cess having anterest attributes, note noting in com-mon with each other, and the one cannot be con-ceived by the conception of the other. Of things which have nothing in common, one could not be the cause of the other. Divers things are distinguished only through their attributes or their modes. There Our constitution declares that taxatlon without representation is tyranny ; has woman

stitute the basis of human personalities; the other class consist of passive or unconscious monads, which, in their first combinations, or precipitated contents, constitute the elements formulated by chemistry. Both classes are is that *individual will* or opinion, *must alimit to the* ottomplue definite in number and amount, and eternally definite in number and amount, and are fraught with such unitary tendencies as to mutually conspire towards objective manifes-

tion of organized structures. The Christian conception is fundamentally

nite Personality, and all worlds and beings a creation out of nothing.

All communications for this department should be addressed to Mrs. E. L. Watson, Titusville, Pa questions which transcend the definitions af-

forded by science, but we shall find by a careful study of the history of philosophy, that the chief importance which characterizes any popular form of thought, depends upon the estimate that is made of the Ultimate Cause.

Pantheism, Platonism and Christianism, are the several standpoints from which all the phi losophies and theories of science in the world have been formulated, and instead of these questions losing their interest with minds pre eminent for culture, they are receiving an attention exceeding that of any period sinc Plato penned his immortal thoughts. W

Woman Suffrage.

must submit to the will and opinion of the hear the lecture. This is the great question that is to-day divinity of all men be recognized. Instead and go to work with him, take your carriage agitating the public mind, that is being dis cussed in all political, and ecclesiastical cirof rearing any more walls to divide mankind, and convey him to the liberalists of your we desire to break down those that still exist. community, and then help him to his next apcles, the theme that calls out the most pro The morn of freedom for humanity from all pointment. found thought, compelling man to acknowledge the supremacy of the individual over inman made creeds is dawning. stitutional authorities, that calls for a more perfect expression of universal justice. The one ray of hope that cheers the heart of the reformer, and thrills the nerves, and inspires the soul of every true woman. The subject that blends and interblends with the deepest interest of every individual. Shining above us like a

SEC., OFFICE MICH., ASSOCIATION OF SPIRIT'S rainbow arch of beauty, prophesying what the future will be, when the government will Col. D. M. Fox .- Brother :- I have received fro practically acknowledge the fundamental George R. McKay, a letter informing me he cannot principle that ALL are created equal, possessserve as President of this Association, on account of ircumstances that positively prevent. ing the same inalienable rights.

when her intellectual capacity is acknowledg-

I have presented this subject to every member of Woman's Suffrage is the theme to which the Board of Trustees, and I am by their unanimou the best minds of the country are now giving voice, instructed to earnestly request you to serve their attention. Many of the objections foranother year in the position you have hitherto occu pied, so satisfactorily to the Spiritualists of Michimerly urged against it, have been removed by the earnest and efficient efforts of noble wo-We are aware of your positive refusal at the late men, who, having fully realized the degrada-State Convention to again accept, and that you have

devoted yourself to the duties of this office three imposes upon them, have set themselves to years, and yet, we feel that under the circumwork to discover the cause that produced this

> gency, and that you will be pleased to accept. In behalf of the Association, Fraternally thine, J. P. AVERILL, Secretary. KALAMAZOO, January, 12th, 1870. J. P. AVERILL, SEC. MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF

n the majority. Therefore, when one becomes a nember of such a society, he expressly or impliedly

eruse with care the lecture upon organization do nothing.

by J. S. Loveland found on our fourth page.

"Soon shall the trump of freedom

Resound from shore to shore ;

BATTLE CREEK, January 11th 1870.

Soon taught by heavenly wisdom,

Man shall oppress no more ;

But every yoke be broken,

The day of Jubilee."

Each captive soul set free,

And every heart shall welcome

vill and opinion of the many.

enough of this.

SPIRITUALISTS. My DEAR BROTHER .--- Yours of yesterday is before me. I am truly thankful to your Board of Trustees for this renewed expression of their confidence. It certainly seems very difficult for me to give the time and attention that the duties of this any representation? Man has taught us that office demand, but believing your expression to be in

denominated conscious monads, which con- There must necessarily be a power somewhere in reading this article, resolve to do more for the it would have been of little comfort to me for every organization to decide questions that come be-fore it; and in all organizations based upon the Re-publican idea of equal rights, that power must be

The Board have employed as the agent of istence. In fact I thought little of, and cared

You have heard of an individual being duties of his position. We regard this as the fastened to a stake, and compelled to travel How many noble histories are silently writing In this extract is embodied the very quint- best possible selection that could have been the same round, day after day, and year after essence of despotism. For the maintance of made. Br. Averill is a gentleman of refine- year, the distance depending upon the length themselves in human hearts, on viewless air,

tations, as the formation of worlds and evolu- this terrible power, rivers of blood have been ment and cultivation; genial and with a of the chain that bound him. So it was with and all around us. But few may ever know caused to flow. This spirit, the desire of a heart full of loving kindness to all, with a me, I had cultivated my intellect at the exour name, and fewer learn to loves us, and majority to rule, has lighted the fires of per- great love for our cause to urge him forward, pense of my social nature. My heart had yet one little ray of sonl-light helps make distinct from the foregoing. The Great First secution, and would again. No ! No ! broth- and an earnestness of purpose, we antici- plead in vain for that warmth and light that the immortal glory-robe which the world will Cause is conceived to be embraced in an Infi- er King, you cannot hope to get any great pate for him a hearty welcome in every every individual has a right to claim. This wear forever; and our footprints may shine number of Spiritualists to go down there. family he may visit, and popularity in demand of my nature, not being supplied, I stretch up to the throne of Truth! Our sis-They have too recently escaped from the every community. As a speaker, brother was to the superficial observer as cold as the It may be deemed fruitless to occupy ones bonds of sectarianism to be again entangled Averill will be acceptable everywhere, in the northern glaziers. There was not in the wide ter was one of those simple-hearted, childlike women, who fill your soul with confidence and rural districts, as well as large towns, all will be world one individual in sympathy with me, better faith, and who scatter sunbeams and Those who entertain this view of the subject pleased. Our agent will visit and speak in one that seemed to care to add to my happi- flowers every where they go. Strongly mewould if in their power, narrow SPIRITUALISM! every place where he is called for, leaving the ness, or one to whom 1 had the power of diumistic, she never doubted the doctrine of this new humanitarian, world wide religion, amount of remuneration entirely with those bringing pleasure. This was the stake to immortality as taught by the most intelligent the grandest movement in the worlds history, he may thus serve. which I was bound and I could not advance mind, and her last days were passed in desdown to a puny sect, the world has had Now are you ready to ask: What can I until the needs of my soul had been fully and cribing spirit friends, repeating their messa-

do to aid in this work? My reply is much, freely met. You may judge that I was so ges, and rejoicing at the many reunions. In contradistinction we ask our readers to very much, in fact without your aid we can absorbed in selfish thoughts that I neglected Her soul went out in sympathy for all the sufto perform those little deeds of kindness and fering of earth, and almost her last words to

charity that "never fail to awaken kindness in her good husband were, "always remember 1. Do not wait for the agent to visit you, In it will be found enunciated ideas, worthy of but the moment you read this announcement return. Perhaps I shall be compelled to the poor !" I wish I might paint for all the from the tender spiritual eye, never failed to the new religion. An organization is advo- of his appointment, write to him, invite him plead guilty to this charge, for two or three world that glorious death-bed scene; for mecated in harmony with nature's teachings. to your place to lecture for you, arrange for failure's so chilled my sensitive nature, that I thinks there are many mortals just ready to An organization in which the sovereignity of it, and when you get his answer and learn the never had the courage to repeat my offers of depart who would wear a more cheerful mien the individual is sacred. Not an organization time he is to be with you, spread the news kindness. So the years rolled on. My brothin which the "individual will or opinion, and get your neighbors all to turn out and ers and sisters moved out into the various music that hovered around the onward marchwalks of life; their taunting words, and chillng soul! What stronger evidence need we

many." Creeds must pass away and the 2d. Greet him warmly as a fellow laborer. ing looks, drove me to spend the greater part of the truth of Spiritualism, than this clearof my time alone. Only God and the angels browed being who heard and saw the fulfillcan know what I suffered the last ten years of ment of all holy prophesies concerning death my life. As I look back to that time it seems and the Resurrection?

Fair undying flower-leaves floated down.

And wove for her dear head a fadeless crown:

To brow and lips brought looks of youth again,

Renewed and strengthened all her spirit power,

An Incident.

suddenly overtaken by a storm which raged

with a wildness and fury peculiar only to those

high and desolate regions. For a time he man-

fully pursued his weary way; while the blind-

ing snow came thickly upon him, obliterting

the way marks, obstructing his pathway, and

That she might leave with us in her last hour.

And then on waves of music moved away,

White hands smoothed from her face all lines of pain,

E. L. W.

more like a frightful dream than a reality. Solitude at times is well, but too much of it. 3d. After he has gone, let not his absence drove me to insanity. And the day to which be the sign for cessation of labor. Realize that now you must work the more earnestly. when I stood alone upon the old gray rock, Let the zeal of sectarians in this respect be a looking down into the dark waters; the desire that had long haunted me, seemed to gain 4th. Fail not to hold Circles weekly. Fo full control. I hated life and would not lonparticular instruction as to the conducting of

Circles, turn to the excellent article by Emma sky, one look at the dark waters and then my Hardinge, in one of the last years numbers body sank beneath the waves and my spirit of the AGE upon this subject. If you have went out to try the realities of the unknown lost it send us two Postage stamps and we future. I died as I had lived, ALONE! will send it to you.

Finally we would ask you to aid us i obtaining a greater circulation for the AGE. In no other way can you with so small an expenditure do so much to spread a knowl-

edge of Spiritualism. Mr. Averill, will act as our agent, will receive payments, and thus save the risk of loss in remitting. Let us

work together for the accomplishment of the stances, and the present demands of our cause, we great work before us, ever remembering that are justified in asking you to aid us in this emer- for all we do, there is full and ample compen-DORUS M. Fox.

PROGRESSION.

lesson to us.

sation.

Progression! is our motto, It is written every where, Upon each bud and leaflet, And in the ambient air.

Progression! is our motto, It flames along the sky, Glows in the toy shops of the earth, Where burning rubies lie.

Gone Before.

Another sweet spirit stands face to face Mrs.-E, L. WATSON, - - Editor. with its immortal Destiny! Our dear friend All communications for this Department should be ad ressed to the Editor, at Titusville, Pa and sister, Mrs. Jane Crosley, passed gently over to the hither side of life Dec. 22, with every good seed we plant in the hearts of these little ones is a treasure laid up in heaven.

Myrtie and the Cripple.

BY RENA L. MINER.

CHILDREN'SDEPARTM'T

One bright, sunny day the children were out at play on the ground which surrounded the school-house at M_____. Playing ball, flying kites, tossing caps in the air, while the little girls were busy at hide and seek; all merry, blithe, and bright. Slowly dragging himself along the shaded walk, came a man, or something which wore the semblance of a man, although he was sadly deformed. His left limb seemed almost useless, it was shorter than the other one, and much smaller, and it was with great difficulty that he drew himself along upon it; he made the wildest gesticulation with his arms and body, his head would be drawn back and his left arm thrown nearly over it at every step. None could but pity him, and one glance into his face, and a look win the love of those who had a place in their hearts for love. The children, nearly all of them, knew and loved him well; but when at could they but see and hear the beauty and play, happy from the excitement of their games, they are sometimes thoughtless or even rude, as were the boys we speak of, who called out hastily upon sight of the lame man: "Halloo, old slow coach, walking for

wages?" And so the cruel taunts went around. The poor man was tired, for he had walked some distance; the sun-shine was so cheering, and the free air so refreshing, but his exertions ia walking, and these cruel words from children he loved, quite unmanned him, and he drew his body down upon the hard walk to rest. Tears brimmed in the beautiful eyes, and finally streamed over, and he took his hat from his head and wiped the warm drops from brow and cheek-a noble brow he possessed-this maimed man, high, broad and white, with brown, chestnut curls drooping over it.

"What made you lame, poor man?" asked a tender little voice at his side; and turning, he beheld the sweetest little face he had ever looked upon. Two tiny white hands were clasped in great anxiety, and the pale, sweet face with its dove-like eyes were bent anxiously upon him. It was Myrtie, Myrtie May; and Myrtie was the only little girl in her father's house, and of course the pet and pride. But Myrtie had no roses on her cheeks; these, you know, blossom healthfully only from strong, full lungs, and these Myrtie had not; but full, ripe cherry lips are born of a pure, warm heart, one that can love every one, and this was the reason that those two bright threads of coral gleamed out so sweetly from their white setting. Horace, which was the name of the lame man, took her hands tenderly and pressed them, saving:

"Little one, if you will call your playmates to me, I will tell you all a story." Away ran Myrtie, and soon they were all gathered there eager for the story. When they were While thus being covered by the fast falling seated, Horace began : snow, and ere an unconcious sleep had sealed " Children I want to tell you the story of a The Clyde Lyceum under the efficient his senses, he was startled by hearing the life; I shall do it briefly, for you must soon return to your lessons. I shall not tell you any eighteen years since, the cry of Fire: on the evening air' startled our quiet village' immediately all was commotion, and the streets were thronged with people. It was a dwelling house, and it was soon discovered that the firefiend could not be checked. The inmates were all supposed to be out. but the mother. At this moment a young man stepped forth from the crowd and said to the woman "Madam if you will tell me which room I will find sheet plunged it in water wrapped himself in In this touching incident is found the true it, and made a desperate bound; he alighted with it, but falling in such a position that his pled for all this life. Now my little friends soon, then all will be well. Little Myrtie who had solemnly and silently listened now came softly to his side and whispered. "I am going to heaven soon.'and shall coax God to let you come, and to let me be a tall, strong angel so I can lead you around to see the pretty flowers, the green fields, and the brooks, where the sun shines."

For the present Age. A lonely traveler was persuing his way over the alpine mountains, thinking of wife, chil-

a brief account of my reception in spirit life, and how I learned the lesson of love. N. M. from our Gorresponding Editors.

Ohio.

Leaving the office of the PRESENT AGE

blinding his eyes. Hour after hour he bravely the 28th inst. in response to a call to attend traveled onward with his though ts far in adthe funeral of Bro. Samuel Fletcher, of Midvance, until ere he was aware, he perceivdlebury, Ind. we proceeded from thence imed he had wandered from the right way and wa mediately to Ohio, and the last days of the old year found us once more enjoying the so- lost. Still onward he wandered; still the piticiety of friends who have added in no small less storm blinded his eyes and caused his degree to our happiness for many years. cheeks to tingle with the storm, until becom-How such re-unions strengthen our hopes ing weary disheartened and discouraged he and brighten the path before us. We shall ceased further efforts; and after a fervent praynot soon forget the many whose fraternal con- er to God, and in his own mind bidding fare gratulations we enjoyed at Bro. Burdicks. well to the wife and children he knew were so We can only wish that every society in the anxiously waiting and watching his coming;

With her into the light of perfect day! ger endure it. One glance at the frowning



lot be two substances of the same attributes. Substance must necessarily be infinite ; if finite must be limited by another substance of the same attributes, which is absurd, one substance cannot be

That is free which exists by the sole necessity of its nature, and by itself alone is determined to action; but that is necessary, constrained, which owes its existance to another, and acts according to determinate causes

It will be seen from the above, that Spinoza conceived the Absolute existence to conagainst woman. sist of a simple, homogeneous substance, with-

out distinction of parts properties, or atoms, and that all visible forms, globes, plants ani- forgetfulness, that even there, she was compe

mals, men, are temporary phases which the fundamental unity assumes. As there is but one entity which exists in itself, all those dependent entities, which arose out of the primitive essence by a process of evolution, had a derivative origin, are conditioned and circumstantial, and must in time be resolved into their antecedents, merge again into the absolute unity which melts down all distinctions and destroys all differencies. Worlds, together with the teeming forms they contain, will at last become absorbel in Brama. There is but one essence and that is spirit.

supplies the deficiency in a scheme of philoshalf truth, Platonism is another half truth, equality as the reason why we demand sufand the twain constitutes a dual oneness which is at once congenial to both intellect and ours by right. heart. These two forms of thought exhaust the whole subject, and constitute the basis unan which the modern German and Inglish systems of science and philosophy are reared. Platonism qualifies Pantheism in this; that

while it accepts the pantheistic doctrine of unity, also holds that the primitive essence consists of atomic forms-primordial entities which, instead of being derived from the ab. solute essence, is a part of it ; they are not effects but causes. Pantheism affirms that diverse entities are phenomena of the absolute essence; Platonism affirms that they are existence per se; existence without antecedents. Spinoza's philosophy thus qualified gives us the conception of both unity and diversity as characterizing the Eternal Cause. To the thoughtful, the bearing which this qualification has on the doctrine of immortality will be readily perceived, for it is implied that that which has a beginning in time, must terminate in time. All the analogies in nature teach us that derivative forms go through inevitable cycles of change, and are at last rial of some weeks since, noticing the peculiar resolved into their antecedents. If the essen- provisions of the constitution of the Hammontial entities which underlie all forms have a derivative existence, they too must suffer dis- week to notice Bro. King's well written artisolution and go back to chaos.

Here Platonism steps in with its helpful interpretations. It affirms that the soul of every human being is a distinct and eternal entity, a cause, not an effect, and hence cannot be reso'ved into any autecedents, but is self-existence. Leibuitz, a German philosopher, appenled a qualification to Platonism

ccord with the wishes of the Spiritualists of the 'resistance to tyranny is obedience to God. we appreciate the lesson, and intend to resist State I accept, and will, (at least until the next emi Annual meeting) endeavor to faithfully disall political injustice. The constitution does charge the duties incumbent upon me in that capacinot disfranchise an individual because of ty. I am glad to be associated with such noble men physical, social, moral or ordinary intellectuand women, as I know constitute your Board, and with them and the Spiritualists of this state to labor cal weakness, deprived of the right of suffrage, for the accomplishment of the great objects we have then why should this objection be urged in view. I trust with the aid of our co-workers on

he other side of the misty veil, we may be able by our anited efforts to make marked progress during the Many times upon the battle field she has present year. I am respectfully your obedient ser proved by her courage, daring, and noble self vant. tent to stand by the side of man.

To the Spiritualists of Michigan.

Dorus M. Fox.

For proof of this we refer our readers to BROTHERS, SISTERS .- The above corres-Margaret, wife of King Henry sixth of Engpondence explains why I again address you land, who fought with unparalled valor in ten officially. I had hoped in view of the labor battles, to Joan of Are who, by her valor required of me, to make the AGE a welcome raised the siege of Orleans, to Countess Deand entertaining visitor, in your home circle Montfort who fought hand to hand with the each week, to have been released from the dumost daring on land and water. Arabian histies of the office to which I am again called. tory is replete with accounts of gallant achiev- But in the unexpected emergency in which ments by women. But suffrage is not de- the Board of Trustees find themselves, I have manded because of woman's ability to do accepted, and hope by extra hours of labor, military duty, neither because in the literary to be able to some extent, to meet the requirearena, woman is almost invariably victorious, ments of the position. I may not be able to The ground-work of the philosophy pro- nor is it because in England, Germany, visit as many distant localities, as in the past, pounded by Mr. Davis in his Revelations, is France, Italy and Scotland have appeared but shall aim to meet with you in your Counpantheistic, but it is qualified by Platonism very many talented women. A late writer ty Circle's, and local meetings as frequently in such a manner as to redeem it from the says, "the splendid diction and gorgeous as possible. I desire to correspond at once fatal objections which we should "otherwise imagery of Burke and the deep calm power of with the Presidents and Secretaries of county feel to urge against it, Indeed, Platonism Bacon, and the chastened harmony of Shakes- circles, and with prominent Spiritualists in pear, are not without parallel in the works of localities where circles and societies have not ophy, which is destined to sway a mighty in- celebrated female authors." However we do been organized, relative to the interests of fluence on American soil. Pantheism is a not urge intellectual, social or spiritual our cause, and for purpose of mutual aid. I desire particularly to call the attention of frage ; we ask it, we demand it because it is officers of County Circles to the duties devolving upon them. I look upon this County Circle

'Tis not for man to say That woman does not need it ; When justice calls in thunder tones. It is his place to heed it.

the societies now organized, and every locality The question is not whether this power where there is a prospect of getting half a would place woman out of her proper sphere ; dozen progressive minds together. January for sphere is only bounded by success. Nor and February are favorable months for this is it the use she will make of this power, alwork. Farmers are comparatively at leisure, though it does not require much discriminalong evenings, and good roads. Every countion to see that her vote will be cast for the ty should be of itself a missionary field, and election of temperate, honorable and efficient with proper effort, at least one missionary officers, and our aim will be to have better may be maintained in each. laws, by having better law makers. The cause of the injustice to woman, has been the imperfect understanding and expression of the principle of justice. N. M. P.

Organization-Code of Discipline.

We are glad to place in juxtaposition two bullet. articles relating to above subject. On our first page will be found one view of the subject fairly and candidly presented by A. J. King, in which he kindly reviews our editoton society. We have no time or space this poral and spiritual. cle at length. He has ably presented his

side of the question, but has failed to conthe Spiritualists of the country would en- than in the past. A new interest is now realize the truth of this saying, but during dorse such sentiments as the following :

That word that God designed, And traced in characters of light. In every finite mind. Progres: Ion ! is our motto, It lives in realms above, And forms the na chless glory, Of every sphere of love

Progression ! is our motte, Let the word ring loud and clear, Until every doubit ig child of earth, The joyous scund shall hear.

REASON is the glowing sun That makes our pathway bright, And scatters all false theories Into the veil of night.

INTUITION is the angel guide, That clasps our trembling hands, Guides us where bright gems of truth, Shine on the golden sands.

KNOWLEDGE, is the spirit's power It gives us strength and might, To walk with firm unfaltering tread. Along the path of right

WISDOM is the true savior, That shows us how to use The golden grain's of knowledge. hat meny oft abase.

LOVE is the guardian angel, That stands ever by our side. And is the first to meet us, When we cross the silvery tide. N. M. P.

A Spirit Communication. NO II.

I have promised to give you a brief history of my earth life. For two reasons this sketch must be brief and imperfect : First, because particulars would be of little benefit for those for whom these communications are designed. Second, because it is unwise to give names and dates, thus proving my identity, and system of our plan of organization as one of its casting a shadow around those with whom] chief excellencies. I appeal to the several Presipassed my earth existence. This you will dents, to canvass their counties at once, visit understand when you learn the circumstances of my death. My childhood was spent in the quiet vil-

lage of N- in the state of -..... I have alluded to my unhappy childhood in a former communication, and will not refer to it again. Suffice it to say, that the clouds that over shadowed the morning of my days, grew dark and dence as the years rolled on, and]

advanced from childhood to a broader and The contest in which we are engaged is inmore responsible plane of life. I have nedeed, as we hope it may ever continue, a glected to mention, that I was never blessed bloodless one; but is nevertheless likely to be with good health. This perhaps had somemore important in its results, than any in the thing to do with my unfortunate life. When history of the world, even when resort has I left the realm of childhood and looked been had to bristling bayonet and deadly out upon the broad sea of life, it did not appear to me in the rosy beauty that it present-

We wage war indeed against spiritual wick- ed to others; even then I looked upon life as edness in high (church) places, we con- a burden. That terrible feeling of isolation tend for spiritual liberty, religious freedom, had taken possession of my soul and become and for the tearing down of all barricades a part of my being; and when I attempted and barriers to man's progress, and to his aspi- to drive it hence, something seemed to whis- lan. rations for higher and better conditions tem- per in the language of Poe's raven, "never-

Within the last three years, you have done sy of the future, not reaching out through all organized Literary Society, and had only souls growth, our conditions of harmony and a good work. All that has been accomplished time however, for I thank the Great Father time to exchange greetings with many whose happiness come to us as the result of the good eyes upon her face. vince us of the tenableness of his position in is the result of unity of effort; with a yet the phantom has fled at last. Some one has hearts and homes would gladly have welcom- we have done to the poor and wayward among favor of a code of discipline. We think but more determined, united and systematic work, said that "what we aspire to be, is a true ed us, and returned to Michigan to meet our fellows. Let then the great lesson be few of our readers, or of the great mass of our progress in the future may be far greater prophesy of what we will be." I can now

awakened in the state. The Board of Trustees my life, I knew little of those great laws

laid himself down to die. country could enjoy as pleasant "Dime Sooieties" as this was to us and all in attendance

management of our good Bro. Russell is grad- groans of suffering made by some unknown ually gaining in numbers and influence The traveler who like himself was bewildered and thing of the happy childhood, or early man-Christmas festival was a decided success. dying near where he lay. The thought came hood's hopes and aspirations, of the person I About fifty dollars worth of presents were to him, shall I lie still while my fellow being, wish to speak about, but will begin here. Some distributed among the children, who, over- my brother is suffering, dying within my hearjoyed with the liberality of the conductor ing, and make no efforts for his relief or to and leaders, have manifested new zeal in the assuage his suffering. He roused himself to Lyceum exercises. Our experience has been action, started in the direction of the wail of that to simply repeat the exercises from week anguish and soon found the unknown traveler; to week without such changes and amuse- who from cold and exposure was near the door ments as any wise conductor or guardian can of death. The instincts of a noble heart, full suggest, soon degenerates the Lyceum into of sympathy and love caused him to put forth who had gone out of an errand leaving her a mere formalism, destitute of the life and en- a strong effort, and by friction and labor to child sleeping; came rushing wildly toward the ergy in which alone it can prosper and prove warm the dying stranger to life. His faithful house screaming in her agony, my Baby? beneficial to all connected therewith. It is labors were ere long rewarded in seeing the my Baby! The flames had already blocked sincerely to be hoped that every friend of the insensible stranger warmed to life again; and every doorway and window, and the people cause may give to this institution that un- joy of all joy he saw that the very effort he put were struck dumb with horror as they compreselfish devotion it so earnestly demands at forth to warm into life and save a stranger hend the words of the woman. our hands. To our minds, the most humil- warmed himself into newness of being-gave iating fact connected with our history is that renewed hope-induced him to put forth reso many Lyceums have suffered, and some newed efforts which enabled him to regain his perished, amid the strife ambition and ego- lost way, and join again the dear ones at home. tism of those who should willingly sacrifice every personal consideration and prejudice a longly stranger were the means of carine wildly she gave the directions, and despite every personal consideration and prejudice a lonely stranger were the means of saving the expostulations of friends, he siezed a for their good.

The first day of the new year we arrived at the truly hospitable home of Bro. Lake, philosphy, and recompense of all noble efforts beyond the flames which checked the passage, in Norwalk, O. who always has a warm cor- looking towards the education and elevation seized the suffocating child from its crib and ner and "plenty of room" for all worthy la- of our race. In accordance with the great had started to return, but as he neared the borers, and the way-worn and weary itine- law of compensating the good deed per- door he observed that the timbers were totterrant could not long feel his life unblessed af- formed, the kind word spoken, come home to ing for a fall; he gave the baby a quick toss' ter partaking of the bounties provided by the heart of the giver with more power, and and it was caught by blankets spread outside his amiable companion. Long may they leaving a richer and more lasting fragrance to by anxious friends, He attempted to follow live, and each succeeding year only add to the giver than to the receiver. There is thus a the child by a powerful spring, but was caught the many comforts and blessings they enjoy. philosphy in the words of Jesus when he said by the falling mass and went to the ground We here met Bro. M. Henry Houghton and "it is more blessed to give than to receive." wife, whom we had left four months previ- By a law of our being no good deeds, no friends could reach him, and he was dragged ous, still laboring with increasing success and noble efforts, no truthful loving words; no put. from the burning pile unconscious; though usefulness for their society. Organizing the ting forth of our arm of strength to the weak living it was soon discovered that he was eripsociety in one of the most bigoted towns in no friendly hand to the friendless, ever loses northern Ohio, he has lectured twice each its recompense of reward. The natural effects you have my story; for that strong young Sunday to steadily increasing audiences. of such words and deeds are the food upon man was myself. In the flames eighteen years The inevitable McQueen has visited them which the soul grows, the atmosphere in which ago, perished my ambitious dreams of what I to resurrect the fortunes of the church, who the affectional and aspirational elements of should be and do in the world; my youth lay brought Eldor Grant "all the way from Bos- our natures expand into harmony with the wreeked, my hopes gone; all but life; and the ton" to be defeated by the devil, and make divine. Hence were men and woman proper- lessons we may learn from it, went out that himself ridiculous before the public. A man ly instructed, the old appeals to goodness night in my successful efforts to save a little however of doubtful precedents-as unscru- here in order to secure happiness hereafter child's life. But I have never been sorry I pulous as he is impudent. He only awaken- would loose their force, and serve as they only have learned many noble things from it, I ed new interest and added to the strength of do, to foster the cultivated selfishness of the shall leave this wreck of a body behind me the society : Truly "God works in a myste- human heart. rious way his wonders to perform." A good word spoken or deed performed, or

On Sunday the 2nd, we lectured afternoon life lived, does not lay Peter under obligations and evening; a severe snow storm, however, to open the gate into the heavenly city. No they greatly reduced the number in attendance, only serve to expand the moral nature and fit and prevented our contemplated visit to Mi- the soul to enjoy its surroudings-to be in heaven here, every where, and at all times.

Returning to Clyde, on the evening of the I do not conceive there is, or can be any more." I think it must have been a prophe- 4th, we spoke a word to and for their newly such thing disinterested benevolence. Our taught remembered and practiced by all proour engagements.

We feel assured that the cause in Ohio is gresive minds; we can only be happy by maksteadily progressing ; and when time and ex- ing others happy-become good by inducing "I assume that the majority must be allowed to are determined that the year 1870, shall be controlling mind. I had not the power to look perience shall have demonstrated the best others to be good—only enjoy heaven ourpher, appended a qualification to Platonism by supposing that the primitive essence consists of two classes of atomic forms. One class are

"I shall walk too then, darling !" he replied, as he turned his beautiful, radiant

And Myrtie's words were but prophetic; for when the next year came, the immortal feet, of both the crippled man, and the little child, were pressing the flowery banks of the "Evergreen Shore

Little readers do you see any moral in this? I hardly think it necessary for me to point it

THE WORLD IS MOVING ON.

BY S. N. W. The world is moving on-we scarce can know, The mighty causes vast, that doth propel It on ; the' causes that doth make it grow ; For these same reasons, some there are, forctell, That it is moving on, to greater wo. That it is simply going on, to-well, I would they might believe it is not so, Going right straight on, to where sinners dwell. But precious blood, will save it, as of yore, The noble sons of earth its storms will breast, That's coming-list! its deafening roar! As he, who late, hath entered into rest, Who now, the glorious martyr's crown hath won, Whose name to millions dear, is Richardson. Jan. 3rd 1870.

For the Present Age. Is there a God?

According to Hudson Tuttle and Mr. Love land, there is no Deity, either personal or impersonal-such a being is not needed ; and therefore does not exist. Matter possessing inherently all the attributes of motion, selfadjustment and constructiveness, is competent to propel the machinery of the universe without the volition of an infinite intelligence. The once invincible argument of design, anal ogy, adaptation, are swept away by the force of a more powerful logic. All the phenomena of nature may be accounted for by the theory of inherent forces of matter which are self-existent and eternal. Very well; but here let me inquire, does matter possess the atribute of self-consciousness ? If the answer

Nature, and the question is settled. But if matter does not possess the attribute of self-consciousness, there must be a Deific Spirit outside of nature, from whom all finite intelligence is derived. Either way amounts to the same thing. There is no accounting for that wondrous thing the human mind without admitting a self-conscious infinite spirit as the origin of consciousness in man; for it is impossible to suppose a thinking, reasoning entity could be evolved from unconscious matter.

is yes, then we have a God incarnate in

It is just as easy to conceive of an infinite intelligence exhisting from eternity, not as the Creator of the universe, but as a part of it, as it is to think of matter possessing all the attributes of a God except that it don't know that it exists. The eternity of matter is as strange a problem to the human mind, as the eternity of God, and stranger still, if unconscious substance can produce an embryo God.

I cannot see that the Atheistic theory removes any of the difficulties which surround this subject, and which takes from nature all its glories, and from the soul its sweetest aspirations, it leaves unsolved that mystery of mysteries the origen of human conscious-

It is an easy thing to demolish false Gods. but nothing is achieved for Atheism by such a work, and not until some intellect is born capacious enough to hold the whole universe in its grasp, reading the past and present eternity at once, will it be safe to assert

it. It is perhaps believed by the unthinking mass who have had it dinned into their ears from the cradle. It is time however, that such nonsence was met and controverted. It is a sufficient answer to it to say that our "civi- man correspondent, on the subject of woman's lization" comes to us chiefly from the Roman empire, not from the Roman church, nor the Jewish church. The Roman church throttled vanced stage of civilization than the ancient we refer presents the case as follows.

Romans had, but we have it in spite of, and not because of the church. The Bible is but a dumb show in the play, this fully answers the sophistry, to say nothing of the absurdity

they know that there is no better place to The hours of labor might seem to be long-sixteen hours per day; but then the work would be light,

so bold as to assume that "Christianity" is the established religion of the country, as Sec., Estabrook above quoted. If this be so, they only want a Congress to define what kind of Christianity we must have, and apburn and torture heretics.

We fear the people of the country are unwe lear the people of the country are un-mindful of the dangerous and insidious work ture should never have acquainted herself more that is going forward. The whole theory of the government may be changed in the twinkling of an eye. The naked question of Bible reading in the schools is a mere baga-telle. But in the work of undermining our free civil government, the public schools are, pany of his dirty old hoks in his dirty old office. in the hands of the skillful and unscrupulous engineers who manipulate them, to be made, if M. possible, most potent engines.

"Where'er there's a life to be kindled by love, Wherever a soul to inspire, Strike this key-note of God that trembles above,

Night's silver-tongued voices of fire.'

California Correspondence.

ED. PRESENT AGE :- I think I wrote you ast from Humboldt county, and promised to give you further news from that isolated place. give you further news from that isolated place. The county is fifty-six miles long, and fifty miles wide. When and by whom the Bay, bearing the name of the county was first diseternity at once, will it be safe to assert that the system of nature is defective and unworthy of an Allwise and Omnipotent Deity. Admitting that God is a self-con-scious individuality, it does not follow that he acts arbitrarily upon matter, nor is it neto the acre. There is a timber belt, near the I never heard of such a thing in all my life ! why coast of spruce, pine and red-wood. There is that is as much as men printers get !'' "And why not ?'' we interrupted ; "this woman understands beauty and grandure in those mighty forest trees, one looks up, up to see the tops from two to three hundred feet. Some of the red woods are thirty-feet in diameter. There is an old fort in Humboldt county, where sol-an old fort in Humboldt county, where sol-an old fort in Humboldt county, where solan old fort in Humboldt county, where sol- ges or in anything else !" an old fort in Humboldt county, where sol-diers were once stationed, to protect the God intended it or not, this woman in the excellence white population from the Indians. U.S. Grant was stationed there in 1853-4, during this time he was promoted to a Captaincy, judging from the half breeds there abouts one would not infer that there had been a I will never cripple the means of other employers by raising the pay of female employees." "But," we replied, "we know of women who work in your perpetual non intercourse of races. But so I attended the funeral of Susan Dudly, factory, and who are making ten and twelve dollars a week." "Ah !" said he. "those are the protoones, who get round the foreman and cajole him out of the best and 'fattest' work. But my orders are the sweetest saint-like girl I ever met. Her mother was an Indian maiden, her father a that the work shall be so distributed that no girl shall make more than six dollars per week !'' handsome Yorker.

We publish the following from the Philadelphia Sunday Dispatch, written by a wowages

Women's Wages.

civilization for centuries. and the advance of should with-hold what equal justice so plainly hydry science of Geology was invested with civilization since, has been in proportion to demands, that for any kind of work which a an interest and attractiveness which enchained the growth of the popular mind beyond the woman can perform as well as a man, she the attention of those present. control of priestcraft, whether Catholic or should recieve the same pay, it is impossible Protestant. True we have now a more ad- to give a good reason. The article to which

"In some of the public charities, which are pre-

natron is liberal in the extreme. I am greatly sur-

thoroughly with the matter of Work and Wages, as elucidated by Adam Smith."

command none of that surplus labor he so under-valued to cheer and comfort his heart, and to cleanse

from dust and cobwebs. We remember that a famous quack medicine ven

than men, and were more to be depended upon-not setters into every possible place, we joyously brought forward our very best and most intelligent composi-

Scientific Lectures.

During the past week, Prof. Edward Whipple, of Ohio, associate editor of the resent Age, and well-known throughout the as may be organized in Kent Co, will hereafter hold West as a lecturer of ability and scientific re- our Quarterly Meetings, alternately the 1st to be held search, has delivered three scientific lectures at Grand Rapids, and and an are the different Bostwick Lake, without the members of the different at Grand Rapids, and 2nd at Rockford, and 3rd at The world is moving in the right direction in this matter, but very slowly. Why it what limited audiences. The lectures were block to folding said Quarterly Meetings. Said notice to be given three months in advance, or as near worthy of the highest praise, and the seemingas possible, to give notice of any change that might e made

The first of the series was delivered on Monday evening, the 27th ult., and the sub-

ject was the "Physical Changes of the Globe." The lecturer commenced by stating that all scientific investigations are properly limited al will always remain a pupil, and never become a teacher, as is the case with all the laity of Christensided over by clergymen and controlled by boards of vestrymen, the salaries paid to female employees are distressing to think of.—Some time ago a public indom. stitution advertised for an assistant matron, salary \$200 per year. Having always in our mind women that our globe owes its peculiar construction of the claim that is made in behalf of a book that is replete with records of both private and public immorality, even among "God's chosen needing employment, we waited upon the President of the Board of Managers to ascertain something about the vacant situation. That official—who was an antiquated, musty, rusty, dusty specimen of bach-elor humanity—received us courteously, and, when in a total different periods, what it has been—at one time a mass of loose mater-elor humanity—received us courteously, and, when ials; at a later time a ball of materials in a

provide minimized of the beam of the second tirely. The Protestant sects are aiming at cementation into the civil state. They aim at political power. They have formally de-manded recognition in the constitution of the interview of the sector manded recognition in the constitution of the United States. If they do not succeed openly and fairly by this means, they desire to do so insidiously, by infusing their church to do so insidiously, by infusing their church and stale poison into the popular mind, and take care of the clothes of these three hundred. by the agency of fire and water, the crust of the globe has grown in thickness until its sur-

soon grow to be the strong oaks of the country. They have in fact already grown so bold as to assume that "Christianity" is the advertice of the paltry sum of \$200 per rest of the paltry sum of \$200 per rest of the part of the part of the paltry sum of \$200 per rest of the part of face, aided by other changes, has become inand the others have become extinct. In the progress of physical changes there gradually came, first, isles; then extensive tracts of land; then continents have arisen above the sea, and these lands have been modified by propriate money, and commission priests to propagate it, and establish an inquisition to burn and torture heretics. plants which exist on its surface.

The second lecture of the course was delivered on Tuesday evening, the subject being the "Origin and Destiny of the Solar System." We very quietly remarked that neither Adam Smith, nor his host of relations by the name of John combined, could make us comprehend that it would out of pre-existing materials. The planets. out of pre-existing materials. The planets, dance with mathematical laws, the complex framework of the planetary system was evolved out of the original chaos. The lecturer valued to cheer and comfort his heart, and to cleanse and purify his hair, as well as his wig and books, distributed on one plane, over the equator of the sun ; why the planets move from west to dor, now dead — a Christian, so-called — who gave largely to missions, and who sent pearl-backed hair on their axes; also the causes which estabbrushes and clothes brushes to that King of the Sandwich Islands who wore wool upon the top of his head, and whose full dress suit consisted of epau-lettes and a pair of spurs, once called upon us with the view of engaging a type-setter to work upon his advertising sheet, he believing, he said, that women would be better in their conversation and morals the future yet a limit must at last he reached the future, yet a limit must at last be reached. The sun will ultimately fail to supply the requisite amount of heat, and this would cause the extinction of life. Finally, as the planets

move through a slightly resisting etherial me-The compounder of nostrums seemed greatly dium, their centrifugal momentum will be ar-

He man, Prof. Moses Coit Tyler. ogy-the Christian and the Darwinian. UNION CITY-Mrs. Desire Twiss, Mrs. belonged to the latter. This school does not

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But the soul of man cries out for an Infinite Father, and recoils with horror from the blank unconsciousness of Atheism. Mr. Loveland says that this is the effect of education, but I think not, for we know that intuition is always at war with the errors of education ; had it not been so, we should never have heard of the mandate "Believe or be damned." False dogmas are held in the it is.

soul by the pressure of authority, while instinct struggles against them ; but this instinct may be so feeble in some races, that they may never have heard its whisper, and therefore have never conceived of a God ; but the universality of the belief in a Deity is not the point : is it not the most highly spiritualized and refined souls which would feel the greatest shock, if convinced of the truth of Atheism ? What are all the glories of a million worlds, if no infinite Presence pervades them? What is beauty, harmony, unvarying law, but glittering icebergs mocking the spirit which seeks for sympathy with nature. Principles without conscionsness are chilling things to draw inspiration frem. Hudson Tuttle says that an all-wise omnipotent God would not have created such an imperfect world as this "with its waste of waters, its ice-bound regions," &c., and then in another place, he "turns with delight to the beautiful domain of Nature, and bids us repose with confidence in the unvarying laws, the eternal principles and unerring forces" which did produce this order of things which he has just called unworthy of a God. Where is the logic? Mrs. E. HEDDON. Dowagiac, Mich.

For the Present Age. The Schools and the Bible.

Everywhere the question of "religious inabsence. The Western Pacific cars come in struction," so called, in the public schools, is here now, bringing New York and Chicago eliciting thought and discussion. The subject papers. A pile of these papers are before me, was before the session of the State Teachers I have been reading of "skating parks" and Association lately held at Saginaw. As may of the "snowed in trains." But for the be presumed, the discussion generally favored Almanac, we here would not dream of midthe retention of the Rible in the schools. winter. I am on this January day writing Mr. Estabrook, of East Saginaw, and one of by an open window without fire; roses are the Regents of the University seems to have blooming in the yard; the contra costa hills are out in their new robes of green, the "live led off. He said among other things :

not."

oaks" are as fresh and green as they were in "No such forms of civilization as ours, or, indeed the advanced civilization of the present age could exist, without an open Bible. Our sessions of Congress acknowledged Christianity and morality by opening its proceedings with reading the Scriptures and prayer. National thanksgivings and days of humiliation and prayer acknowledged the same thing. The reason why this Bible had been placed amazement, when I tell them how people skate and what snow drifts are like. I heard, the other day, a little girl explaining to her brother how snow and ice grow. She said, "Mrs. upon the desks of our public schools was because it laid the foundation stone of all public and private Brown said that water got so thick that she Prof. Curtis, of Tecumseh, said that "the Catho could run over it, and that snow was water

lics and the Infidels were united in their efforts to remove the Bible from the schools. The next move laying round just like flour." "And do you much believe that big story," Charley asked would be to expurgate or abolish our libraries." when I told these same children that I once The following resolution was adopted : took a long sleigh ride on the Mississippi

Resolved, That the Bible should not be excluded from our public schools, and that such exclusion would not in our opinion render the schools more acceptable to any class of our citizens

California, remember is a large state, it is The cant and sophistry about the Bible, being the corner stone of our civilization, and cold in some parts of the state, and in other work. of all public and private morality, may be sections much warmer than it is in Oakland. believed by those who utter it, but we doubt Adieu.

SPIRITUALISM.

OAKLAND.

river, they asked if the horses dared to go on

H. F. M. BROWN.

the thick water too.

To the Spiritualists of Michigan. There are but few out and out Spiritualists in Humboldt; but there is a commendable liberal element. The people will listen which speaks well for them, even if they do curse you as soon as out of your sight and sound. claims presented for balance due for Mission-One lady told me that she believed in my ary labor, to the amount of over four hundred teachings, but lacked courage to break away dollars. The officers of the State Association fore the lecture was over, we can furnish no from the church element and say so. This same lady told me that her minister took for believing arrangements were made for the

his text one Sunday, "Judge not." He payment of their services. preached a grand charity sermon, but concluded the services of the day, by insisting that an unpaid subscriptions due to the missionary esting and instructive.-St. Clair Republi-Spiritualism was a device of the devil, and fund and about \$75, in the treasury, as the advised his people to avoid the speaker who only means to meet this indebtedness. The intended speaking in Arcata. The Arcata or- committee to whom this matter was referred, thodox did not admire the anti-christian move- reported that it would be unwise to continue ments of their pastor, and will no doubt listen the missionary work, until this debt was paid. to the first speaker who comes that way. The question now presents itself shall our as-Let me here suggest to any speaker or medium going to Humboldt county, to remember At your annual meeting, a financial plan tary pro tem. in mercy the beautiful, but benighted Arcata was adopted, which, if practically carried out, and if the Rev. Mr. Todd is still there, re- cannot fail to prove successful in the prosecumind him of the Jesus injunction, "Judge tion of our work. A resolution was unani- to fill vacancies. The following Officers were

mously adopted, making it necessary for every person desiring to become a member of the I am again in my Oakland home. Things State Association, to pay the sum of one dolhere about, have changed vastly during my

lar annually. The undersigned were appointed a committe to prepare an appeal and have it circulated among the Spiritualists of the state, to enable each and all to become members of the association, and thus create a fund, not only for the payment of the amount now due, but also to create a fund for mission-

ary purposes. Therefore, the said committee do confidently appeal to the Spiritualists of the state to send their names with a sum "not less than one dollar" to the Secretary of the Association, and thus become with us members of the State Association. The Secretary (J. P. Averill, of Battle Creek) on receipt of the money will forward a certificate of membership, which has been prepared for that purpose. You will thus become co-workers in disseminating the great truths of Spiritualism, among those who are now in darkness and doubt upon the subject of immortality. We believe

that without organization no great work can be accomplished. We therefore ask you all to unite with us in furnishing the means to discharge our obligations and continue our

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theater of life, receptive of the positive forces BATTLE CREEK-Mrs. Frances W. Titus, of the sun. The lecturer then discussed the Mrs. Esther Titus, Jeremiah Brown, Mrs. chemistry of organic matter, and also its relaof her work is rather more than the equal of any male printer we have ever employed or seen, and we tions to the incident forces of the sun, such Jeremiah Brown, T. B. Skinner, Mrs. T. B. Skinner, A. C. Hamblin, C. Wakelee, B. F. demand for her equal wages." "Oh !'' said he, "that I will never give. No woman has a right to earn more than six dollars per week, under any cir-Hinman, Dr. S. B. Thayer, Charles Merritt, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Merritt, Mr.-Ford, umstances. And as I am a Christian, and desire to lo unto others as I desire they should do unto me,' as spectrum analysis. It was then shown that in an early geological age, over extensive Thos. Hart, Miss Julia Smith, Mrs. Julia K. Merritt, Richard Merritt. regions, in shallow seas, the relation of nu-KALAMAZOO-J. A. Stone, Mrs. L. H. merous gelatinous beds to these secondary Stone, Col. D. M. Fox. forces, facilitated the spontaneous production Mrs. Mary Peck, Mrs. Wm. Kyte, Sturgis. of the simplest forms of organized beings. As Mrs. Anna Mortimer, Mrs. Dr. Jewett, these early forms were subjected to the stimu-Mrs. Dr. Hampton, Lyons. lus of improving climates through geologic Hon. G. C. Jones, Dowagiac. time, a more specialized structure was acquired Rev. J. Straub, Lansing. through parental descent from the first and Mrs. Jane P. Owen, Adrian. simplest creatures. Several experiments were Mrs. J. Goodsell, Pontiac. alluded to wherein life has been realized in William S. Farmer, Eau Claire. the laboratory-of the chemist. These general Edwin Fuller, Mrs. H. Degarmo Fuller,

At the last meeting of the MICHIGAN As- propositions were enforced by numerous facts SOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS, there were and arguments, which the limited space of an abstract report will not suffice to embrace. The Prof. lectured last night on the "Ori Ionia. gin of Species," but as we went to press be-

employed these missionaries in good faith, report in this issue. To-night he lectures on the "Illustrations of Universal Progress," and to-morrow evening on the "Origin of Man." We hope that the audiences will be

The present officers of the Association, find much larger, as the lectures are able, inter-Circle of Spirtualists, will be held in Odd Fellow's Hall, in the city of Adran, commencing on Friday, the 28th day of January, at 2 o'clock,

Annual Meeting of Kept Co. Circle.

The Kent County Circle convened at Rockford, 1st day of January, 1870. The President, Dr. D. Hine, called the meeting sociation go on with its work or shall it cease. to order. W. Hicks, was appointed Secre-

> After a few remarks by the President, the meeting proceeded to the election of Officers elected :

Dr. D. HINE, of Austerlitz, President. A. R. SWAN, Secretary.

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The President presented a resolution in memory of sister Alcinda W. Slade, which was adopted, as follows :

Resolved, That in the death of sister Alcinda W

pected much from her future labors. Compelled by destiny to bow the head in sorrow and submission, we would each erect in the tablet of our hearts, a Monumental Pillar to her memory, and indelibly inscribe thereon Useful in life-in death, universally beloved.

The following members were appointed to draft resolutions to be presented to-morrow to wit Br. Nathan Taber, Dr. E. Woodruff, and Dr. E. Beckwith.

Meeting adjourned to meet at the School House in Rockford, at half-past ten in the forenoon Jan 1st. 1870.

Sunday morning meeting met as per adjournment. Meeting called to order by the President.

Br. Alfred Underhill, was introduced and gave the audience a most excellent discourse. in which he was listened to with a great deal of interest.

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> > Organization.

A Lecture delivered at Battle Creek, Decem ber 19, 1869. And repeated by special request, January 2nd 1870.

BY J. S. LOVELAND.

The leading question among intelligent last named, with the simple difference of havthinking spiritualists is, how shall we achieve success? How shall we make our philosophy a revolutionizing power in society? One bers.

Editor.

thing has become clear. The methods of fifteen and twenty years past will not answer to day. Then, the simple announcement of a lec ture on spiritualism was amply sufficient to fill a hall in any place. Now, it is not, even for an occasional meeting, much less for continuous sunday speaking. The new of the thing is worn off. Everybody has heard of spirit ualism, and all who wish have listened to its exposition. The opposition has become consolidated, and systematized, so that no mere sensatelera moundement of a trange medium, or great lecturer suffices. Like a revivalist, he or she may create a spasmodic excitement for a time, but it only leaves the general condition more apathetic and paralyzed than before. Sensationalism runs into the ground in the end. In the outset of the movement, it was unavoidable. But it has had its day, and only in a limited way can it do aught but

harm to any association whatever. Poor, dying Protestantism is resorting to in with the desperation of a forlorn hope, but the growing trembling of its feeble limbs reveals the growing weakness of age, and the igion is a natural one; and hence, when orsure approach of death. These sensational ganized aright, it must be in conformity with dodges are fitly comparable to the madness of her inexorable laws. a death-struck patient, who should persist in swallowing portions of whisky, under the insane delusion that the stimulating effects were the indices of returning strength and health. No living and growing movement lom, chrystalization goes on from an electric needs, or can afford to resort to such clapor magnetic voitex or center. trap to achieve success. It will fail in the In the vegetable kingdom organization is end.

from a seed, which is a life center, and an or-But the question of success is largely one ganizing power, while in the realm of the anof method. What course shall we pursue? imal it is an egg. In some exceptional in-Shall we organize, and to what extent? These stances, there is seeming divergence from this questions are pressed home upon us every day. rule, as in propogating vines etc. from cut-They must be answered in some way, for ings, and the growth of certain animal forms they involve our growth or our decay. They from several portions of the body. But these cannot be set aside, they cannot be postponed, for we are every day giving our answer. We are walking by method, or like a headless mob are surging in any direction where wind or still the same. current wafts us. But before settling this

question, another one demands our attention. hrystalized around some man or woman, who We should first answer the question, "What as been the representative and the embodiis Spiritualism?" Is it old, or new? Or, nent of an idea, or of some new interpretation is it both? If old, we see no need of any of an idea. Moses, Mahomet and Jesus were new form of organization. Present organi central men, hence they founded religions zations are in harmony with the principles of which endure through the ages, But in their past eras. Nothing essentially different is case, as in all analogous ones the central man needed, and we do not see how any new mes is an anthoritative one, and we have as a consures are either desirable or possible. The equence, the despotic enforcement of one methods of the church are as near perfect, nan's idiosyncrasies of thought upon all the considering the end proposed by their use, as ceeming millions who chance to have their as they well can be. birth in the current of his psychological influ-If the only new feature is an increase o nce. Receive me, my sayings or doctrines, phenomenal manifestations, if they are the or be damned, is the dogma imposed by the all-the essentials of spiritualism, we can gotism of all religious chieftains. All indeconceive nothing necessary, in the way o pendent thought is stifled, and is impossible measures, beyond organizing, and holding cirwithout protest against the recognized authorcles. Everything beyond that would seem ity of the system. Such have been the syssuperfluous. The culture of mediumship i tems of the past. Such is theoretically the the only special culture necessary, or desira character of all religious organizations now in ble in the case. Or, if joined to this, we are existence. to admit some new combinations, or even new But the day has gone by for any new move interpretations of old ideas, still as there is ment to chrystalize around a central man as nothing distinctively new, the old machinery an authority, in the old time sense. Man of sectarianism would answer all purposes and woman will be Leaders, for leadership is for, in that case, spiritualism is only a sect and always will be legitimate. But it will among sects. It is a speciality of thought, not not be the leadership of Despotism. There a universality of principle, and consequently is a species of authority on the part of leaders, must pursue the same beaten path of method which naturally pertains to their functions. as all similar associations have done hitherto. But it is the authority which superior wisdom A partial acceptance is all that can be expector knowledge gives. The leaders in the New ed. A divided respect is everything we can Dispensation, will be authorities to the extent reasonably strive for, 'tis all we merit. of their ability to demonstrate truth and no But the whole outward manifestation of the farther. In our present progress, men count spiritualistic fraternity, is a declaration that but little in the popular estimate, only so far we are more than a sect-that spiritualism is as they represent some principle, or purpose something more than a new form of what is in vogue with the people. They are thrown old. Why are we here to-day and other days. overboard without hesitation, and no remorseif manifestations are the whole of spirituaful look is bestowed on those who thus fall belism? Why have we books, papers and othhind. The mistake of the present is, in too er means of propagandism, if we have nothfully ignoring all forms of leadership, rather ing but a series of old facts, newly report ?? than in submitting too tamely thereto. The real fact in the case is, we have new principles, a new idea, one which is all-embracing Inasmuch then, as men are no longer to in its scope ; and we feel it, whether we clearbe centralities to organizations as heretofore ly see it intellectually or not. As I have we must organize around a central idea. In its most abstract sense, an idea is a force, but shown you heretofore, the basic idea of spirin a more general sense, it is a form in which itualism, is one unknown to any age, or generation prior to the present. I have also force is embodied. In a still narrower sense. shown you how this idea is a radically revol- it is the mental, or mind image of the force utionary one. It demolishes all the old form. Hence, when we speak of having an falsehoods in religion, morality, government idea, we mean that an image of some reality of and social life. It aims at thorough recon- force is made upon our mind. struction in all departments of thought and All genuine ideas are realities, they are life. It proposes no patchwork of the old, entities. Not material but spiritual. If we but to "make all things new." It must be- do not go quite as far as Plato in affirming gin with the intelligence of man. Through them to be the Eternal Archetypes of forms. his reason reach his heart, so that when he we nevertheless conceive that he was not far moves it will not be merely the temporary from the truth, ideas with us are powers, or spasm of emotionality, but the giant tread of forces, and hence, each fundamental idea must evolve a form, or organization adopted an iron purpose. The march of events has forced on us the to its own manifestation. But manifestation conviction that some form of organization is implies law, or method. And in the case of necessary. The idea has been desperately social organization, or reconstruction, the the owl, ominous bird of night, it would swalopposed, is still; the bitterest personal feeling question of method is of the greatest moment. low up the sun itself, if possible, in the gloom has been manifested by the opposers of or- Spiritualism, as we have shown, embodies a ganization toward those who have advocated new idea, and therefore, must make all things it. But common sense has so far triumphed, new. In other words, it is a social Reconas to extort the confession that we need struction. Its special idea, developed from something in the form of an association. its basic facts, is a religious or Spiritual nat-This is a slight gain, but not a very marked uralism. Its facts demonstrate a future-a one as we shall discover on further examina- spiritual life, and also manifestations from that life to this, while its ideology demonstrates tion.

PHILOSOPHICAL DEP'T. apply for recognition. 1st. The first form From its root idea, the whole tree of its meth- Spiritualism includes the entire scope of hus a simple business arrangement. It od and order will grow, without any process man life, individual and social; that it must amounts to nothing more than the appoint- of grafting a new scion into an old stock. necessarily, if carried out, modify all of life ment of a committee to secure Halls, collect That is the process for forming new sects- and conduct here, as well as the fate of the money, employ speakers, and pay the ex- they are merely grafts upon an old stock ; but hereafter. This needs no argument with the penses with the funds obtained. This is a new religion springs from a new and living thinker, or the diligent student of history, deemed by many, amply sufficient for a spir- seed-a new idea born in the consciousness of who knows how all governmental and social itual organization ! 2nd. But some are dis- man. revolutions have been resultants of religious

posed to go a step farther and declare their Man's relation to his conditions, is the philosophies. Hence, a new religion must faith in the fact of spirit manifestations-a science of sciences, for in its elucidation every make new customs in all things.

sort of general endorsement of morality, with- form of science is directly or indirectly involv-Organizing therefrom a central principle, out defining it, with possibly a disavowal of ed. Human institutions and laws, are man's or idea, spiritualism will make prominent anold theology and sundry "highfalutin," splur- interpretations of those relations. Hence, nouncement of that idea. It will then in a ges respecting progression. In some few in- institutions are the exponents of human pro- series of definite declarations of principles stances, the declaration of principles may be gress, for, as he has grown in his inner or and methods, show how its central idea or more definite, but this is not the general rule. spiritual nature, he has changed the charac- principle will affect and change the ex-We do not recollect to have seen one which ter of his institutions and laws to correspond isting status of society. It will have progave a definition of spiritualism, or that so therewith. Mere outward things have never nounced views upon all points involving nearly approximated it, that an inquirer could effected any such modification, unless the in- the real life of man. Regarding the old form an idea of what it was, or what it taught. | ternal change accompanied it. Nor would the | issues, created by the dogmatisms of the-3rd. A third form resembles the second, or outward manifestations of the spiritual phe- ology, as dead and buried, it will address nomena of our day effect any considerable itself to the live issues of the living presing added certain disciplinary provisious for change, were it not for the fact that man him- ent. It is not intended here to affirm that the regulation of conduct on the part of mem- self has made a positive step forward in pro- all the issues of the day can be settled per-

gress; and this forward step is not indicated fectly at once-hence, in the organization All these forms of organization have failed, by the revival of some long-forgotten notions of Spiritualism which is to be, there will from the American Association down to the of Hindoo, Greek or Egyptian, but by the not be laid down a platform, or declaration, smallest country society. Some have done evolution of a new and positive idea, as we which is to be a finality for all coming ages, nore than others, but not one has proved an have shown above. Attention to this new for that would be a creed in the most odiefficient working body. They all have to be and important truth, will prevent us from ous sense of the word. Still, there will be run by some one or two energetic persons. making exagerated claims for our religion, an authoritativeness attached to this plat-Not one runs itself, in some few state associ- and also from making those concessions which form which cannot belong to any simple ations, the persistent energy of a state agent, weaken us in the face of opposing influences. creed, or mere assertion of opinions. The seconded by a few determined, unselfish men But all man's interpretations of his relations authority of the past, as we have seen, has and women, has kept a seeming life in an oth- have been made heretofore under the over- been the prestige of some supposed divine erwise still-born, dead organization. No- shadowing idea of the supernatural. His re- personage, or divine revelation. Nothing where have the people, in a body, welcomed lations to his fellow-to the universe-to of this can be allowed to the new religion, and adopted an organization as being an em- time and eternity, have all been interpreted for it claims to be simply and only natural. bodiment of their own principles and life pur- in the light, rather darkness, of the supernat- What then will be the character of the auural idea. The fore-ground, the back-ground, thority asserted by the new organization?

Moreover all will fail of like character. around, above, all, all was filled with God. What is the authority of nature? for we are The elements of life are not to be found in With God, not as a vital, helpful presencethem, but instead the seeds of dissolution. an informing and sustaining power, but with demonstration. Some things are known. The cause of failure, in past and present or- God, argus-eyed, watching for man's halting, gaizations, is in consequence of their not being and ready to hurl the thunders of his disin harmony with Nature's Method. Nature pleasure upon his devoted head. God as a and her laws will be affirmed as such, and is organic in her operations, and only as we personality, has been the grand source of all implicit obedience will be exacted thereto. act in harmony with her shall we achieve suc- wisdom-all authority. Has man been recess. We have shown heretofore that our re- quired to obey civil rules? It has been because God commanded it. Has he been commanded not to harm, but to love his fellow? theoretical or speculative truths, will be af-It has been because such conduct was pleas- firmed merely as opinions. The sphere of

gives full expression thereto, or scope for its are all attempted to be moddled according to obedience-outside there will be liberty of perfect manifestation. In the Mineral king- the will of a personal God, whose will, in divergence. some supernatural manner has been made

known to man, in some distant age of the dom however, because harmony with natural world's history. Thus government, social law constitutes freedom. No one can fail to life, everything, is formed upon a moddle sup- see how vastly different such an organization posed to have been revealed from Heaven must be from any which have existed heretothrough some divine personage in the ages fore. No one is required to observe any agone. As a consequence, all human laws form of conduct because one man, or ten and institutions rest on the basis of personal thousand men have declared it true, but the authority, and are, therefore, purely des- demand for obedience is made by our own potic. Do, or not do, or be damned, is their conscious appreciation of natures demonstraare, after all, not exceptions to the method of invariable language. True, in this age, since tions. Nature's laws are our supreme audevelopment from a central germ but only to the partial enfranchisement of reason, theo- thority, we pledge obedience to this authorithe usual form of the germ. The principle is logians and moralists have felt obliged to pay ty because we see it to be the dictate of so much deference to man, as to attempt to perfect wisdom. No one can do this until he

reconcile the dicta of authority with the prin- has attained the status of true wisdom, and In the social world, organizations have ciples of reason. But wherever they have this, when attained, can never be lost.

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Such beautiful, beautiful hands! They're neither white nor small, And you, I know, would scarcely think That they were fair at all. I've looked on hands whose form and hue A sculptor's dream might be; Yet are these aged, wrinkled hands Most beautiful to me.

Such beautiful, beautiful hands ! Though heart were weary and sad, These patient hands kept toiling on That the children might be glad. I almost weep, as looking back To childhood's distant day, I think how these hands rested not When mine were at their play.

Such beautiful, beautiful hands! They're growing feeble now; For time and pain have left their work On hand and heart and brow, Alas! alas! the nearing time, And the sad, sad day to me, When 'neath the daisies, out of sight. These hands will folded be.

But oh ! beyond this shadow lamp, Where all is bright and fair. I know full well these dear old hands Will palms of victory bear. Where crystal streams, through endless years Flow over golden sands.

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tral germ of power or life to a form, which all his conduct in all departments of life; they of demonstration. Within this there will be fawning affected popinjay, airing his softest speeches; to-morrow, he is the blackguard, who will use language or pass comments upon her. Obedience will be the highest form of free-Verily in this "Land of Bibles" Colleges and Churches; this land, for which "Christianity

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Hence, there can be no retrogression-no ge failed, they still insist that man shall bow down to ancestral, despotic authority, instead ing back.

To conform to this, there will no doubt be of following the light of reason. The sayings of Moses, Christ, or Mahomet must stand, no a graded membership. Those who have atmatter what becomes of science or reason .-- | tained to a full comprehension of the funda-Again, these institutions being the embodi- mental principles, will constitute the full ment of personal feelings and opinions, must members, the responsible actors of the body. necessarily be more or less false. They force Those who are partially convinced, and are desirous of farther investigation, will be the people, in civil and religious matters, to violate their conscientious convictions, or else learners, or lowest class in the school. This is also nature's method. She does not pro suffer punishment. As an illustration, we need only to refer to the Sunday laws of the duce full grown men at once, but children several States. We are required to acknowl. who by regular gradation grow to be men. With such an organization as we have de edge either the Jewish or Christian Sabbath, scribed, of men and women who recognise th or else be punished by fine, or imprisonment. How detestable such laws. Everybody with same principles, who submit themselves to the any brains, knows that christianity abolished rule of nature's law as supreme, pledging the Jewish Sabbath ; and any one who has themselves to the support of what they know read the New Testament, knows that no other to be truth; and who will stand side by side in the common work, success cannot be day was ever instituted for a Sabbath. And doubtful. There will be unity of idea, of yet, men, assuming the gravity of legislators,

direction.

manity here in this New World.

purpose and of action. There will also be are found enacting laws, and affixing grievous penalties for the exercise of a natural right. idea. Such a body of men and women will This illustration, however, is a perfect exembe a power in any community where they plification of the despotic spirit pervading the dwell. There will no longer be any need to whole system of societary life. It is personal authoritarianism, manifesting displeasure ask, what is Spiritualism, for their platform by the infliction of vengeful penalties upon the poor offender. Happily, Spiritualism discards all forms of

unishment, legal or social, and proclaims instead, curative and reformative instrumentalities. Its prisons will be hospitals and schools-its law a wise kindness, in place of a brutal vengeance, sometimes tempered down with a sickly, sentimental sympathy.

Modern progress has made considerable inroads into the old barbarisms of our present religions. The rack, the thumb-screw and the stake have gone down beneath the assaults of reason, and the iron tread of the cohorts of liberty. But in revenge for this defeat in the department of law, once prostituted from the high demands of justice to pander to the fierce demands of religious vengeance, our

modern sectaries have sought to entrench themselves in the social sphere, and there inflict an ostracism almost as fearful as the rack itself, and in many respects more dreaded. Many a man will rush upon the belching guns of a blazing battery, with unblenching cheek, who pales at once before the frown of society. The cry, or the insinuation of infidelity has blighted many a life, which has otherwise been sunny in itself, and radiated sunshine upon all around. Social punish-

ment is the meanist form, because the most cowardly and injust. The accuser is often judge and jury, and one is tried and condemned without even a knowledge of his accusation. This is part of the religious method. Like of its own dark shadow. Spiritualism annihilates all this covert, slimy method of dealing and soul, is, as we all know, making the most with our fellows. Binding, as it does, all men fearful ravages among our people. It may be into one consolidated brotherhood of mututa- said to be the chief cause of all the sins they ry interests, it proclaims, in thunder tones, the impossibility of injuring one of our fellows without inflicting as great, or greater one on all who are addicted to this scandalous and deourselves ; while the eternal sense of justice, structive vice; and if they continue in the pracimmanent in every soul, cries out beware, be- tice of it' they must do it as outcasts from the

Catholic Church, who have no right to the ware of the Serpent of selfishness. name Catholic while they live, nor Christian But enough has been said to show that burial when they die."

he reflection of their knowledge-men and FORMERLY of Jackson, are now located at Kalamazoo women, who should go on from "conquer-

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bought at the expense of that which should be most dear, and men, who take in the silent night that which their neighbor happens to possess more of than they. Our whole so-

consecutiveness of action because of unity of cietary system is one of stealing, lying and sensuality. But these results have not arisen from design on our part, it is habit grown Shop on Portage Street, Opposite Union Hall. stronger in the circling ages, until the un-

thinking can see no other road to what they Having a Steam Engine, and machinery for sand-ubbing, sawing, and high-polishing Marble, we are prepared to do work *better*, and afford it *cheaper* than

of principles, and accordant lives will give the call happiness. It is the result of our Bible education, labor has been cursed from the answer to all. Nor will that other query, beginning, so the myth has it, and ministers what good has it done? be thrust in our have prated it, until it is a part of us to hate faces, for the deeds of goodness will be the the "drudging" life of a worker. And yet, light of the community where they dwellhow much of this misery might be avoided, "Ye are the light of the world." With such if women and men would only unite their an organization, I think there would be no efforts and produce something by which some but we po claim that bad shaped letters, bad punctu-ation, bad grammar and worse spelling, are not comtrouble about a code of discipline, for each place of culture and amusement might be afperson would be a code of discipline to him, forded. Mechanics and clerks pay often and the marble agent's story that we have "gone out of the business," and our "wagon will not be seen or herself. Were the organization a popular liberally for the support of the Gospel, when the money employed in building a temple for 38-tf GEO. W. WINSLOW & CO. thing; did it, like the churches, open the way to wealth and preferment, we might God should be used to build a temple for fear that hypocrisy would steal in, "clothed man, his Intellectual Physical, Social and with the livery of heaven to serve the devil Spiritual development. Here let our young in," but as membership, in this new church of and old meet, not once a week to tell how much humanity, offers no such inducements, but the contrary, we can have no fears in that the Lord has done for them, but where they shall meet twice or thrice during the week to study, think, and join in sports, calculated to That such an organization, as we have harmonize body and mind, and thus aid eachbriefly and imperfectly outlined, will be other. Let this temple be modern in architectformed ere long, we cannot doubt. The neure, well ventilated, warmed, carpeted, paintcessity is so pressing, the movement of eared and decorated with paintings and engravnest minds in that direction so general, that ings. Let there be music of all kinds, rhet- STERLING. we do not see how it can be avoided. We orical exercises, dancing, gymnastics; or biltrust all devoted workers in the spiritual field, liards, bowling alleys, chess, checkers, or who are not afraid or ashamed of their princards. Let us get all the sports offered in the saloons without the whiskey. All the atcards. Let us get all the sports offered in ciples, will enter into correspondence with each other, and thus pave the way for the fortractions which draw our young men to these mal inauguration of the true church of hudens from home, inharmonies and Sunday piety. Let them shake from them the clinging influences of mythological depravity, and in A severe rebuke of intemperance is adminthis temple of truth, let them be free to pour istered by Bishop Bayley, of the Roman Catholie Diocese of Newark, New Jersey. Ad- out the gushing of nature, which leads boys dressing his clergy, the Bishop says: "I am to love sport as well as the lambs upon the

compelled to call your attention in a particular hill-side. With such an institution, stocked 49-1y. manner to the dreadful sin of drunkenness. with books and well conducted in every town. This horrible vice, so destructive alike to body it would do more for the morals of our land than all its churches, of which it boasts, or its sleek priests, who fatten on its wealth.

> "Why come not spirits from the realms of glory To visit earth, as in days of old-The times of ancient writ and sacred story?

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