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CHAPTER XIX.

when as usual in the evening, they went to

Gavin had been there nearly two weeks the future.

ALL HOUSES WHEREIN MEN HAVE LIVED AND DIED ARE HAUNTED HOUSES .- Longfellow.

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plied; and with a puzzled expression said, nor any of them had large self-esteem. Were diet. you don't care for immense wealth? I have they fanatical? perhaps a little so; how far

the sequel will show.

But what is fanaticism? It is not necessa- and ague, concluded to avail himself of the shaped like a bottle, and when people ate too in Water-cure, but not after the Perleian at that time saw in Mr. Lincoln a rising man, "I know," she replied, "and I want, for nyself, no more than thee can give." Then rily error; we may be fanatical in the advo- advantages offered by the Perley Water much it made them sick, because the stomach manner. she related to him her poverty and struggles cacy of a truth, and by giving a subject our Cure; but being found in his place of busi- could only hold a certain quantity, and when Dr. Perley still visited them, calling three destroy it-said it should be published. Hill in the past, the lessons she had learned individual attention, making it an exclusive ness three days after his initiation into its more was swallowed it would run over. therefrom, and, should Psychometry prove topic of conversation-come to believe it the mysteries, was accosted by friend Martindale

financially available-her hopes and plans for axis on which all other schemes of philanthro- as to the modus operandi thereof. py revolve. And yet fanatics are the salt of MR. WOODRUFF S NARRATIVE.

It is unnecessary to relate all that Gavin the earth; the so-called fanatics in promulthe old place on the hill. The sun was just said in reply, but in the main he approved. gating truth have been the world's saviour ; First, Mrs. White, whose disease was hem-

orrhage of the lungs, was every morning awoke at quarter to five, and duly marched to the ful as hers until he saw Jane; he talked too, appreciated both the desirableness of the ob- row." Fanatics have lifted their subjects on bath-room where a robust German girl gave

her a wet-sheet bath and then a cold sitz bath many lands; of his loneliness among multi- surmounted; that many branches of labor tion, making people look, and-though they for half an hour, when she was directed by tudes and of his solitary longings for the one now closed to woman might be advantageous- laughed-think, "some truth in that," is often Dr. Perley to walk half a mile rapidly to get true soul that should be to him all that was ly opened to her, and the crust once broken said of a fanaticism, and so far the result is up a re-action. Mrs. White, wit hoold hands, implied in the word "help-meet;" he said the whole fabric of exclusivness would give beneficial, though the calmer judgment of cold feet and chattering teeth, would of that he was now twenty-nine years of age, way; that she should have his hearty co- the spectator may throw away the shell and course meet with no reprieve, though she and had been alone since the death of his operation, and might rely on him at all times secure the kernel. Fanaticism takes a part repeatedly said, "I can't walk rapidly, docmother, and utterly so since that of his for counsel or assistance. That he also or one of the many means of good, and tor-indeed, I can't, the hemorrhage will be

> "O, nonsense, Mrs. White!" was the Now our friends did not belong to that doctor's reply; "you must walk, and as rap-

complained, resulting in the main from wo- may result in success or failure ; so if you called "the old gentleman," whose young men being shut off from a healthy outlet for please we will not detain you any longer on wife, I learned, came to see him in her carailing in the upper story; he spoke of con-

> stant pressure on the head, so was aroused at How soon the three weeks of Gavin's visit 4 A. M. to be drenched, soaked and made glided away ! Who does not know how quick- white and blue ready for breakfast.

men troubled with dyspepsia, they were called upon to undergo similar treatment, and then sent to walk for about an hour; on the nrinoinle of a statice walk for about an hour; on the the sent to walk for about an hour; on the nrinoinle of a statice walk for about a hour; on the nrinoinle of a statice walk for about a hour; on the nrinoinle of a statice walk for about a hour; on the nrinoinle of a statice walk for about a hour; on the nrinoinle of a statice walk for about a hour; on the nrinoinle of a statice walk for about a hour; on the nrinoinle of a statice walk for a "Only one day more," said Gavin sadly ed upon to undergo similar treatment, and etc. So on the third day I found it absolutelearned in after years to call their favorite principle of a stationary clock being right not possibly avail myself any farther at

Number five, an old Scotch gentleman, was countenance ! we have never seen our friend the lucky patient ; no cold water for Mr. Jane so beautiful as now; those eyes and McTavish, but a hot bath in which he laid

purpose of curing rheumatism, was his por-

enough clothing manufactured to supply every human being in abundance and with very moderate labor; there was enough wealth on hand besides to build a confortable, sub-stantial house for every family as well as fur-nish it with all necessary for every family as well as fur-hand to him. "You look so happy Jane: "You

one occasion he ate nothing for five days, and bath untill the fever went down. In two at that time. Lincoln, one day after the Mr. Woodruff, an acquaintance of Thomas was thereby cured entirely of a cold. He weeks she was convalescent, she and her Martindale's having been attacked by fever next informed them that the stomach was family remaining as previously, firm believers to make it public-not to publish it. Hill Mr. Woodruff, an acquaintance of Thomas was thereby cured entirely of a cold. He weeks she was convalescent, she and her book was finished, read it to Mr. Hill-his,

his head and she remained silent.

over.

After breakfast Mrs. White was directed guished the fire by expectoration. not to lay down, as if she did her breakfast would not digest, and it would be in other respects detrimental. Then with a few othmajestically removed them, observing that there was too much brain-work in connection with the amusement. "I can sew a little, I suppose ?" asked Mrs. White smiling. "No. not at all," said the Doctor; so all sat still and talked quietly. "You must not talk on any deep subject," observed the Doctor, and then lighted his cigar and walked into the

yard to smoke. At eleven o'clock another cooling, soaking entertainment for each patient took place, as also at three P. M. and at nine P. M., which their faculties in the way of business or em- this by-path, but turn to the macadamized riage every Saturday. He, poor fellow, was last concluded the martyrdom for the day. Two days were enough, the ague devil had possession, and though water and starvation might frighten him away for awhile, I concluded that in finding the house (stomach) ly speeds old Father Time when we are with Numbers three and four were two young swept of nutriment he might return with seven other devils, more wicked than himself. resort on the hill." " Only one day more, once in twelve hours their treatment may have present of the advantages of the establish-

> ment, etc, etc. Thus endeth the first, and last chapter of my experience in the "Perley Water Cure."

> A few days subsequently as Mr. Martin-

At this stage of his elucidation they all two on each occasion, and invariably asking present and future success; and believing laughed, the Doctor almost choking with a for Jane, who actually said one evening after that, if the book were published, it would piece of beefsteak that had made a premature he left, that she would prefer his visits to be kill Liucoln forever, he snatched it from Lin-

Connecticut enterprise. On my entry I found McTarvish's theory, when the Doctor shook of tobacco chewing was increased, to such an so Lincoln's book went up to the clouds in "I know," continued our friend from Glas- (who never would tolerate such an append- parts of it, that it was at once able and elogow; "I've read works on Physiology; of age to biped ruminants an indication of quent; and if I may judge of it from Ma course if you fill a bottle too full it will run semi-barbarism as a spittoon on the premises) Lincoln's subsequent ideas and opinions, of-ten expressed to me and to others in my pres-

along" believed he would have to go some- were sharp, strong and manly. ers she resorted to dominoes, but the Doctor where else, as the Cincinati people were not sufficiently advanced; that he must provide and here he became acquainted with various for his mother ; that she was a very proud men of his own way of thinking. At that woman, liked to dress well and make a good time they called themselves free thinkers or appearance; that "Sis" was a "real good things distinctly, for I was with them, heard girl" and he wished to educate her well, feel- them, and was one of them. Mr. Lincoln here ing as anxious about her as if she were found other works, Hume, Gibbon, and

> for mother, than a good suit for myself," he Legislature, he was accused of being an infilooked at the round button holes and worn- an illegitimate child; he never denied his Perley Water Cure.

(To be Continued.) From the Index. Abraham Lincoln's Religion.

SPRINGFIELD' ILL., Feb. 18, 1870. MR. ABBOT,-Some time since I promised you that I would send a letter in relation to the second place he was too true to his own dale was on his way to his place of business, Mr. Lincoln's religion. I do so now. Be- convictions, to his own soul, to deny it. he again saw Mr. Woodruff, who, notwith-standing his failure to appreciate the ad fore entering on that question, one or two pre-liminary remarks will help us to understand what I have heard and verily believe, I can

and wished him success. Lincoln refused to or four times a week, remaining an hour or He had an eye to Lincoln's popularity-his Sit down, my friend, and I will give you downward movement -Mrs. Perley was less frequent and more brief. In proportion coln's hand, when Lincoln was not expectan inside view of this wonderful specimen of about to controvert the latter portion of Mr. as his professional practice diminished, that ing it, and ran it into an old-fashioned tenextent that on his visits to the Allston's smoke. It is confessed by all who heard

Lincoln's subsequent ideas and opinions, ofhe was known occasionally to have extin- ence, it was able, strong, plain and fair. His argument was grounded on the internal mistakes The Doctor now began to make a confident of the Old and New Testaments, and on reasof Jane, told her "how hard it was to get on, and on the experiences and observations of men. The criticisms from internal defects

Mr. Lincoln moved to this city in 1837, his own daughter, which was true, and re-deemed much that some people disliked in his deemed much that some people disliked in his character. "I would rather buy a new dress When Mr. Lincoln was a candidate for our observed as he took his coat at each side and del, and of having said that Jesus Christ was out buttons; he proved his faith by his views; he was a true man, and yet it may works, as was manifested by a new cap and be truthfully said that in 1837 his religion ribbons appearing occasionally in connection was low indeed. In his moments of gloom he with the black wig, hereinbefore mentioned, would doubt, if he did not sometimes deny, while the old out-at-the elbow coat, which God from a speech which I was about to make should have found its way to the rag-bag, or in 1854, and he did this in the city of Washat best graced the outside of some Israelit- ington to one of his friends. I cannot now

> Mr. Lincoln ran for Congress against the Rev. Peter Cartwright, in the year 1847 or 1848. In that contest he was accused of being an infidel, if not an atheist ; he never denied the charge-would not-"would die first :" in the first place because he knew it could and would be proved on him; and in From what I know of Mr. Lincoln and from

of his good father; of his weary wanderings in ject to be attained and the difficulties to be their shoulders, and hence thus drawn atten-

enough for comfort."

that henceforth he would be alone no more accomplished for men as well as women, their and end. if Jane felt as he did. "My life has been interest being really identical even in a com-

the undertaking became self supporting with-

proceeds of Psychometry and re-investing it

of the business world could be rapidly chang-

Gavin then continued the subject with ref-

ence to the capabilities of machinery, rightly

employed, to benefit the laborer as well as the

capitalist, the latter was receiving the lion's

share of the labor-saving results coming from

improved mechanical arrangements whereas on

equitable principles machinery would not only

vastly reduce the hours of labor, but increase

the comforts of the laborer ; for much as had

been already attained in the direction of the

" The gloomy night has passed away, And sunlight gleams upon its breast, While calmly dawns the rising day To crown the wearied sleepers rest.' "

was folded in his strong arms to be loved and stantial capital of a nation, money being mereprotected henceforth and forever.

man put assunder."

for me-

Mrs. Allston of course approved their en- should have it, for when justice was done gagement, having always told her daughters every working, honest, intelligent man should that they must themselves assume the whole sit under his own vine and fig tree with no responsibility as to whom they should or fear of starvation before his eyes by reason should not marry, it being an individual mat- of the freaks of speculators tossing hither ters concerning which none could judge as and thither that to which none of them had well as those principally concerned. She any right. Should Psychometry in any dewas, however, pleased with Jane's choice gree, he said, answer Oscar's expectations, and so expressed herself. It soon became the lever was already found whereby the known to all of them that Jane and Gavin world of labor, of business, of polities and were engaged, and none were happier at the of intellect-could be moved into its right result than Hannah and William, the former place. There was enough food grown and having a glorious romp with the dog Ponto enough clothing manufactured to supply every on the occasion.

Gavin with Jane leaning on his arm, was moderate labor; there was enough wealth

sinking below the horizon, and the surround- Less enthusiastic than her brother, he said Christ was deemed a fanatic ; Luther was acing stillness was broken only by the distant he believed her plans with reference to the counted a fanatic, and so of every religious five patients. hum of the busy city far below. Here he elevation of woman were in themselves feasi- reformer, of every inventor, of every innovatalked to her of himself, of his mother, ble and that he could assist her very materi- tor; but in religion, in politics, in science, he so loved that he thought no face so beau- ally in the details ; that he believed he fully "the fanatic of to-day, is the saint of to-mor-

father, until the day he had met Jane; but wished something of the same kind could be thinks it THE good-first and last, beginning much worse if I do."

his hire," and the time must come when he those we love.

as they sat in the "trysting place," they Jane," he repeated as she made no reply. been inoctious and possibly beneficial. How bright are her eyes! how sweet her

"It is dawn," she replied, and then she ployment. That labor was the only real sub- road of our narrative.

ly its representative-one man's money, how-"Whom God hath joined together let no ever, too often representing another man's labor; but that the "laborer was worthy of

that happy expression tell their own story, for about an hour four times daily for the for only love could make a face so divine.

I don't think you feel as sad as I do at tion

I do'nt think you feel as I do; I don't want to leave you; love! I adore you, Jane; you ground; then the dyspeptics and the old are my life-my all; the light will have gone gentleman, who complained wo efully of their out when I go from you." " Don't say so Gavin ; look at those nebu-

passed, as it were, in a desert ; it has been mercial aspect, the comparative helplessness class, and so we are not ashamed to place them idly as you possibly can." Then she would a long night, but, if you, my Jane say it, of women as a sex and consequent burthen before our readers, knowing that the spirit creep along as well as she could, coughingon many fathers and husbands, with all the which prompted their endeavors will be ap- coughing all the way. idleness and extravagance of which so many preciated, whether the efforts themselves "Second on the list was Mr. Sinclair,

Hannah, who had just been told by Gavin stantial house for every family as well as furthat Jane was going to be his own, own wife, nish it with all necessary for comfort, as well exclaimed, "O, I'm so glad ! see here Ponto ! as an abundant surplus for art, beauty and jump Ponto ! Jane is going to be married to recreation. Injurious and unjust distribu-Gavin one of those days ! jump Ponto ! hur- tion alone caused want and suffering to the rah, Ponto ! O, thee is always glad with every- frugal and industrious. At the same time thing that is good-good dog Ponto !" Then the remedy would not lie in equal distribushe put her left hand on the folded arms of tion as a-part from some resultant injustice, Gavin while she grasped Jane's right hand, a growing inequality would soon re-establish looked in their happy faces and said, "I'm so the extremes of indigence and extravagance ; glad ! I should have cried if Ponto had not but in gradually effecting a union of labor come to my rescue. Here comes our good and capital he thought laid the simplest and bachelor friend Martindale; I must tell him," surest method of securing the rights of both. By establishing workshops wherein laborers she exclaimed. should receive what they earn and gradually

" No don t' said Jane. "I must; I want to see what he will invest their surplus in the business; then as

say."

"Thee seems very happy, Hannah" he drawing the capital, thus invested from the said to her as he came near.

"Yes, because Gavin and Jane have found in other similar enterprises, the whole face each other."

"How?" he said in a mystified manner; ed. " how found each other ?" "Found they loved each other."

"Well," he said as he took a long breath; ' there cannot be too much love in the world. I'm sure; so I congratulate our friends on their mutual discovery."

As he and Hannah a few moments afterwards walked to the house together, he remarked, "they will suit each other very well, I think." How completely Jane loved Gavin !" He mechanical arts, it was as nothing when com-

had been there but two weeks and yet she pared to what could and would be secured felt as if she had always known and loved were working men and working women directhim. She sometimes wondered at heart when ly interested. As consumers of manufacturshe reflected that only two weeks ago she had ed products working people were already not seen him, that before that brief period benefited by machinery; but in their capacithey were personally strangers to each other. ty as producers the greater part of the large She had no fears or misgivings; he was her percentage of labor saved by the inventions other self; she had entered into her rest; of the past century up to the present day she freely and unrestrainedly told him how enured to the benefit neither of the inventor she felt-how she loved him, keeping nothing nor producer, but went into the pockets of back, for she was willing that he should greedy capitalists, while the inventor might know every love-throb of her heart. Gavin's starve and the producer toil all their waking unrestrained expressions of love called out hours, and perhaps far into the night, for a all this confidence on her part. What Jessie bare pittance to support life in some dark and dingy garret, as the alternative to a semibad said in fun he believed and said in earnbarbarous life in the backwoods, or the far est-that they were destined for each other, West while the capitalist again cursed them have become to him what she was; that and fared sumptuously from the hard blows of ingly if he would come." there was no woman so good, so beautiful as the pioneer's axe making valuable the land of his Jane; and in all their subsequent life he the absentee whose ownership was an unmitiwas destined to entertain the same "happy gated nuisance to all within reach-who delusion," as Jane laughingly characterized caused settlers to live in log huts without it, believing that only eyes of love could ac- roads, without schools, without any of the would only come too! Do give her my love quire such vision.

Gavin declared he wanted them to be married at once; why should they wait? he ty and build palaces in the distant city. We may think our friends great dreamers; said; they were one in the sight of heaven and why should not the ceremony be perform- we may some of us think them somewhat fa- enough." ed which would place the fact on the records natical, and perhaps they were, to suppose of earth? Then she could accompany him that they-private individuals, owning nothin his journies for the year he would occupy ing but the results of their daily laborfriends. To his urgent and daily entreaties current into new channels, thus enabling the decreased in number. I am afraid they did that is the place to begin a cure." Jane replied that she desired to stay there toiling millions to fill their laps from the not appreciate the physician, or perhaps were until Psychometry, practically considered, world's great storehouse of luxuriant abun- so presumptuous as to suppose that they un- therough convert to cold water, observed : was proved a success or a failure.

nected with the wealth which would be theirs our little friend Jane with reference to wo-mate that none of his patients would ever myself by starvation—except this rheuma-here it feels so good." The Doctor said it master of that place. Lincoln and Hill were Mr. Holland came into my office, and made should the new science be successfully ap- man; and yet we have seen that neither she die of depletion while under the Perley tism." Then he proceeded to relate that on was all right, and Jessie remained in her very friendly. Hill, I think, was a skeptic

lous clouds and that sunset." "I cannot see beauty anywhere, Jane, to-day; O Jane! you don't love me as I love vou.'

"Gavin ! Gavin " said Jane, the same sunshine on her face ; Gavin with head bent was looking at the ground. "I do love thee, Gavin : this love fills my whole being and not sadden me, for present or absent I am thine ; how can it be dark when the day has

come !" Then he lifted up his head ; "O, you are an angel-my own Jane !" "I think it well," continued Jane, "that for a time we should be apart. This love has dizzy. I don't like to say that I am glad, but eat anything this morning." I not sorry that we are to be separated for awhile. I shall have time to sound the gentleman laying down his knife and fork depths of my love and to become acquainted with it; thee knows this love and I, have

been strangers until now." "I don't understand all that," Gavin rereplied; I only know that I love you and never wish us to be apart again, but if you wish-" "Not wish Gavin-O no ! I do not wish

that we should be separated I prefer to look on the sunny side. "Well he said with a shrug of the shoul-

ders, I suppose it is right, my Jane; let us talk about that good time coming only about one year and six months-Christmas time." "I will be thy Christmas present, but who will perform the ceremony ?"

"That is just what I want to talk about," said Gavin. " Well?"

"How would you like the Rev. Dr. Meredith to make a vist here about that time and marry us? "Delightful! I would like that exceed-

"Then, as I am going to Philadelphia I will see the doctor and obtain his promise to

do so if possible." "And dear, good Mrs. Meredith-if she amenities of civilization, that he-the dog- and say I want her to come-O, so much ! in the manger land-thief-might own a coun- That would be delightful ; I don't want a large party; if they were here, our own family and one or two more would be

They did dream of this, however, especially did dream of this, however, especially did dream of this, however, especially disease, and for my part I can always cure wet so far as to inti-

other world more rapidly than over the Gavin, which elicited from Mr. Woodruff, a general rule, it is true that a purely logical numb feet and hands. I pitied the poor mar-pleasure in his tone, asked his friend if he had not much hope and no faith in things that lie outside of the domain of demonstratyrs while admiring their bravery in under- saw anything particular ludicrous in the tion; he was so constituted-so organizedgoing treatment, which might have killed circumstance.

Hercules himself. Breakfast on the table at seven o'clock, Mrs. Perley with the nice fragrant coffee before her, and Dr. Perley with a small beefsteak which he is about to cut, says, "Mrs. White, shall I help you to a piece of beef-

steak ?" but before that lady has time to 'vou can't have any Mrs. White." "Can Mrs. White have a cup of coffee?"

asks Mrs. Perley.

" No," replied the doctor in a very determined manner "you may eat one Graham cracker, Mrs. White and a cup of warm wacome on me suddenly, I am lifted on such a ter with milk and sugar-no more. [To the pinnacle of bliss that I fear I am a little old gentleman.] Mr. Sinclair you must not "W-h-h-y-y-y!!" said the old

> with a long sigh. "You need not say one word, Mr. Sin- liked ?" clair," said the Doctor; "you must fast until dinner ; then one potato, no meat, no but- | fulness of the usually sedate Thomas Martinter-and a graham cracker will be enough." Poor old gentleman! how his hands shook resulted in an outward manifestation not

table.

as he drew his chair back a little from the quite in unison with Quaker discipline. (To dyspeptic No. 1.) "you ate too much yesterday; half a graham cracker with a might have been written ICHABOD. The men, and their scoffs were protests against the falling dated the 12th day of Janurary, 1851. He glass of water, is all you can have." Here world, as the Doctor appropriately remarked, Mr. Sinclaire looked up so beseechingly as if had not grown sufficiently to appreciate his to say, "I would be grateful even for that Water-cure-establishment. His coat there-ious thoughts of this age. Hence, being wrote back to Mr. Johnson these wordsfore became more seedy, and his pants more natural skeptics, and being bold, brave men, small portion."

tinued :

tion of affectation-never complained ; she "You may have one Graham biscuit and a tumbler of milk-nothing else. Mr. Wood- still wore her mother's shawl, as she did a fered, to educate them up to higher thoughts. and numbers the hairs of our heads; and he will not forget the dying man who puts his trust in ruff, persons afflicted with fever-and-ague are year ago, and during the present summer ob- These men could not conceive it possible that Him. always disposed to eat too much; a cup of tained one new lawn dress, and occasionally three could be in one, nor one in three Gods; doubtful whether it would not be more painful than coffee and one graham buiscuit with butter Mrs. Pearly rejoiced in a new cap, ornamentwill be quite sufficient for you. You, Mr | ed with the usual abundance of ribbons and McTravish, may have some beefstake, two lace; but the people of Cincinnati, it must ions, when opportunity offered, debating the cups of coffee and two graham biscuits."

He was the lucky gentleman. All this disposed of, the Doctor helped his they might have enjoyed, under the eminentmother and sister to beefsteak, and then ly judicious treatment of Dr. Perley, of the man could overthrow their homely logic. said to me that Mr. Lincoln wrote the above made a hearty breakfast himself of beefstake Perley Water Cure. It was even whispered They riddled all divines, and not unfrequent- letter, to an old man simply to cheer him up potatoes, bread, butter and coffee, as cup that Dr. Pryor, who had cured Jane, was a ly made them skeptics-disbelievers as bad as in his last moments; and that the writer did after cup of which was passed to him, the much more skilful physician : at any rate themselves. They were a jovial, healthful, not believe what he said. The question iswhite eyes-with long pale visages, white such appeared to be the opinion of the Alllips and deadly white hands-looked long- ston family; for when Jessie was attacked ple at their masters feeding royally.

Mr. McTavish, the old Scotchman, a derstand Water Cure better than Dr. Perley "Over eating is the sole cause, I believe, of call out at frequent intervals; "now a hot christian world contends. Mr. Lincoln was man at all times and places, in spite of his

quizzical smile, whereupon Mr. Martindale, mind has not much hope, if it ever has faith very soberly and with a slight touch of dis- in the unseen and unknown. Mr. Lincoln that he could believe nothing unless his sen-"I do not." replied Mr. Woodruff. "see ses or logic could reach it. I have often read to him a law point, a decision, or something anything ludicrous in the circumstance itself. I fancied; he could not understand it till he but cannot say the same of its relations to an took the book out of my hand, and read the incident that occurred in the Water Cure. thing for himself. He was terribly, vexa-During my sojourn in that damp concern tiously skeptical. He could scarcely under-(Martindale here opened his eyes unusually stand anything, unless he had time and place writers, and he would sometimes read and wide) I said DAMP, not the other thing, fixed in his mind

I became acquainted with Mr. Lincoln in shuts out all beside; even thy leaving can- answer, he laughs pleasantly and remarks, though the latter is equally applicable. As I 1834, and I think I knew him well to the day was about to say when you disconcerted me of his death. His mind, when a boy in Kenby your astonishment, the Misses Allston, tucky, showed a certain gloom, an unsocial one of the above purgatorial days, brought nature, a peculiar abstractedness; a bold and daring skepticism. In Indiana, from 1817 the sunshine of their presence into the humid to 1830, it manifested the same qualities or atmosphere. Immediately after they had attributes as in Kentucky; it only intensified, left, the old gentleman said to the Doctor, developed itself along those lines, in Indiana. "I like those ladies very much. "Yes," re- He came to Illinois in 1830, and, after some little roving, settled in New Salem, now in plied the Doctor, "the elder Miss Allston is a Menard county and State of Illinois. This splendid girl,"-adding in a semi-confidentivillage lies about twenty miles " northwest of al tone, as he placed his hand on the old this city. It was here that Mr. Lincoln beman's shoulder and looked him steadily in the came acquainted with a class of men the face. "Do you know I could marry her if I world never saw the like of before or since. They were large men-large in body and large in mind; hard to whip, and never to This unexpected requisition on the mirthfooled. They were a bold, daring, and reckless set of men; they were men of their dale, was too much for his composure, and own minds-believed what was demonstrable these men Mr. Lincoln was thrown: with them he lived, and with them he moved, and On the door of the Pearly Water Cure all-scoffers some. These scoffers were good theology-loud protests against the follies of Christianity; they had never heard of The ismand the newer and better relig-

> Then addressing dyspeptic No. 2, he con- glossy. Kate-good pleasant Kate, without they uttered their thoughts freely. They one fault, as we have said, with the excep- declared that Jesus was an illegitimate child. declared that Jesus was an illegitimate child. I know these men well and have felt for them, merciful Maker, who will not turn away from him in -have done my little best when occasion of- any extremity. He notes the fall of the sparrow. they could not believe that the Father ruined pleasant; but that if it be his lot to go now, he will one of his own lovely children. This was

> > be recorded to its shame, were not sufficient- various questions of Christianity among themly advanced to appreciate all the blessings selves; they took their stand on common God and immortality, as well as heaven-a sense and on their own souls; and though place. He believed in no hell and no puntheir arguments were rude and rough, no ishment in the tuture world. It has been

ingly, patiently on, like half-starved spaniels by scarlet fever, Dr. Pryor was sent for-not Mr. Lincoln was thrown. About the year of an honest utterance. I admit that Mr. Dr. Pearley. His treatment was reputed 1834, he chanced to come across Volney's Lincoln, in his moments of melancholy and The conversation was principally on the less extreme in its character, he using water "Ruins," and some of Paine's theological terrible gloom, was living on the border land This history would be incomplete should be incompleted according to the patient. In this patient, the patient is the patient in the patient is the patient in the patient. In this patient is the patient in the patient is the patient in the patient. The patient is the patient is the patient is the patient in the patient is the patient. The patient is the patient is the patient is the patient is the patient in the patient. The patient is the patient. The patient is the patient. The patient is the patient we neglect to re-visit Dr. Perley and Perley ter for a disease than starvation. "Starve ing that she would not be packed again, as from 1834 to the end of his life. In 1835, theism, and dwell lovingly there. It is posin closing up his business, when they would could turn the world upside down and right Water Cure. Dr. Perley's patients since our the disease out," said the Doctor ; "all disreturn to Cincinnati to reside near their side up, and divert its Amazonian money last visit to that institutition have gradually eases have their origin in the stomach, and bath filled with warm water, Dr. Pryor said was an attack upon the whole grounds of the stomach of the that she must have it; and accordingly Christianity, and especially was it an attack choly. I send you a lecture of mine which whenever the fever returned, the bath was upon the idea that Jesus was the Christ, the will help you to see what I mean. I mainprepared. "More hot water," Jessie would true and only begotten Son of God, as the tain that Mr. Lincoln was a deeply religious

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world :- fourthly, he believed in universat inspiration and miracles under law :- fifth ly, he did not believe that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God, as the Christian world contends sixthly :- he believed that all things both matter and mind, were governed by laws universal, absolute, and eternal. All his speeches and remarks in Washington conclusively prove this. Law was to Lincoln everything-and special interferences, shams and delusions. I know whereof I speak. I used to loan him Theodore Parker's works : I loaned him Emerson sometimes and other sometimes would not, as I suppose-nay, know.

When Mr. Lincoln left this city for Washington, I know he had undergone no change in his religious opinions or views. He held many of the Christian ideas in abhorence, and among them there was this one, namely, that God would forgive the sinner for a violation of his laws. Lincoln maintained that God could not forgive; that punisment has to follow the sin ; that Christianity was wrong in teaching forgiveness; that it tended to make man sin in the hope that God would Lincoln contended excuse and so forth. that the minister should teach that God has affixed punishment to sin, and that no repentance could bribe him to remit it. In one sense of the word, Mr. Lincoln was a Universalist, and in another sense he was a Unitarian ; but he was a Theist, as we now understand that word; he was so, fully, freely, unequivocally, boldly, and openly, when -were men of great common sense. With asked for his views. Mr. Lincoln was supposed, by many people in this city, to be an atheist, and some still believe it. I can put almost had his being. They were skeptics letter of Mr. Lincoln in my hand, addressed had heard from Johnson that his father Thomas Lincoln, was sick, and that no hopes of recovery were entertaind. Mr. Lincoln

"I sincerely hope that father may yet recover his health : but at all events tell him to rep Say to him that, if we could meet now, it is soon have a joyous meeting with many loved on gone before, and where the rest of us, through the monstrous to them. They were on all occas. gone before, and where the test of the

A. LINCOLN."

So it seems that Mr. Lincoln believed in If he was, he wrote that letter honestly, be-It was here, and among these people, that lieving it; it has to me the sound, the ring,

works. He at once seized hold of them, and between theism and atheism-sometimes

	Hants Vand Hamos	of the spirit are fully, freely met. The sel-	New Books.	still worse, the preacher said that
d a heaven and a hell specially pro-	Hearts [*] and Homes.	fishness of the mother's love had deprived her		think that even so great a prop
which saints and sinners will spend		of a true home, and the love of a noble	We have received and have for sale, be-	one named would reach that
ninable future. Some believe man	A SPIRIT COMMUNICATION.	heart, without which her sensitive nature	sides those heretofore advertised, the follow-	Here the Sabbath breaking stra
in an objective world ; others that he			ing : and shall be glad to receive orders for	his feet and told the audience
only in a state, or condition of sub-	NO. 10.	could not endure the cold and chilling atmos-	the same. "Soul of Things," by Denton	ters were so bad as that, they v
templation; others still, that he	My next lesson was received in a rose em-	phere of earth. Beware of selfishness ! its	\$1,50 postage twenty cents. "Our Planet,	to Ethan Allen's chance, and
nigrate through successive bodies,	bowered cottage, standing away from other	poisonous preach descroys the preasures of	its past and future,"by the same author, same	house, he quietly resumed his jo
purified for the celestial regions,	dwellings and half concealed from sight, by	home, and makes a run of the temple of the	price. The Crumb Basket, a. most excellent	INFANT DAMNATIO
hat he will continue to exist as a	the vines and shrubs that surrounded it. It	heart. From this lesson I have learned to	book for children, price fifty cents. "Man's	This reminds me of a story
ersonality.	was early morn when we approached this	be less selfish in my love for SILVER SPRAY.	Rights, or how would you like it," comprising	nearly seven years since, of on
	lovely spot. Aurora's rosy blush still lin-	N. M. P.	dreams, price 15 cents. The two last named	
ersal element, which pervades all	gered on the distant sky, and was reflected	Victory Over Death.	by Annie Denton Cridge, Editor of the Chil-	never enter the fold, no matter
	in the mountain's stream. The birds had		drens Department of the PRESENT AGE.	or driven. My narrator's head
ntelligent intercourse between this	left their downy nest and were offering up	The Christian often in moments of exulta-	We cannot too highly commend all these	the snows, and he knew thi
irit world, is, or has been enjoyed.	their praises in sweetest song, while from	tion cries out in the language af another,	publications to our readers. Send for them.	when but a boy. The substance
is a wide divergence of opinion,	each swelling bud and opening flower rose the	"Oh death ! where is thy sting? Oh grave !		was as follows : Nearly six see
the limits of this intercourse to	incense of prayer. The music of birds and	where is thy victory?" If Christians with	The Rev. W. G. Clark, Vice Master of Trinity	there lived in one of the East
d periods, and also concerning the	streams and chirp of insects were the only	the little light they have revealed to them in	College, Cambridge,-who is not only a well-known	family by the name of Little, a
r miraculous nature of this inter-	sounds that broke the stillness of the morn-	the Bible, claiming as they do, that it is the	personage in his own academical circle, but has a wide reputation in Great Britain as a Shakspearean	were in their ideas of God's go
	ing air. As we approached I saw in the	only source from which can be derived the	critie, writer and a traveller,—has just published in	this family had a son born un
restricted to a particular age and	front room two person busily engaged in pre-	knowledge of a future state of existence-if	London a phamplet entitled, "The Present Dangers	did not seem likely to tarry
people. By others it is alleged	paring a couch. Before we reached the cottage,	they, can thus rejoice in the hope of immor-	of the Church of England ;" and in this he declares	world of woe. Indeed, the
course is between good men and	the door was opened, and the couch was	tality, with how much greater confidence	as a priest of the Established Church, that Christi-	much afraid he would leave h
pendent on the particular favor of	moved out upon the vine clad porch. What	can the Spiritualist, with a positive knowl-	anity itself will be brought into jeopardy unless the	ing ordinance of baptism could
others, that intercourse between	is the meaning of this? I asked of SILVER	edge of that other life, triumph in the hour	Church abandons her old ground, and ceases to claim respect and obedience for the reason that its	ed You may feel inclined t
orlds is possible in every age, is en-	SPAY. "Direct your attention to the little	of their departure from the earthly taberna-	establishment, constitution, and doctrines are based	reader, but it was a serious m
avery nation whether Jew or Gen-	room in the north part of the building, and	cle which for a time they have inhabited and	upon an infallible book. Mr. Clarke insists that	parents, the possibility of their
ure and the impure alike partici-	you will understand it," she replied. I did so,	exclaim :	"successive discoveries in various branches of physi-	to hell; so a messenger is ser
its privileges.	and there upon a bed of suffering, I saw the	"Death, with thy weapons of war lay me low;	cal science have revealed facts which are utterly ir-	to the village two miles for the
	form of a young and beautiful girl. The	Strike, king of terrors, I fear not the blow, Spirits have broken the bars of the tomb ;	reconcilable with the text of Scriptures, except by	good man, is at work in his g
ico dograding but when we come	hollow cheeks, sunken eyes and emaciated	Joyfully, joyfully, will I go home!	such distortion of the natural meaning as could only suggest itself to the advocates of a foregone	his shirt-sleeves. "Never n
cial questions and ask what virtue	form told more plainly than words, that her	Bright will the morn of eternity dawn,	conclusion, and by methods of interpretation con-	the case is urgent, don't stop f
y it may be attained . what vice is	life on earth was near its close. Near the	Death shall be banished, his sceptre gone ; Joyfully then shall I witness his doom,	fessedly inapplicable to any other book, and appli-	mount my beast and go as qui
t may be avoided we are again mat	bed stood one whose countenance bore the	ovyrany, joyrany, salely at nome.	cable to this only by assuming the very proposition	
may be avoided, we are again met	impress of deep woe. A woman apparently		which they were invented to prove." He declares	dle to one in waiting, and h
problems with satisfaction to it.	under fifty years, and by her side a man,		that criticism has proved to demonstration "There are numerous historical errors in the Bible;" that.	AU USU.
Problems with satisfaction to it-		the past, giving to such all the credence to	are numerous matoriour errors in one prore, that	"Is he gone?"

To thy name we cannot add glory and power, Yet our praise shall ascend from hour to hour, And when this life on earth is o'er, We still will worship and adore Thee, as our Father, who enthroned in light, Art teaching us that "whatever is, is right,' N. M. P.

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Whose body nature is, and thy soul a living flame.

Thou who art on earth as in heaven the same,

Our Father ! the kingdom of heaven is here,

Thy will as perfect, as in the higher sphere.

Thou who giveth to all their daily bread,

And o'er paths of peace our feet hath led ;

Taught us through suffering, sorrow and pain,

That for transgression of law, we could not obtain

"To that bright world of beauty untrammeled by sir

Forgivness, and pardon, and a free entrance in,

Oh spirit! controlling power of every nation,

Deliver us from evil as thus 'tis understood

Help all to see it, as the undeveloped good.

Keep, oh keep us from temptation.

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The Destructible and the Indestructible in Religion.

ceases to exert an active influence after the decay of the religion it characterizes. Each ments, their degree of persistence will depend on two facts, first, the rate at which the people professing it are advancing, second, the predominance of the universal as contrasted with the special element. So also of particular beliefs within the pale of an historical reexistence, and the limit of their influence.

Among the chief characteristics which distinguishes every religion, there are three which may occupy our attention-their subject-matter, their aim, their methods of mode, also believe in water baptism, but growing brighter, and brighter every mowork. With the risk of being misunder- many who believe in water baptism deny ment, soon the morning of the spiritual exstood we will say, that the subject-matter of that sprinkling is the mode that fulfills the istence will dawn upon me." "Oh my Jesall religions is a mystery ; it lies beyond the scriptural requirements.

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Religion is the spontaneous product of lief partakes of the universal element, and man, who stood by her bedside. The man man's spiritual nature. Its root is the hu- the less it partakes of the special element, without speaking bowed his head and left the man soul. Every religion is distinguished will it be entertained by a larger number of room. Soon he returned, and taking up the by two elements, one special, the other uni- minds-meet with the approbation of a great- frail form in his arms carried it into the open versal. The universal element continues er number of consenting intellects. Let us air, placing it upon the couch already through all time, outlives all stages of see if this affirmation is verified by the facts. prepared for it. "Oh how beautiful is this growth and every form of criticism. The The affirmation that "Jesus is the Christ of world," she whispered, as she fixed her large special element is incidental to the historical God," is a christian doctrine. The affirma- dark eyes upon the eastern sky. "But there origin and development of each religion, and tion thatwater baptism is essential to salva- will be no beauty when you have gone," tion, is also a Christian doctrine. The for- whispered the trembling lips of the fond mer is more general and less special than the mother. "Jessie, my Jessie, tell me you religion being compounded of these two ele- latter. All Christians believe in the first, feel stronger now, that you will not leave while many Christians dissent from the sec- us." Large tears filled the eyes of Jessie, ond doctrine. Catholics, Greeks, Protest- and rolled down the pale cheeks, then claspants, all assert that Jesus is the Christ of ing her mother's hand she replied, "I am not

many other Christians, deny that water bap- For some moments there was a deep and tism is necessary to salvation. Because it holy silence only broken by the sobs of the ligion, in proportion as they are special, lo-partakes more of the universal element, the mother. Jessie's eyes were fixed on cal, dogmatic, will be the brevity of their former doctrine will long survive the latter. the changing light of the sky, "see! see !" Again, the doctrine of water baptism is more she said, "how one tint gives place to another;

general in its nature than the special doc- a few moments since those light clouds were trines concerning its administration. All a rich carnation, now they are bright as Christians who believe in sprinkling as the burnished gold. So it is with my life, it is sie I cannot have it so," said the mother, thought, by a letter just received from Dr. then raising her head, while the light of a

there are statements in one portion of it which are con which they are justly entitled, but they have tradictory to statements in another portion; that there the positive evidence which has been brought are "many narratives, purporting to record actual to them through Spiritualism in its varied occurrences, and for ages received as such, manifestation, and more particularly by the which now show unmistakable marks of legend : and that "Several books and parts of books which revelations from that higher life as brought to the Church reckons among the canonical Scriptures us by communion with the loved ones who were not written at the time at which they profess have returned, giving assurance that we are to have been written, nor by the authors whose to meet them in a real world of life, beauty names they bear." No one can read the Old Testaand love. From them too we have received ment dispassionately, says Mr. Clarke, without seegreat light as to the employments and enjoy- ing "That there are many precepts and examples given there which are contrary both to true religion and pure morality ; in which the writers have been inspired, not by the unchanging Spirit of God, but by human prejudices and passions." He says that he cannot admit that "Deborah spoke the mind of

Jehovah when she blessed Jael for the murder of Sisera, nor that Samuel acted according to His will when he hewed Agag to pieces." In the conflict between "scientific discovery, right reason, and ommon sense," and "traditional authority, indolent habits, and old prepossessions," the former must conquer, and if the Church throws in her lot with and of all who have returned to us, has ever the latter, so much the worse for the Church. The time has gone by, in Mr. Clarke's opinion, when the judgment of a synod or a council can be accepted as final; from the sentence of such a body lies "an appeal to a more august tribunal-the reason and conscience of mankind ;" and if Mr. Clarke is to be believed, the majority of his fellow clergymen will rejoice when they are set free from the fetters which now hamper them. "The imposing preponderance of orthodox opinions is more apparent than real," says he. "Clergymen for the most part con-

sider themselves bound by their ordination vows to be silent as to their doubts ; or, if they express them at all, do so, for fear of giving offence, in covert words, and ambiguous phraseology." Mr. Clarke concludes his phamplet by saying that the Church must not only give up the Bible, but must also abandon its creeds, or modify or enlarge them so as

at he did not Love, then, is a condition, induced by positive ortion as the and negative forces; for if such be not the happy place. case, the senses could feel the elevating inanger arose to fluence thereof, alone as well as in company that if mat- of the opposite sex."

ourney.

And again, in speaking of the children of vere welcome leaving the inharmonious marriages.

"The child must suffer exactly in proportion to the inharmony that existed between I heard told its father and mother, and it will require years e who would perhaps centuries, for it to overcome this dishow coaxed cord in its own organism. Therefore, all such l was white as marriages where the positive and negative s old infidel forces are not properly balanced, should be e of the story torn assunder."

ore years ago, I will not try to say all that I feel on the ern States a subject, but when, I ask, will mankind cease nd little they thus vibrating from one extreme to another? odness. Well, I know that there are conditions where dinto them, who vorces are not only admissable but really delong in this sirable; and that for the good of all conwere very cerned; but when I see natures as angular efore the savas a hedge fence searching the world over for be administertheir "afflnity" contracting and then breaking o smile, kind the marriage tie, again, and yet again, beatter to those cause they have failed to find a being who baby's going could bend around all their sharp corners, t post haste, I think it is time that they commence trimminister; he, ming their own hedgy selves-balancing their garden, and in "positive" or "negative," forces till reason ind brother; able people can harmonize with them. In or a coat, but the severing of such relations suffering must ickly as possionsue; it cannot be avoided, and in three throws the bricases out of four, if the parties were only astens into the willing to suffer as much for each other, as much in trying to adapt themselves to each

other's peculiarities, as they cause each "Yes, he's gone ; come and look at him other to suffer in thus separating, the result brother," and with a long drawn sigh they would be harmony, and their transmitted disled the minister to the place where they had cords be checked then and there, having the put the clay cold form of the baby, who conscious strength, that difficulties overcome could'nt wait for a passport to heaven, and so had gone to hell. They uncover its face are sure to give in their place.

As for the minister in question, perhaps he and are saluted, not with a wail from the damned but a hearty cry from a live infant. could not resist, and perhaps the lady could Joy ! joy ! the baby had'nt gone to hell after not. Those who are not strong enough to all! Now, whether it really happened, or walk are very apt to tumble; but the whether this wicked old Infidel, added it to fact that they cannot help falling, does not the story that his ancestry had told him of prevent the consequences of the fall; and if the incidents occurring at his birth, as to that they get their limbs or their heads broken, I cannot say for I was not there, I only tell they must bear it. It may be necessary that it to you as he told it to my narrator. Peo- "offences come, but wee unto them by whom ple drank metheglin in those days, and when they come." To call such conditions love, brother Chapman started to gohome, a mem- is to me simply mockery. Blood love it may ber of the household followed him to the be, but soul love is quite a different thing. gate, and very gravely informed him that one Talk about the good of coming generations! It of the sisters had drank so much of the above were well to consider if the man who is so weak named article, that she was really drunk. that he cannot help breaking the heart that The good minister paused a moment, and trusts him, cannot help bringing shame upon then, returning to the house, called the his children, and disgracing the cause he profriends around him, and remarked that it fesses to love-it were well to consider if was an unusual occasion, and if the sister in such a man is fit to become a father-and if the joy of her heart, had taken a little too the woman who consent to such a thing, bemuch metheglin, why say nothing about it. come a partner in his weakness, if such an No, the baby hadn't gone to hell ; he lived one is very likely to transmit such moral qualites as conduce to the welfare of society. to do good service in the cause of his country's liberty,-lived to show his children's Love ! Heaven deliver me from such love ! children the holes, or rather, scars from holes Soul love sacrifices, not its object, but for its eaten in his back by vermin in one of those object. Something less than three years earthly hells, an English prison ship. Cruel since I was conversing with a gentleman who do you say ? yes, but perfectly consistent made the following statement :

with theological teaching; for if the Eternal "I have a good wife, she is devoted to me. But when I married her I did not know my

ments awaiting us there. It has often been said by christians; "Spiritualism is beautiful in theory, it will do very well to live by, but will fail in the hour of death." The experiences of the last few years however have satisfactorily answered this expressed doubt. We have witnessed the triumphant departure of old and young, their calmness, quietness, yea often rejoicings during the transition. The language of such

> "Oh! ye mortals who fear to tread. The gloomy pathway of the dead; Let your step be firm and bold, Death's river is not deep nor cold, 'Tis but a little murmuring stream, Meandering these two worlds between; And gorgeous flowers may there be seen, Fringing the banks of living green ; While all along the shining shore, Can be heard the dip of the boatman's oar, As he leaves his freight on the other side, And turns again to cross the tide : One step and angels clasp your hand ; Mortal you are in the spirit-land, Immortal life you know to be

A glorious truth, a grand reality. Our mind has been led into this train

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If we now take the Christian religion as an showed how deeply he was suffering, and example, and compare its general and its how great was the effort he was making to special elements, we shall find that the num- control his feelings. "Oh, let me see the ber of adherents are in inverse ratio to the sun rise once more, "pleaded the weak voice of speciality of the creed, tenet, or opinion. her who was about to bid farewell to earth, Or in other words, the more an article of be- the only child of the sorrowing man and wo-

been: God. Unitarians, Universalists, Quakers and afraid to die, 'tis always morning in heaven."

region of the known; it escapes the tests of which is veiled by a phenomenal world.

"Like the awful shadow of some unseen power. It floats, though unseen among us ; visiting This various world with as inconstant wing As summer winds, that creep from flower to flow-

er. Like moonbeams that behind some piny mountain tower.

It visits with inconstant glance, Each human heart and countenance ; Like hues and harmonies of evening, Like clouds in starlight widely spread, Like memory of music fled, Like aught that for its grace may be, Dear, and yet dearer for its mystery."

tion, are subjects on which religion fixes its tinue to be the inspiration of the race, the attention. The aim of every religion is the vitalizing element of all successive forms the adjustment of man's objective life with the ages will be able to construct. Divine, the perfection of the individual and the race. The methods proposed for the familiarization of this subject matter and the realization of this aim are various, and to this question of method, most of the special features characterizing historical religions are related.

We will specify some of the elements of the American people. The article is written unity and diversity which distinguish dif- by Mr. Lincoln's former law partner and intiferent religions-the points wherein all agree mate friend, who has no doubt given a correct and those from whence a divergence arises. view of the subject so far as he has gone.

All religions agree in the proposition that We have evidence fully satisfactory to our God exists, and has existed to all eternity- self that Mr. L. not only denied the adaption that there is in the universe an ultimate of christianity as now taught by the church Power, self existent and underived, upon to meet the wants of humanity, but that he which the order of the universe depends. was a believer in Spiritualism in its teachings To this ultimate Power different names are of angel ministration. When in Springfield ascribed, but the recognition is the same. the home of Mr. Lincoln two years since we In the definition of this ultimate Power, we became acquainted with Col. White, near meet with the first practical divergence of neighbor and intimate friend of Mr. L, who religious thought. All agree that God is, not only gave us assurance upon this point but when it is asked what God is, each great from his own personal knowledge, but conductreligion returns a special answer. Pagan- ed us to a Lady Medium whose Seances had ism says he is many, divided into separate been often attended by Mr. Lincoln. We Personalities, each embracing a particular are also credibly informed that after Mr. Linattribute. Pantheism says he is the univer- coln's arrival in Washington, amid the cares sal essence, from which all things proceed and perplexities that surrounded him, Meby a process of evolution. Buddism affirms diums were invited and visited the White that he is pure force, without sensible quali- House. The president thus manifesting a by taking you from me." ties.

Christianity declares that he is an Omnipotent Being, independent of nature, mysteri- yet felt as deep an interest as ever for the perously uniting three persons in one. A still petuity of the government they had aided in further divergence may be traced in the way establishing. God is supposed to manifest himself in his creation. Some religions assume that his information upon this question, not because will is supreme, and that he acts from choice; it is necessary to appeal to such evidence to others assert that he acts from necessity. give greater confidence in our cause to the Christianity alleges that events are wrought public, but because we anticipate that a by miracle. Buddism sees their dependence holy indignation will now be manifested by on law.

All religions assert the immortality of man. No revolutions in society, no change in dynasty's, no modification in the habits of Mr. Lincoln's body was disposed of, tried by thought have ever been sufficient to alter or perversion to misconstrue and pervert his redestroy this universal faith. There is no difference among religions concerning the alwriting of this article our eye has fallen upon leged fact of man's continued existence. two papers under sectarian control, question-But the questions of where and how man ing the veracity of Mr. Herndon, and we will exist in the future, are special questions, doubt not should Mr. Lincoln's Infidelity, I see the angels, they have come, farewell, physical death was introduced, resurrection refer to this subject again.

Protestantism multiplies these special ele the senses; it embraces the ultimate reality ments, and hastens the disintegration of firm resolve shown upon her face, said, "my intimate friend and neighbor, in relation to Christianity. Luther Calvin, Socinius, husband! my child! listen to the revelation the death of his son George, to which we al-Wesley, George Fox, John Murray, each in- I have to make. troduced a wedge into the Christian religion

Christ, the doctrine of the trinity, the eterni- I did not intend it." Here her voice was letter. ty of punishment, the necessity of water choked by sobs, the husband's brow grew baptism, are incidents of an historical reli- dark, his lips more firmly compressed, while gion; they will pass away and be remember- an expression of pain passed over the face of pathizing letter a few days since. I had hardly yet

the recognition of God, the belief in immor- changed to a smile of angelic beauty. "I tality, faith in angelic communion, and per- did it ! I could not endure the thought of tion to the future of our dear George. Correct in God, the soul, immortality, ideal perfec- ception of the ideal of a better life, will con- trusting your happiness to another; you all his habits, of sterling integrity, kind and courtewere mine, all mine; I cradled you in these ous to all, he had the esteem and respect of every

The Religion of Mr. Lincoln. The article we publish on our first page,

In fact since we have commenced the

will no doubt interest our readers, giving as smooth my dying pillow. I have watched it does a slight view of the inner life of one those little feet, and thought, they will linger "No, why should I? I have never injured any one." so prominent in our national history, and who will ever hold a place, deep in the affections of

> and have you all my own; but when he came mad. Yes, I could almost have deprived him of life had it been necessary, as it was I on-the fact, but learned it subsequently. ly drove him from you, placed a deep impassible gulf between you, and you never knew

how deeply, truly he loved you. Oh! Jessie, it went to my heart to see you pining day by and be once more all my own.

"Oh ! Jessie, can you forgive your guilty mother, 1 knew that your pure spirit would see this and I could not let you depart without your forgiveness. Oh! how blind, how selfish I have been ; God has punished me

Great was the contrast between those three grief, the father's with agony, Jessie's radiant with light and joy.

"Mother, you make me inexpressibly hapknowledge has removed the last shadow from my spirit. "Mother, Father," she continuhis name upon my lips. Mother, in the little rose-wood box, there is a little faded flowthe church towards Mr. Herndon for thus even er place it in my coffin. Oh! I love you.

loving him. See! the sun is rising, I am goligious sentiments, hoping to profit thereby. ing, tell him I will wait for him. "See ! See ! she exclaimed as her spiritual vision was suddenly opened, and she saw

us standing a short distance from her couch.

Jno. R. Jewett of Lyons, for many years our o deprive them of nearly all their pre ing. luded two weeks since. Having at that

LYONS, MICH.

April 8th, 1870.

"Jessie, I cannot let you go away into the time only a telegraphic dispatch, we had inwhich has tended to divide assunder, and re- unknown world, without confessing that I tended to refer to the subject again when the solve into its ultimate elements all that re- have been the cause of your suffering, the particulars were obtained. We cannot do mains of the concrete form. The God-ship of the cause of your death ! but God knows better than to give some extracts from the

Dear Col. I received your very kind and sym

ed only as the trappings of childhood; while the dying girl, which, however quickly recovered sufficient equanimity of mind in consid-We had looked forward with such pleasing satisfac

one. His judgment in regard to business matters, arms, I imprinted the first kiss on those inreconciliation of the temporal and the eternal, which the religious creativeness of future fant lips, I caught your first smile, supplied that he may and his business capacities were superior. We felt your every want, taught your infant tongue honor and usefulness, but he is gone and we are left to speak, your trembling feet to walk. You desolate, and if it were not for the fact that he left were mine, my treasure, my idol. Oh, God! without dread or apparent regret, and in a full faith

could I calmly resign you to another. I have in our beautiful Philosophy we should be inconsolkissed those little hands and said they would able. Several days before he passed away he was aware of the approaching change. To who asked him if he was not afraid to die, he replied:

near me while I go down the hill of life. I As he approached the boundaries of the spirit shore persuaded your father to come here, that I his mind seemed stronger, and his spirituality might the more effectually carry out my plan greater. He made all the arrangements for his funeral, with perfect coolness, giving most of the details. He wished me to have sister Pearsall conduct and took from me my greatest treasure, your the services at his funeral. His clairvoyant or spiritlove, when I felt that I was no longer first in ual sight seemed opened as he neared the spirit your affections, Oh! then I was almost world. He recognized the presence of the spirit of -, who had just passed away, mentioning

> I remain truly and fraternally, J. R. JEWETT. May we not as spiritualists in view of such

a glorious transition, shout in the language day, and your eye lose its brightness, but even of the words we have placed at the heading then I did not think it would come to this. You of this article, "VICTORY OVER DEATH." were young, I hoped you would outgrow it, We use the term death because of common

isage, and yet we know-"There is no death-what seems so is transition; This life of mertal breath, Is but a suburb of the life elysian, Whose portal we call death.

We are informed from other sources that the funeral was held in the Methodist church attended by a great concourse of people to

whom Mrs. Pearsall addressed the words of statesmen who had passed on but no doubt faces; the mother's filled with remorse and life immortal as taught us by the angels. Thus has passed away our young friend George, whose absence from the earth form,

all who know him will long deplore. We We have written to Springfield for further py, I freely forgive you, he loved me, that have in a few short months been called to sympathize with these dear friends in the tedium of public worship in his boyhood she loves or not." their separation in the external world from days in old Vermont, he said, "The final the church true to its instincts even before heart craved, I love you none the less, for meeting when life's troubled scenes are o'er. "O, what were life, if life were all? Thine eyes

Are blinded by their tears, or thou would'st see Thy treasures wait thee in the far off skles, And Death, thy friend, will give them all to thee." Our Premiums.

The plan we have adopted for the distribuwhich each religion endeavors to answer for Skepticism or Spiritualism, be fully confirmed, farewell." As the sun rose into full view receives one, gives general satisfaction.

HOME. For home is where the deepest needs bing with other papers.

We call attention to the above as follows : of the Church.

up the Bible, as authority, because it is rebel in an earthly hell. against science, contrary to history, contradicts itself, is hostile to true religion and

clergymen are hampered by their convictions some years since. The minister on his way day, I walked a mile, simply to see her shadand doubts, and would be gladly freed from to church, found a woman gathering sticks ow, as she passed the window. Still, I never the fetters which hamper them.

There is nothing remarkable in all these woman, did you not know that you, should affirmations of the Rev. W. G. Clarke, only that they have been made by a Clergyman of high position in a church allied to the government sustained by law. When' we consider his official position, he is entitled to er my wood on the Devil's day after this." much credit for his pamphlet, although it onthough not always dignified, they are good ter quoted, does not deserve the name. ly announces what our free minds have when they so illustrate an absurdity as to long since learned, and as taught by Spirituprovoke a smile; and now let me refer to a alists for many years.

from our Gorresponding Editors.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, April 1st, 1870.

that only the axioms of science can give us in-DEAR READERS OF THE AGE :--- This place is not exactly an April fool, but it has been department of mind and matter,-and only amusing itself to-day by attending a "first thus can we find the true saviour, God maniclass' funeral; a wealthy banker dropped fest in the flesh-manifest in the law of dead the other day with the heart disease. things,-that is human reason searching for The girls in the dress makers shop said, they and learning of the Divine in the realm of hoped that there would not be another firstcauses. class funeral soon, for it hurried them so that

they could hardly get necessary rest. Embalmed, and enclosed in a heavy metalic cof. fin, that dust will not have to be gathered in the resurrection morn.

can rise above the gvils of their present con-Oh, the darkness ! the theological world is dition. In an article in the Religio headed too much in the same condition that the new as above, taken from the book of the above Congregational church in this place is; the lower story finished; the upper rooms and the steeple only enclosed. When the upper rooms of the brain are finished within, as well as without, when the index that points heavenward, rests upon a firm scientific basis, that they loved, the writer says : then, and not till then shall we have a different state of things.

I have been considerably interested, as well as amused the past few days, in listening to the reminicencies of one who has passed more than his three score and ten years in this "vale of tears." He is not a church and that all must be taken into consideration member; never has been, and in describing in the make up of a decision, as to whether "The Laws of Inspiration," No. 5, "The

All right; no better advice could be given. ed, "seek him, tell him all, that I died with Mother, Daughter, Son. The spiritual phil- Amen was always the best word of the It is practically saying, "use your reason and osophy as the Doctor truly writes, is their whole." He told of a stranger passing common sense in deciding this important Fruits," No. 10, "The Laws of Mediumonly consolation in these trying scenes. Oh through a country village one Sabbath, on question. But further on, after giving an ship." The ten tracts are stitched together, and how beautiful the thought that those loved foot, when one of the keepers of the public account of a minister whose meral character will be sent, postage paid, for 15c. We now making the attempt to correct public opinion you have done for me all that parents could ones will often return to them, and how morals came out and forbade his going farth- was without a blemish, and his wife a lovely have the STARLING PROGRESSIVE PAPERS upon this subject, for it is well known the do, but you could not give me the love my grandly promising the happiness of the er on that day, and took him into the house woman, seemed very much attached to him, to tarry till Monday morning. In the after- - after telling of such an one meeting a as follows : DIVINE UNFOLDMENT, SOULALnoon the stranger was invited to attend young lady who so attracts him, that he per- ITY, SPIRIT OF PROGRESS, THE NAZARINE, church; he did so. The minister in the suaded her to elope with him, this writer course of his discourse made a statement of goes on to say.

"Now, we here say that love is a condian estimate that some one had made in reference to the number that would be saved, or tion, created by the positive forces of the tion of premiums, so that every subscriber rather, the proportion of the human race that male, and the negative forces of the female, and Progress, Depravity, Plea for Little would escape hell. (Not one fifth part the their reciprocal action inducing that state ones. EARNEST WORDS TO MOTHERS, ANchance, brother Fox, of getting to heaven, which neither can resist. Now the minister GELS, WHAT ARE THEY? TRANSFORMATIONS, which each religion endeavors to answer for itself. Some assert that man was originally designed to remain in this world and retain itself. A private State of clay. Alas, the designed to remain in this world and retain itself. Some assert that man was originally designed to remain in this world and retain itself. Some assert that man was originally designed to remain in this world and retain itself. Some assert that man was originally designed to remain in this world and retain itself. Some assert that man was originally designed to remain in this world and retain itself. Some assert that man was originally designed to remain in this world and retain itself. Some assert that man was originally the church would attempt as in the case of the church his physical body; but sin changed God's plan, him to their lowest hell. We shall probably vine clad cottage had been a shelter but not a pended giving Special Premiums, also club- your premiums, to get more than their more resist the influence that she excited, 25 cents.

money's worth.) But to make the matter than the needle can withstand the magnet.

his government with eternal fire, then an own heart. I have since met a lady that I King has a right to punish rebels against Ist. Mr. Clarke is a celebrated Clergyman earthly king, and especially if he inherited love as I did not suppose I was capable of his position by divine right, surely, it was a loving." "Does she know it ?" I asked. 2d. He affirms that the church must give small thing for such an one to incarcerate a "No, I have a wife and family." He did THE DEVILS DAY.

lecture in this weeks AGE, in reference to the

necessity of science in Spiritualism. I wish

that spiritualists generally paid more atten-

tion to this subject; so much so as to realize

LOVE AND ITS HIDDEN HISTORY.

There is a realm of causes that have, as

yet, been but little understood, a realm that

must be probed to the center, ere mankind

not say whether the lady was single or not. "and why should I destroy their happiness, I will finish my collection of anecdotes by and hers too ?" No, I love her too well; morals, and that a majority of his fellow relating one that occurred in New Jersey many a night after laboring hard through the and binding them into bundles for burning. seek her society-never manifest by word or He paused and very gravely said, "My good look that I think of her more than others." I have seen that gentleman since, had seen not gather your fuel on the Lord's day?" him many times before, but I have not the "My good sir," was her prompt reply, "if most distant idea as to who the lady is to you will inform me which it is, I will gath- whom he referred; and that is what I call love, real soul love but the feeling that re-So much for anecdotes, brother Fox, and sults in such acts, as in the case of the minis-

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run a little way.

tures, did you Rob!'

as she held the scissors.

how this was done.

lay and Bessie only one half-penny.'

"'But it is right,' replied his mother.

""But, mother, girls are as good as

boys; Bessie is as good as I am; and,

"Why, mother ?' said Rob.

mother, she is better sometimes.'

"'Because she is a girl."

not, mother?'

Mrs. ANNIE D. CRIDGE, - - Editor.

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"ENFOLDED IN THE HUMAN INFANT IS THE 'IMAGE' OF AN IMPERISHABLE AND PERFECT BEING.

NELLIES WISH.

BY MARY TUDOR. "Nellie," said her gentle mother,

"Go and weed your garden bed ; Over all the tender seedlings, Many a naughty weed has spread ; See how neatly you can do it, Careful always where to tread.".

Quickly ran the little maiden, With her tiny hoe and rake. And awhile worked very briskly, Pulling weeds with vigorous shake, Twining vines upon the trellis, Tying Dalias to their stake.

But she very soon grew weary, E'er the weeds were half destroyed, Wishing she could read or play, Rather than be thus employed Wished there were no blooming flowers, With ugly weeds to be annoyed.

'Neath a shady Maple tree, Then she thought to rest awhile ; Pillowed on the velvet turf. Sleep enwrapped the idle child And in dreams came visions to her, Not all wandering and wild.

In a far-off land she wandered ; Every thing was good and fair, Summer time,-the birds were singing, But no flowers perfumed the air ; All was dull, and gray, and quiet, Flowers were dying every where.

Maidens passed all sad and mourning, For their garden's bloom had past ; Children cried, when home returning, Their bright blossoms fading fast; There seemed a gloom on nature's face, A withered deadly blast.

It seemed as if year followed year, And earth's bright beauty fled ; No seed grew on the faded flowers, No grain waved its green head ; And no more food for man was found. Because the flowers were dead.

A voice came o'er the desert land, "Rash child, thy work is here ! An idle wish breathed on thy lips, Because 'twas toil to rear The tender blossoms bright and fair. Has made for flowers their bier."

Trembling with terror, Nellie awoke From the dream that chained her powers, Brighter than ever seemed the earth, Fairer the rosy bowers ; And never again did Nellie wish To strip the earth of flowers.

WILLIE AND JESSIE. CHAPTER XI.

"The next chapter, mamma, if you Rob's. please," said Willie and Jessie, as they drew up their stools; "come, mamma, come, do; we want to know what Rob and Bessie bought in market, and what kind of pictures Rob bought for a half penny."

"Very well," said their mamma, as she soon they had as much picture and pin and degradation and have christened their took her seat in the low rocking chair and

rapidly walked-sometimes Bessie would only did right because they were afraid the of my clerical friends informed me that my the great secret of happiness--this the cloud give a leap of joy as she thought of her Devil would get them, and that if they were "blasphemy was outrageous." They won- now dark, yet rich with golden light, which twenty-five pictures; and off she would sure there was no Devil they would tell lies, dered I was not afraid God would strike me fills our land with mourning. Men seek to steal, swear, and murder."

"When they reached home they went to their mother's room, showed their bunches must be very wicked people." of cherries to their mother, and each gave "I think so, too, my darling," Mrs. Marher one, and did wish that baby Viney was arge enough to eat cherries, were sure that and women do right because they love right,

them up before her face, and that the wee world to be happy. darling thought them pretty. Then they For the Present Age. showed their pictures to their mother. ""So, you gave Bessie half of your pic-"Harmonial Homes."

In the 43 No of your valuable paper is an "Yes,' replied Rob, ' that is right, is it article signed by J. L. Mansfield and headed Harmonial Homes. "'Yes, if you like,' replied his mother.

" 'Mother,' said Rob in a low voice and very timidly, 'I don't think it is right for from poverty and its debasing tendencies onme to have two half-pennies every Saturly as capital puts forth its strong arm." "Little Bessie was sitting on the floor with a pair of scissors in her hand, cutting this. I have been contending that there was for the elevation of humanity. out each picture; and as Rob said this she a wealth of power in good healthy men and looked up and held her breath almost as still

to use them.

forth its strong arm for their rescue, I am mass of people like him, and the more in afraid the present generation of poor will die tensely do the bigots hate him. I will give of hope deferred before that time comes.

"Rob had never heard anything about Again the article affirms that "Harmonial favorable to Free Thought in Ellsworth: Woman's Rights, or girl's rights, or child-Homes will be the instrumentalities through ren's rights; neither had his mother; but which the wealthy can substantially bless the Rob, you see, believed in his sister Bessie poor and others as the ultimate result remove having equal rights with himself. I like from human society poverty and misery and

Rob, don't you? and heartily wish every consequent degradation and crime." boy believed in his sisters' right; depend In ruminating upon this sentence the folupon it, if every boy took care that his sis- lowing questions naturally arise. 1st, what ters had their rights, when they became are the homes, called "harmonial homes?" men they would see that these same sis- 2d, who and where are these wealthy men ters had woman's rights; but as I don't that will bless the poor with these homes ?. like sermons I will not preach a sermon 3rd, In what way are these homes to remove

'poverty, misery and consequent degradato-day. Bessie and Rob cut out the pictures; tion?" 4th, Are the poor, the miserable and then they each took a book and put them | the degraded to become harmonious as soon here and there among the leaves. When as they get into them? If not, how long will it take one of these harmonial homes to this was done, into the street they went with their books, and showed the pictures lift some of their poor miserable degraded inmates out of their poverty, misery and degto their playmates. " "Three trials with a pin for a picture !" radation?

said Rob and Bessie, and away ran the Again the article affirms that equal ownerchildren home for pins. I must tell you ship must be recognized as a fundamental principle to insure success and in rights and

Rob held his book tightly with his two privileges, the equality of the sexes." ands; the child who was going to pur-I am in no wise inclined to deny this affirmchase put the point of the pin within the ation I only wish to see what it means. edge of the leaves, anywhere; then the Does it mean that a single man or woman book was opened where the pin was held, who has only himself or herself to provide and if a picture was there, then the pin for shall have as much ownership in the home was taken by Rob and the picture was as the man whose family is himself, wife and given to the child who had put the pin in ten children? Does it mean that a man who the book. But if, after trying three times has ten Dollars cannot be equal in privilege no picture was found, then the pin became with the woman who has got twenty? If it does not mean that what does it mean?

"Very well; soon the children came If the time has come when capital is reachflocking round Bessie and Rob with pins ing out its strong arm to rescue the poor; in their hands to buy pictures. if capitalists no longer intent upon schemes "Three trials with a pin for a picture !' for self advancement have become inventors said Rob with a shout and a laugh ; and of a universal panacea for poverty, misery

dead. I replied to the effect that my God expose and blacken the good name of their "Oh, mamma !" said Willie, "then they wouldn't and their God couldn't.

Many Spiritualists are of the opinion that getting that they are human and not the best no danger is to be apprehended from the ef- of them free from temptation, or sin, forgettyn replied ; "good children and good men forts of Christians to subvert the Infidel ting too, that the dagger, they thrust in their principles of our government, while every- brother's bosom, is double pointed, and will she looked at these cherries as they held and because they want every person in the where in my travels I perceive unmistakable rebound and pierce their own heart.

signs of the coming contest. It will not answer for Spiritualists to say "it will all come out right" as an excuse for doing nothing practical for the advancement of free thought. Such sentimentality would never have preserved the American Union. Such lethargy tends to make men cyphers. Spiritualism demands of its adherents that they

In that article is contained the following shall be workers. It has a wider scope than affirmation. "The poor can never be rescued the belief or knowledge that God exists, that spirits are immortal, and communicate with us. Our Spiritualism is not "worth a rush" I am in hopes there is some mistake about in this world if it does not incite us to work

In Ellsworth I found many noble, liberal women, amply sufficient to supply every want minds. The first lectures on Spiritualism and to accumulate property, provided that given there I had the honor to deliver. Af they understood their powers and knew how ter going to the Town Hall our meetings were crowded nightly. The more radically

If the poor have to wait for capital to put a speaker talks "out West" the better the the world. you the names of a few of the many who are Ira Williams, J. N. Adams, Joseph O. Terpening, Nelson Kinney, Judge Perry D. Pierce, Eugene Case, Henry Sivein, S. D.

Mason, Geo. T. William, Geo. W. Kimball. Morris B. Kimball. It is astonishing how rapidly towns spring up in this part of the world. The energy of the Western people is proverbial.

For the Present Age. LABOR EST DEUS

BY GEO, WILLIS COOKE.

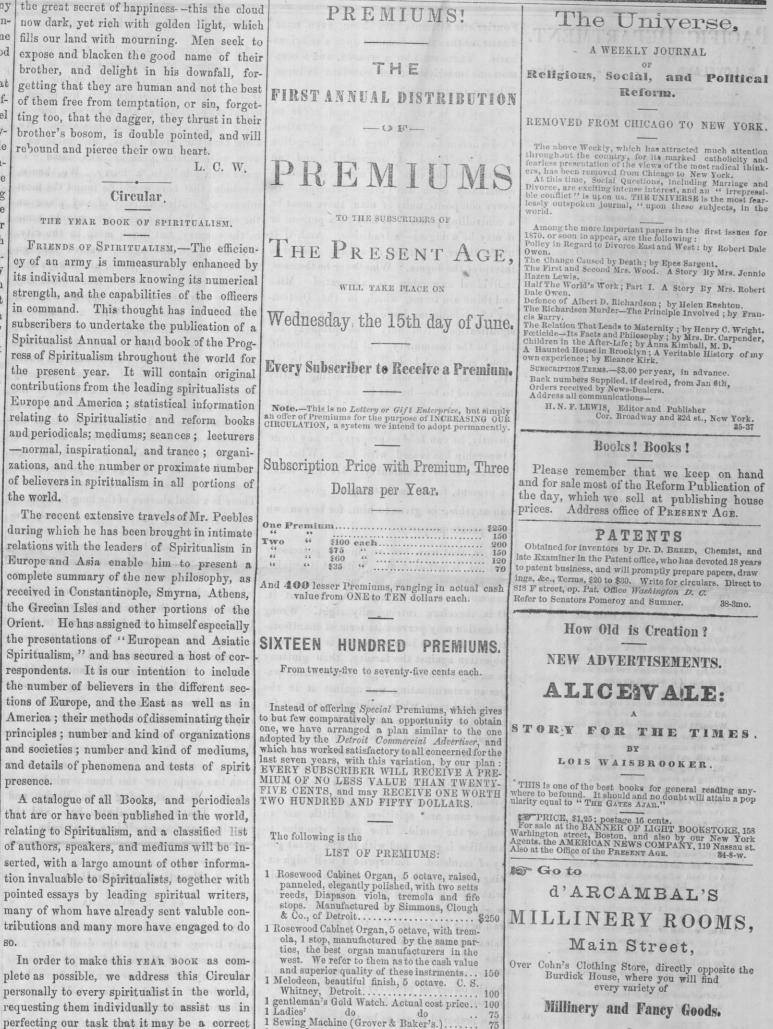
Lo, here is toil, and there is toil ! Let it be done, O Man ! Wait not for easier task to do, But do that which you can. Lo, through creation's endless bound Each part performs its task, Ever, through time's unceasless round, Performs its daily task. So when you have a task begun, Perform it best you can, Let it be done ; and being done, Give praise to it, O Man !

Let it be done ! the ages cry ; Let it be done ! the sea ; And thus repeats the bluer sky, Let it be done ! in glee. God spoke it out, Thou labor shalt And all things reaffirm, That labor is the better part In man or smallest worm. To do, to think, becometh one

In tasks of godlike Pan, Let it be done ; and being done, Give praise to it, O Man !

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every night; oh, mamma! you are so good, so nice, and so pretty !"

"What little flatterers you are," replied their mamma; "but then, it makes and then in church were seated all in one me very happy to know that my darlings place in long rows. They were told that love me!' "You have not one fault, mamma," said Willie.

"Yes my darling," his mother replied, would have slept had it not been for a long "I have faults, but I try to be good and birch stick which the superintendent held kind; and if I find that I have not acted in his hand and with which he would tap exactly right at any time, I think that never will I do that again."

"Is that the way you do, mamma," their eyes with a jump. said Willie, as he looked wonderingly at his mother; "oh, mamma, you are very slept in church, neither did the boys and "nice." girls round them, for they very kindly dis-

"Now for the rest of the chapter of Bes- tributed their pins among the children. sie and Rob," said Mrs. Martyn. "You With these pins they would scratch picremember they went to market; through tures on the fronts and backs of their and through the market they went several seats. Along would come a teacher and times pricing fruits and vegetables ; both take their pins from them ; but Bessie and of them liked raw turnips and carrots, and Rob had quite a supply in their pockets, sometimes with their half-pennies they and very soon all were busy drawing again. would buy a bunch of garden turnips or "One Sunday Rob drew a picture of Mr. carrots; but this day cherries were in the Devil-his horns, his hoofs, and a tail so market; and after pricing them here and long that it reached some distance along there they found they could do no better the back of the seat to where Rob had than purchase a bunch of cherries-ten in drawn with his pins several girls in a row, a bunch for one half-penny; and now just and there was the long tail all round about fancy you see Bessie with her bunch of them. This made the children laugh cherries in her right hand, and Rob with aloud, and quite a crowd of them reached the name of a tyrannical Jewish God. There his bunch of cherries in his right hand, from every side to see Mr. Devil. out of the market they go, and up a hill to the principal street of the city, where all for to-day," said Mrs. Martyn, to Willie the fine large stores are to be found. There and Jessie, who had not lost one word of Christianity than it ever was from African is a large book store; they look in the win- what had been told them, but had looked dow where books are piled one above an- in their mother's face and listened attenother; they are not looking at the books, tively.

however, but at the pictures, perhaps twenty-five or fifty small pictures on one with a laugh; "Rob knew how to keep sheet of paper. Some were two half-pence the children awake better than the teacher per sheet; these pictures were larger and did. Mamma, I just think I can see the At last they enter the store and ask to see with his pins, and I just think I see the boys some half-penny sheets of pictures. Rob and girls reaching and stretching themselves and Bessie look them over, and finally one to get a peep at him; and then I just think anti-Christian-Infidel. is purchased having fifty pictures.

"Rob asked the young man in the store their fingers; ha, ha, hal I know they all if he would please cut the sheet in two so took their places in a hurry, when the attack that his sister could have one half. came."

"'Certainly,' said the young store-keeper; 'truly, you are quite a man about making purchases ;' then he cut the sheet of pictures carefully in two and rolled up a made-up story like Little Red Riding Hood each part in a separate piece of paper and handed one to Bessie and the other to Rob. How happy the little boy and girl frighten little children; and so stories about were! how glad was Bessie! how she smiled as she walked out of the store with little children." the paper in her hand, and how glad was Rob when he looked in her face and saw her eyes sparkel.

Devil are made up to please and frighten big "'Now, Bessie, he said, as they walked children-men and women." home, 'we will have fine fun ; twenty-five "But what good is it to frighten people," pictures ! won't we have a great time sell- asked Willie.

ness as they could very well-do. But invention with the captandum name of a I must tell you what Bessie and Rob did "HARMONIAL HOME," and if they have resolved to "down with their dust" and build

they must not talk, but listen to the ser-

mon; but as they did not understand one

word of the sermon, most of the children

on the head or fingers of the sleeping boys

and girls, and sometimes make them open

Rob and Bessie with their pins never

"This must be the end of my chapter

"Rob was a funny fellow," said Willie,

I see the long stick coming along to rap

"But," said Jessie, "there is no devil, is

"Of course not," said Willie, "it is only

and the Wolf. You know wolves never talk;

it is all made up, mamma says, to please and

the Devil are made up to frighten and please

"Ha, ha !" laughed Mrs. Martyn; "you

are right, my boy; only the stories of the

there, mamma."

"Every Sunday they had to attend lots of them for the degraded, a broad anchurch to listen to a long, long sermon nouncement of the last will be good tidings from the preacher. After attending Sun- to millions. There are people who fear that day School from nine o'clock until eleven such news is too good to be true. o'clock in the morning they were all tak-

SKEPTIC. en some distance to church; they walked For the Present Age. through the streets two and two together, Spiritualism at Ellsworth, Wis.

BY W. F. JAMIESON Gave two lectures in a good sized school

house, when it was discovered by one or two individuals that the building was required for an exhibition, although no such notice was given when the course of lectures was announced. They deelared they would need it every night-for nearly a week. Several tendered the members of the school exhibition the use of their parlors for rehearsals. All offers were declined, the one or two (who appeared to have control of the building,) must have the house. The balance of the meetings were held in the Town Hall. I was aware that I had dealt in some pretty strong truths. I have always observed that the minions of Orthodoxy rigidly enforce all the ower they have to prevent free speech. My three months itinerancy in Iowa, of which I have copious notes, (I may write them out for the Age) revealed to me the danger which menaces this Republic. Religious zealots will never rest, never cease their efforts, until they make an attempt to destroy our present free American institutions, all in

is something more than "child's play ahead for the Liberalists of all classes. America is in more danger to-day from slavery. The principle of "self government" is to pass through a more trying odeal than it has ever endured. I believe that the eternal hosts have planned the campaign of the coming conflict between Reason and Authority, pure Republicanism, or genuine Democracy against Imperialism. Imperialism is a Church and State. Jeffersonian democracy (the basis of our present form) is essentially

Excuse me, my pen ran away with me; but curing in real life, contains the pure principle I feel deeply on this "God in the Constitution" field. During my three months in Iowa I by the hand, and kindly whispers strength had a chance to horrify the Iowa State Con- when no other eyes may see. The angels vention, composed mainly of evangelical must have looked down upon that humble ministers, who had met to organize a State salesman with eyes brim full of love. How Association to co-operate with the National, their soft influence must have pervaded his whose purpose is to entirely change the breast. I could almost envy that man his United States Constitution, overturn the pre- happy lot, and yet life is full of such opportun-

Spiritualists out of office, have none but ication with our fellows, but a golden lesson Christians for office, in order that God, may be taught and learned, and we be laying through his chosen servants, may the more up treasures which shall fade not. If our

Let Truth and Toil combine, That nobler part, each manliest heart May do, whate'er it can, Let it be done, and quickly done ; Let it be done, O Man!

We pray to-day, but cannot know What may the answer be, But long ago, I found it so, Our toil we mayest see. We may not wait, our fears abate, And find no answer come ; For labor hath a golden gate Through which we nightly run, And in a joyous citadel Await the morning sun, So work, not pray, that thou do well, God says, Let it be done !

Lo, here is toil, and there is toil : Attend to it, O man! Let it be such as this or that, If you such doing can. It matters not, and soon forgot, What all the people say; Upon this spot had better rot The empty good to-day. And if they laugh, and if they shout, At all your nicest plan, Yet labor on, and wait it out, 'Till it be done, O Man !

God spoke it out, though men may shout, To labor is to win ; And yet about, through all the rout. Comes down the blackest sin. God goes within, and there doth win Upon the side of right, We hear his voice above the din, And all the evils smite. Do bravest part, with manly heart Thy nobler spirit can. Let it be done ; and being done, Give praise to it, O Man ! Jefferson, Wis.

For the Present Age.

"A Salesman in Kansas City, Mo. observ- up into a higher plane of thought and living, so he is ed a pale, attenuated, and apparantly sorrow the better prepared to rightly appreciate and appro stricken woman concealing a bundle of laces priate, for the good of others, the bounteous gifts of under her shawl. Very quickly, and without Nature at his command. Our mount inder the ele Nature at his command. Our mother Earth is mag attracting the attention of a single eye in the ments that go to make up the sum of human happi

store, the salesman said to her, I am not able ness. Nature never errs, and if we work, and live to pay for the lace under your shawl, else in harmony with her, and for those around us, miseyou might have it in welcome. Please put ry and want will flee away. Thousands of poor people in our cities are needing and almost starving for the it back while I walk to the other end of the necessaries of life. Money is needed for various prettier than those costing one half-penny. picture of the Devil that Rob scratched Christian form of government-a union of counter." Large tears came into the hollow humane purposes; yet there is but little farnished to eyes,, her whole face expressed gratitude, and aid the needy, and provide homes for the unfortunwithout a word she put the lace back and ate. The material that is plenty in certain places

walked out of the store." This instance, oc- can be, comparatively speaking, easy had, that will command money at sight. Any amount almost may be raised from this source, yes millions of dollars, of the universal brotherhood of man. This and why not look a little in this direction, which is question. It will yet shake this nation to lesson is a sermon of never fading beauty, a natural one. It is not money alone that is needed ts very center. I flatter myself I have al- because it comes down to the lowest walks of to make people happy but the present social state of ready done some practical service in this life and takes the erring stumbling brother society is such that it requires money, to bring about

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sent form of government, turn all Infidels and ities. We can not live an hour, in communthrough the season, from 7 A. M. until 7 P. M. O'TISCO.

effectually operate against the Devil's king- brother falters by the way, if he is tempted ; dom. Hurrah for the Devil! That Iowa yea, and if he yield twice, thrice, and even Christian Convention was a sorry looking "seventy times seven," can we forgive, can in attendance. ing them !" How they did chat, and how "I have heard some people say that they bird when it was ready to adjourn. Some we strengthen, can we encourage? This is

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THE HAMMERS.

A costly house, which rich men own, Five stories high, of brick and stone, Is going up across the way. The hammers hammer all the day, With ceasless thud and clink and ring. Like pulses of some living thing. I listen, if I wake or sleep, And count the time the hammers keep, And fancy that I understand The different blow of each man's hand. The ceasless thud and clink and ring, Which only vexing clatter bring To other ears, to me have freight Of human record and of fate. I know the old man's listless blow, Dogged and patient, hard and slow These fifty years he's driven nails For other men; his old heart fails Him, seeing how the weary end Comes close and near, and does not mend The hard beginning. Nights are cold And home is far; his wife is old, And tired as he, and in short graves Lie boys and girls, for whom he saves All tears, but finds the tearlessness Harder to bear than loud distress. So ceaselessly with clink and ring The old men's hammers listless swing, And on the rich man's fine new stone, As on a grave-slab, write their own Long story, with its dates and names, Its secret fears and griefs and shames. The young men strike a sharp, quick stroke, Their arms are strong as arms of oak, Their hearts with hope are gay and glad, Believing better days have had Some hidden suprise, and that they, Before the noon has passed away, Can rest where it is warm and light, Filling their eyes with feast of sight, Setting their little babies' grace To blossom in some sweet home-place ; And in the babies' mothers' hands Laying the price of house and lands. So ceaselessly with cl nk and ring The young men's hammers merry swing, And lay the rich man's fine new stone Gladly as if it were their own, Sealing each slab with prophecy Goodwill, and faith, and hope, to lie All hidden in the walls and floors, Wrought in the thresholds of the doors. No eye the words will find or read ; The rich man will not feel nor heed ; His silk and linen and fine wool Will swing and spread, to warm or cool, Filling his sense with all delight, Hiding the spirit out of sight. Yet, by his hearth, his heart must take The same long chance o joy or ache, The same hot griefs and shames and fears, The same wild hopes of better years, With which the poor men's hearts made moan While working on his house of stone. And thus the ceaseless clink and ring And thud with which the hammers swing I follow, follow, all day long, And lose my dreaming way among The voices and their meanings deep With which the strokes swift measure keep: And, lost and dreaming, all my heart Grows weary of the art of art, Of wroughten wcol and hammered stone, Of life by false shapes overgrown; And yearns to know how it will be When souls from bodies are set free. And no man builds or toils or spins Where God's good other world begins,

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Human Brotherhood.

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So far as theory is concerned, there is but things involved in the relation, is, to cover little disagreement among men respecting over the selfishness of human nature with a the fact of the absolute brotherhood of man. very thin disguise. But the communist as-Independent of the saying of Paul, that serts that the possession of private property "God hath made of one blood all nations," inevitably results in the cultivation and there is a sort of instinctive recognition of strengthening of selfishness, and therefore, the essential oneness of the human family. brotherhood is an impossibility where that Men may not, do not believe that all types exists. We should admit the truth of this, and races sprang from one Eden pair; mul- did we not see how the acquisition, posses- the fundamental principles of the same, sit in their persons, in their effort-not merely titudes cannot suppose that black and white sion and use of personal property can be of men descended from common, human ances- universal benefit. We conceive that the pertors, yet the sentiment of brotherhood is not sonal interests of men can be so related, that in the least weakened by that supposition. the prosperity of each one will be of positive Those, who think the different types of men advantage to every other one ; and this too, had diverse origins, none the less oppose without, in the least, infringing upon the slavery, and all forms of oppression and en- rights of any one. Moreover, that all the forced inequality among them. In the high- advantages of communism can be secured, est sense possible, humanity has but one or- without the disadvantages to which we have are true; if we have tried them, and they not know the wisdom or folly of those who iginal. We all sprang from the great ocean referred. of eternal life. We all live, move, and have But, before we submit the plan, by which our being in that self-same Life. The religionist chooses to call it God. We would this is to be accomplished, we must make not object to the term, if by it, was meant some further explanations respecting commuonly the incomprehensible life-force of the nism. Man is to be regarded in two aspects. Universe, for we are devout worshipper of First, in his individual personality ; and sethis God. We see in it the causative power cond, his composite personality. By virtue of all form and motion-the parental foun- of the first, he possesses, what is termed, tain of humanity. No individual personali- private property,-his farm, house, store, ty is there, but the sum total of all personal- goods, cattle, etc. The second, includes ity. Man, then, is of God and from God, is what is termed public property, such as highreally divine. Embodying thus divinity in ways, public buildings, parks etc, etc. The itself, humanity is, of course, a brotherhood. common sense, and common custom of all But the most important consideration is, men have recognised this dualism in nature, how to make this idea a practical, working and no history, or tradition hints of any periforce. Simply as an ideal conception, it may od when this dualism did not exist. The old appear beautiful, but unless there be a pract- dream of the formation of society by the ical realization in the every day life of man, calculation and consent of its members, is it is of very little consequence indeed. substantially dissipated. Society grew, it Ideals, unless they can be transformed into was never formed, it can never be resolved actuals, are of no consequence at all. Theo- into its so-called, original elements. We can ries and doctrines have amused men in all the make no better distinction than nature has past-have served to so engross their atten- made, as stated above. The common needs tion that kings and priests have ruled and of men are to be supplied by common pro-The one has ruled nerty: private, or individual needs by priclaimed that grace in their behalf, for the in case of misfortune, when society should sake of the privilege of fleccing the masses aid its members. This general statement on a smaller scale, or if not smaller, a differ- embraces the principle of a true method of ent one. The two classes have formed a human life, in all its aspects; but, it must brotherhood of thieves, between which, poor not be overlooked that, heretofore mistakes, humanity has been most fearfully robbed. through unavoidable ignorance, have been Many have dreamed of making this idea made in the adjustment of the communistic a practical reality. The original church at and the individualistic rights and duties. Jerusalem attempted it by means of a com- Under the regime of past civilizations, the munistic fraternity. For a time, they suc- claims of the person have been too much ceeded partially, but human selfishness was overlooked ; while, in the present form, they too strong, and the effort failed. Similar at- are immensely exaggerated. Consequently, tempts have been repeatedly made, and with the problem of to-day, is, the adjustment of about the same results. The Shaker com- these seeming opposites. Practically they munities have, we think, been the most en- are real. The one, represented by the Cathduring, but we have been told by members, olic Church, and the other, by the ultra dethat they are now decreasing in numbers. mocracy, or red republicanism of our gener-The Bible communists, at Oneida, N. Y., ation. Very many, as it seems to us, utterand Wallingford Conn., are too few in num- Iy fail to comprehend the new law of prober, and too recent in origin to afford hard- gress, which is just now coming into operaly an illustration of the principle. But, of tion. Herbert Spencer has demonstrated all these movements, it may be safely affirmed, that, in the past, progress has been the evolthat their partial success was due to a partial ution of the heterogeneous from the homogenacceptance of the principle of brotherhood eous. But, we have reached the point, They came out from the world, and owed not where the heterogeneous is becoming unified. a little to the spirit of antagonism existing Not in the crude form of its primitive, homobetween them and it. This acted as a pres- geneous chaos, but in an accordant harmony. sure to keep them together. Again, to leave This admits of abundant illustration. For

Bird's Eye View of Californian's.

All our Eastern readers have heard much, and we suppose have imagined more of the modes and actions of the people of this New World. We had, most certainly, but in some

To us, it is very obvious, and needs no important particulars, where we were sure of very labored argument for demonstration. being right, are we most mistaken. We Communism has ever been the abnegation knew that the great mass, who came here of man's selfhood. It demands it, and can were adventurer's persons who came "to demand nothing else. No man can enter a make their pile" in a hurry. We, hence, community upon any other principle. In concluded that here would be found the most every composite unity of man, there must be intense and restless activity of any place on a controlling power. It may be a person, or the earth. We have seen the people some it may be a dogma-a tradition. And, if it in the country, but much more in the city be the latter, a person is always needed to We have again and again, walked through interpret the dogma. Whichever be the case, the streets of San Francisco, and always with individual ownership is abrogated. Mine the same result-it is the most quiet city and thine are terms, which, in the Diction- we were ever in. Nobody appears excited, ary of communism, have not even a relative nobody is in a hurry. With a climate so signification. Not only does property be- mild that flowers bloom out of doors all winter, long to the community, but the man himself, and withall so cool and bracing that flannels "soul, spirit and body," is possessed by it. and blankets are needed all summer, it would He, as an independent, free-acting entity seem that a high state of nervous intensity has ceased to be-he has become transformed would be the result. But nothing of the into a member of a composite body-a frac- kind is manifest. The Bankers and Mertional part of a homogeneous unity. Conse- chants are quiet. You see no crowds of exquently, he can hold no property in any form. cited men as in Boston, New York and Chica-Ownership has ceased with him. What he go, rushing at a break-neck speed through produces is for community. He can make the streets. Or, if you go into public assemno present, for he has nothing to give. Nor blies, you are struck with the same fact.

There is a total absence of the long-faced sanccan anything be given to him, for he can own tity of puritanic piety, there is a ready reno separate property. sponse to sharp points made by the speaker,

Now, that man has an innate possessory but there is no excitement, none of the uninstinct, is self-evident. Without it acquisi- easy restlesness of an Eastern audience. We tion and saving would be impossible. Even are not alone in this observation. Others, communism would be impossible without it, who have been here but a few months, have It is, therefore, intrinsically right. Wrong spoken to us of the remarkable quietness of education may pervert its form of manifesta- California life. It has been a puzzle to them, tion. This has been done, but is no more an as to us. Is it due to climatic influences? objection against the faculty, than gluttony We must think this has something to do in is an objection to eating. Communism wa- the case. At all events it demands considerges an exterminating war against it in the ation. Are Californians becoming more selfindividual man, while seeking to retain it for posessed than other people? Quietude may interests are carried on by Co-operation with the collective man, as embodied in the com- imply that much. Possibly, however, we

munal form. The attempt however necessa- may find the solution in the fact, that the rily fails, Either the faculty rebels first years of California life constituted an against the effort for its own destruction, era of more intense, and feverish excitement and branches out into the world again, or than has swept over the human mind since yielding to the pressure, the individual be- the first discovery of gold in Mexico and comes tame and spiritless, of little use to Peru. That fever has abated here, and the self, or the world. The great stimulus to reaction manifests itself in a great calm. ambition is gone, and with it, the great glo-

ry of manhood. Enterprise 1s well nigh ex- For the Present Age. tinguished; and only remains as a habit with those who have grown up in the outer world. The practical results of brotherhood can never be secured by that which emasculates humanity of any of its integral faculties. They all want exercise and culture. Every man, or every man and woman, should be the owner of property in their own right;

for "their own use and behoof." They are then prepared to act as brothers to each other. Brotherhood is of little use when destitute of the means of making it of practical utility. To cry brother, and do not the Practical Spiritualism. BY L. C. WILLIAMS.

of no use. If Morse had simply invented human nature. telegraphy, of what use would it have been

word, send our thoughts humming around satisfactory in those last mentioned? the earth in a brief space of time? If Watt,

we are to do the work the church has pretended to do. Our arms are to encircle- some inquries about him, stating to me his

our voices lead to wisdom's path,-these purpose of writing his life. I freely told him poor creatures, who look at us, and their eyes asked me what I thought about Mr. Lin are filled with a rebuke, which says I am the coln's religion, meaning his views of Chrisinevitable result of your cursed laws; And tianity. I replied, "the less said the better. you do nothing to save me; you curse your Mr. Holland has recorded my expression to sisters; you license unholy marriage; you him, (see Holland's Life of Lincoln, page 241). I cannot say what Mr. Holland said advocate human slavery; you uphold our to me, as that was private. It appears that destroyers ; you give him a seat of honor at he then went and saw Mr. Newton Bateman your table, and me you spurn like a serpent Supentendent of Public Instruction in this from your track. Spiritualists see these State. It appears that Mr. Bateman told Mr. things; they have made the discovery and are idly waiting—for what? are quarreling over some body's moral taints or misteps, are jealous of the seats of honor or of each there. I doubt a great deal of it. I know other's power's; all want to be first and greatest. They are seeking in vain to hide their true lives, that they may live more easi- part here referred to, I instantly sought Mr. ly and be more respectable, but I tell ye Bateman, and found him in his office. nay; ye will be called upon to. give an ac- spoke to him politely and kindly, and he count of your stewardship, and the time is spoke to me in the same manner. I said sub-stantialy to him that Mr. Holland, in order to not far off.

THE BETTER LIFE.

O Thou whose smile is life and peace, Whose love folds all, from flower to star! Bid Thou these inward tumults cease Give victory o'er the outward war. O for a more harmonious life, Whose thoughts and acts, from discord free, Out from the heart of alien strife Shall rise an anthem unto Thee

O for a wiser, deeper faith. Whose fragrance to the skies shall roll,-Whose roots, secure from drought and death, Sink to the centre of the soul!

Each selfish purpose bring to nought, Each budding sin in mercy blight, And cleanse the buried springs of thought. That crystal streams may gush to light.

Co-operation.

What are the natural limits to safe and will sometime know who is truthful and who successful co-operation? Rail roads, Steam ships, Iron mills, Cot-

ton and Woolen factories are built and run ; our conversations were in the Spring of 1866, mines are worked and almost all momentous and the Fall of 1865. success

An attempt has been made to produce Co- Lincoln. If he has used these words, they operation between mechanics, manufacturers, seldom. I never heard him use the name agriculturalists and tradesmen, so that each of Christ or Jesus, but to confute the of these might have an interest in the suc- idea that he was the Christ, the only and COIN, cess or failure of all the rest. Fourier and truly begotton Son of God, as the Christian common property, societies have been organ-Lincoln carried the New Testament or Bible ized upon this principle.

Some of these have accumulated property nent in debate, is ridiculous. If Christianity for a time, but have sooner or later proved cannot live without falsehood, the sooner it unsatisfactory to the most of those interested. For this reason such societies have not atheist-is instantly dragged into the folds PARIAN, been multiplied. Although they have some- of the church, and transformed through FORKS,

All truths must become enactments in our times been pecuniarily successful, they have falsehood into the great defender of the faith, daily living, or they are the dead letter, and as yet failed to satisfy some essential want of unless his opinions are too well known to

The question here recurs, why is it that does it dream of its doom? Would that it to society? Could we have held converse Co-operation has been satisfactory and suc- would shake itself free from its follies, and with our friends across the Atlantic, or in a cessful in the matters first named, and un- still live till all mankind outgrow it !

In Co-operation for building Rail roads, after discovering that steam could be used Steam ships, etc nothing is involved beyond the coln's religious views. I speak likewise from for propelling ponderable bodies, had let the pecuniary result. The parties therein know the evidences, carefully gathered, of his rediscovery sleep, would floating palaces plough what they hope to attain, and how they ex- ligious opinions. I likewise speak from the ocean's depth, from pole to pole, as now; pect to attain it. They have a defined end the ears and mouths of many in this city; and would we be carried, in a few days time, to be attained, a known instrumentality for your numerous readers that Mr. Lincoln is





through and over the rocky mountains? and its attainment, and cannot be committed any yet the embracers of the new truths of spir- farther than they have agreed to be commit- what truth is, and how it should be investiitualism, men and women, whose inner light ted by the articles of association.

known by any nation.

Not so in Fourier and common property sois made clearer by the illumination of angels; men and women, whose reason has embraced cieties. In these, the members are involved, with folded hands, secreting the holiest in the pecuniary result to be obtained, but in promptings of their inner lives as though a their freedom of action.

demon lurked within, instead of an angel of This ast step is the fatal one. Here is light. I am heartily sick of people, who say, the cause of failure.

"O! I know these things are true," but it In Communism and Fourierism the Co-opwont do to talk them to the world." Yes, erators are constantly changing. The perbut you act them. Your faces are a libel sons you are to work with to-day may be succeeded by others to-morrow. You canto the words your lips utter. If these things are good for us then it must follow they will are to share in your business and its results,

be good for humanity. And I know of no and who will have a rightful voice in directtruth, which should not be talked, and made ing what you shall do and how you shall do a reality in the every day life of men it. In such communities you are on board and women. There is no doubt but that if of a ship, with your destination to be despiritualists would unite their efforts, be true termined by the will of the crew, not knowto each other and truthful to the world : If ing who shall command your barque, to what men and women, who have embraced these port she shall sail, or who will be your comteachings, should come out from that which panions of the voyage. Here you have too has been, and take their stand as to what is much involved.

By entering into such an arrangement, you and is to be; If we should unite our efforts and pledge ourselves to protect each other, have consented to alienate that which is in- For the Present Age. to do no brother an injury if we can do him alienable, the right to work out the main no good, if we cannot love him, then be not problems of life in your own way-the right willing to hate him, but as the Brotherhood of to execute your own will in departments of Masons, who are sworn in a secret bond of action where private judgment is rightfully union to aid and protect one another, we sovereign.

This alienation of what is in nature inwould form a brotherhood of power strong alienable, is a false step and is followed by enough to overthrow any creed-bound people under the sun, and capable of doing a greater uneasiness, repentance, retraction and the suffering heart of humanity to-day. Love is work for human good than has ever been ultimate breaking up of a union, which was the legitimate and perfect blending of two

This is the true type of union. No mat- ture. Co-operation may be formed for education- of usefullness. Love is a law unto itself. It ter how deep dyed our brother's may be. they are our brothers still, and the true re- al purposes, by those who have a common is the divinity of man, spurning the puny sake a brother or sister, who is stumbling how they should use their respective powers like, moving with silent power in the sphere along life's rough path. Spiritualists are to secure best their own happiness. They of its own domain. It is the science of the very sensitive, and we might add very foolish may also co-operate to economize expense in soul's best and holiest properties-the centraleople, when they try to graft this new re- making highways, draining swamp-lands, izing force of life-the redeemer of mankind. igion, which now shakes the earth from cen- manufacturing gas, conveying water from By love, and through its agencies, man is

creed. This new, rational naturalism, which embraces all reforms and comes as the reme. So the second for use. Co-ral (*ie* physical) body and a spiritual with the Bible. It recognizes no authority but that ANNIE DENTED CHICAGE AND C embraces all reforms, and comes as the reno-operation, having been tried for these pur-body" And no man has been truly body" And no man has been truly body" And no man has been truly The transition from Christianity to Free Religion. The transition from Christianity to Free Religion. poses, and for countless others, and having born of the spirit whose inner life has new heaven; this great reformation of church been found a success, has not yet exhausted not felt the saving influence of perfect love." and state, must begin in the family circle- its utmost possibilities.

must begin in the harmonizing of the disturbed and seething waters of social life. learned that our present mode of isolated kind may sink into the lowest pitfalls of deg-Our mothers and our fathers must become house-keeping demand more expense and lacalmed and stilled in the great deep of their bor than can be given to it, if performed by human hearts. Woman must come to the ourselves, or paid for by any labor of our escue of the sinking ship, yea and men too, own, without consuming so much of our time they who go out as the exponents of these that but little is left for culture or social engreat truths must not only preach but must joyment. Co-operation may be employed in it attracts. By and by, the Master, who practice. Targets they are, and targets they constructing homes for numerous families, must be. The sins we most deplore are be- and in doing all the work of cooking, and washcause there is so much undeveloped good, so ing with less than half the labor demanded great a harvest ready for the harvesters. We by our present isolated homes. At the same

pass down the street, and from the lace cur- time the inmates of these homes may be as tained window young faces peer at us, who free in their occupations, and in the choice of unworn, yet will they be untarnished. No sell their purity to men's passions for gold, their intimate social companionship, as they rude contact with the world can mar the every housekeeper. It is a small portable furnace, is a small portable furnace is a small portable furnace is a small portable furnace. and next door is a costly church where men now are.

preach the "word of God;" and, when night- This rule may be deduced, Co-operation

correctly represented here, so far as I know gated. Yours truly, W. H. HERNDON.

WHAT WE MAKE IT.

Oh ! call not this a vale of tears," A world of gloom and sorrow; One-half the grief that o'er us comes From self we of ten borrow. The earth is beautiful and good ; How long will man mistake it? The folly is within ourselves; "The world is what we make it."

Did we but strive to make the best Of troubles that befall us, Instead of meeting cares half way, They would not so appall us. Earth has a spell for loving hearts, Why should we seek to break it ? Let's scatter flowers instead of thorns "The world is what we make it."

If truth, and love, and gentle words, We took the pains to nourish, The seeds of discontent would die, And peace and discord flourish. Oh ! has not each some kindly thought ? Then let's at once awake it; Believing that for good or ill, "The world is what we make it."

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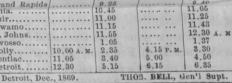
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