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Bangs Sisters.

STRIKING INCIDENTS.

The Sisters Doing an Excellent Work for Spiritualism.

upon it:

ever be of any real and permanent good to and is better than sometime ago, though you chair, and perhaps twelve feet from her are drawn to those in earth-life to gain these any one. Our nerves may be too sensitive cannot perceive it. Loving sister, to bear the full light of truth, sometimes, especially of truth which contradicts the counter to our early education, or conflicts with our inherent prejudices; but when our eyes finally become open to the beauty and worth of any great truth, we shall extern. divine truth, for all truth is divine.

which to me were quite remarkable. It so which had just taken place in my presence, my first visit, and without giving his name, or the name of my wife or myself, asked any way related, and without the possibility BROTHER DAVID. mestions in writing of a number of his of her being able psychically to perceive in spirit friends, among which questions was my mind any thought of Clara L. It may ne addressed to his deceased daughter, be that the very astute skeptic who has seen Clara, asking if anything could be done to little or nothing of spirit manifestations will "help little Edith." The answer came, be able to see how the mind reading theory written upon the slate which was held by can apply to this state of facts, but I conhe medium underneath the table, and was fess that I am utterly incapable of such a to the effect that little Edith in time would feat of mental gymnastics. recover her sight in one eye. This was sigificant, for it is to be observed that nothing then placed upon the slate held underneath and been said in the question or in conversa- the table, and were directly in answer to ion with the medium about Edith's eyes, questions on the folded slips of paper which whether one or both were affected, or in I each time held in my hand: that respect she was afflicted. The report

tity, nor mentioning that her father had ever been there, nor giving any information whatever with respect to our family. At the sitting she addressed to her deceased sister, Clara, a question relating to little Edith, but containing no reference to her eyes, and in response received an affectionate comthe building up of the system.

Reading this message, at first I was puz- accept without personal experience. The earth a spirit in form as yourself or any controls the universe of mind and matter?" see how these men are looking out and zled, as I had no sister in spirit-life that I time for this has not yet come. He thinks other mortal man, possessed of mediumistic knew of. I really thought for the moment more favorable than he expresses. I can qualities, mostly inspirational, and who in law in nature which rules the universe, but tention to the improved methods that are that there must be some trick about it; but best convince him through his own particu- those barbarous times was condemned for not an intelligence as man's spirit or soul, coming for a better education, suggested An Expert Investigator Visits the said nothing to the medium further than lar influences. Lovingly your uncle, "J. W. H." that I would take a copy of the message,

I may say in passing, that the last above from us, so do we receive communications from the through many agents or operators. If a point discours indication of the provide th that it was not from a spirit addressed, and I would like to get the name of the spirit message in my estimation correctly indi. from him through many agents or operators. HE MAKES A REPORT FULL OF who had written it. The medium immedi- cates the characteristic of both my uncle ately put the slate back under the table and and cousin, and that I had not previously tirely wrong in others, as it has been transrequested the spirit to "Please write your mentioned either person or their charactername." More scratching and the slate was istics to the medium.

again withdrawn with the following written The communication next given below was

pon it: ⁽¹⁾ DEAR BROTHER: Be not discouraged; ⁽¹⁾ DEAR BROTHER: Be not discouraged; ⁽¹⁾ DEAR BROTHER: What do spirits know ⁽¹⁾ DEAR BROTHER: There is no such thing ⁽²⁾ DEAR BROTHER: There i TO THE EDITOR:-The world will never little Edith is happy, and in time will re- with a wet sponge, then wiped dry, and carnation? get on until it is brave enough to look facts cover her sight in one eye. Continue to placed a small piece of pencil between fairly in the face. Lying never did profit build up her system and it will strengthen them, tied them together with a handker- as re-incarnation as you term it or underany man, said grim old Carlyle, nor will the affected parts so that she will gradually chief, and hung them thus tied on the gas stand it; but there are those spirits in spiritstubiorn and prolonged dodging of the truth overcome this. She can now discern light, chandelier, about ten feet distant from my life limited in experience who through such "CLARA L."

message to her father and the message to any. While the slates were in this position only in the way of following those in the solution of important philosophical problems, While days followed on with their conquering rays. worth of any great truth, we shall experi- my wife, her sister, at the sittings they had on the chandelier, the medium and myself form in order to gain this experience neces- and I believe it is possible that those interence no little feeling of surprise and regret had with the medium, in answer to questions sitting in our places at the table conversing, sary to continue progress in the higher ested in such problems may, if they but apthat we ever could have been so blind and respecting little Edith. Evidently she was I heard, faintly, however, the sound of spheres. timid as ever to have withheld our allegiance accurately informed of the condition of and master, the Edith and knew our relationship to her and as I have described. After ten minutes or too personal in character for publication, to each other, and it was useless to attempt further concealment of our identity. It is were taken down by the medium, who I was led to visit the Bangs Sisters, slate-writing and materializing mediums, 22½ Wal-nut street, this city, for the first time on October 29, last, and by circumstances which was useless to attempt writing upon the first time on October 29, last, and by circumstances which was useless to attempt and to use of placing diem date and the other in shade, of being beyond the pale of mortality. Not having obtained any writing upon the which was writing upon the diam's hands were above the table in my of the medium, who diam's hands was the date of placing diem date and was dient date of placing diem date and was die

happened that our baby, Edith, two and a since I had no thought of my wife's spirit to you again to-day. Happy to have you an appointment to meet the medium at two WORDS FROM THE PULPIT. half years old, was last winter stricken with sister in mind up to the time the name was know of our continued presence and interest o'clock on January 9th, for the express purthe malignant measels, which disease left written on the slate. Some power or intel- in all your efforts in life. Be patient, dear pose of getting writing between my slates. her totally blind, one eye being entirely de- ligence outside of my mind must have fur- son, for time, which brings you the sun- I took the slates away with me, placed them stroyed, the other having a cicatrix form nished the medium with the information shine and the flowers, removing the desola- on an upper shelf in my book case at home apon the cornea and thus depriving her of that "Clara L." was in some intelligent tion of winter, will bring the changes in and at the appointed time again visited the ight in that eye also. My wife's father manner connected with my father in law, my your home. Little Edith is happy, and by- medium with the slates. We sat for a full visited the sisters some two months before wife, little Edith and myself, and that, too, and-by you shall all be doubly so. Good- hour with those slates sometimes above and without herself knowing that we were in bye. From Father, JOSEPH GRIEFEN and sometimes beneath the table, but conjure as

I was satisfied there was no sleight-ofhand juggling in this manifestation. I believe my senses to be ordinarily acute; they serve me in all business and usual relations legerdemain as an explanation of the occurrences here described, it would be at the The two following communications were

the communicating agent, which, viewed by results with the sealed slates, he suggested "MY DEAR GRANDSON: You ask me toof this sitting induced my wife to also visit day to write you a long communication. It any unbiased mind, must satisfy the dethe medium, Lizzie Bangs, with whom in about three weeks thereafter she had a sit-ting, not revealing to the medium her iden-ting, not revealing to the medium her iden-

his good work and gift. We never see him and man, or the spirit, is governed by this, along the line of the kindergarten and in spirit, but as you receive communications As you disobey this principle so do you manual training. The great idea is to take

History is correct in many things, and enlated many times and differently understood. The name then given was Jesus Christ. "Father, J. GRIFFEN."

chair, and at the height from the floor that experiences, as it is necessary to fully un-

BROTHER DAVID.'

"MY DEAR Son:-I am happy to come sealed slates before mentioned, I again made we would, no spirit from the vasty deep

would summon at our call. Yet I was not discouraged, for I believe that like any other experiment in science ninety-nine failures cannot weigh in the balance as against one of life, and should I give countenance to success, and accordingly determined to give the ghost another show, although I had not had a ghost of a show with my sealed slates sacrifice of my reason and a total discredit thus far. Having agreed to come again on of the evidence of my senses. However, the 13th inst. following, I took my departthe best evidence, to my mind, is the inherent evidence contained in the messages on the shelf at home. Meeting a scientific themselves. There is certainly a power of but somewhat skeptical friend the next day, intelligence and a knowledge displayed by and recounting to him my failure to obtain

ing nearly all of which time the sealed slates

were held by both the medium and myself,

we might break the seals and open the slates.

names of departed friends written above.

Upon the other slate was the following mes-

FATHER.

"DEAR FATHER: Do you regard Jesus

Christ a Savior of mankind in any other Written for The Progressive Thinker. sense than you do Confucius, Socrates or any other wise teacher?"

"My Son: Jesus Christ as a spirit can-

"DEAR BROTHER: Is it possible for a numan spirit ever to be annihilated?'

"No life nor the all-divine principle can gas burners are usually fixed. During this derstand and know all there is of earth-life ever be annihilated, but ever goes on The day halled the night, night returned the salute. The mystery was solved. This was my time I observed all the medium's move- in order to progress on in higher spheres. through all time, for all can become perfect.

and I believe it is possible that those inter-ested in such problems may, if they but ap-proach the sources of spiritual knowledge in the true spirit of scientific inquiry, obtain much valuable information and data for the solicity of the sources of spiritual knowledge in much valuable information and data for the solicity of the sources of spiritual knowledge in much valuable information and data for the solicity of the sources of spiritual knowledge in the sources of spiritual knowledge in much valuable information and data for the solicity of sources of spiritual knowledge in the sources of spiritual knowledge in much valuable information and data for the solicity of sources of spiritual knowledge in the sources of spiritual knowledge in t

of Catholics to the Public-School System of the Country.

The recent attacks by the Catholic clergy and their followers upon the public-school system, brought from Dr. H. W. Thomas of the People's Church a vigorous, though not lengthy, denunciation of all efforts to destroy or weaken the American public school-system.

The pastor was speaking of the "greatest" venture in history, considering the time it was made," when the framers of the American Constitution omitted the name of God from that document. "I am opposed radically and entirely to putting the name of God into our Constitution," he cried, "or motest way towards opening up any possi-bility for the matthing of time? Of Mathematical and the reader to doing anything that could look in the rebility for the repetition, in this land, of the she held herself out (i. e. her mediumship) bility for the repetition, in this later, or in the belief hersen out (i. c. international intimates of Church and State. The State undertakes that she "bartered" her mediumship for

not have knowledge without liberty, you money. disposed, in the meantime "fix up" other cannot have liberty without knowledge. slates with some suitable and touching epistle without intelligence and morality or human publish them. Soon after it was reported You cannot have a republican government virtue world, and hence that I had better take the "Hence you see the immense importance precaution to mark my slates with some of the public school-system. The only the family of a farmer named Keeler, who symbol known only to myself. The suggestion appeared to me to be a good one, and I means that this Government has to educate the rising generation for citizenship is in the accordingly acted upon it, and marked each public schools. And upon the rising geneslate in two separate places with very minute ration depends the perpetuity of our insticabalistic characters. I also prepared questutions. Hence this necessity for guarding tions upon papers folded as before, took my with jealous care against one dollar of the slates and went to the house of the medium public funds ever going to support any secat the hour appointed. We sat patiently for tarian institution. nearly an hour and a half at the table, dur-

"My Son: There is a divine principle or planning. I wish we could all pay more atevery boy and girl and train them for the duties of life, that this shall be an educated land

DAY AND NIGHT.

BY T. D. CURTIS.

Then gazing afar from this sin-troubled world, I saw that the planets unerringly whirled; And there was the night ever chasing the day, While day drove before it the night on its way;

WORDS FROM THE PULPIT. But bright ones above us, who dwell in the light, Can see how the mortal is tempered by night; Did earth ever move in the heat and the glare Did earth ever move in the heat and the glare Did earth ever move in the heat and the glare Did earth ever move in the heat and the glare The cool of the sun, 'twould be dusty and bare; The cool of the night and the heat of the day Are needed to temper the vessels of clay.

Be active by daylight, no matter how irk Your duty may seem, in the day do your work; When night cometh on, rest in quiet and hope: You know not, as yet, how the morning may ope; Though darkness of earth-life no mortal can shun, The soul may forever be turned to the sun.

Written for The Progressive Thinker. Materializing Mediums.

TO THE EDITOR:-The article headed 'First Materializing Mediums," by Z. T. Griffen, in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER Of January 11, is to indefinite to be satisfactory, if not erroneous in part. He says: This supreme manifestation of spirit power [full form materialization] occurred first about 1869," leaving the reader of time? Of Mrs. Andrews he says that

I wish some one who knows of facts in regard to first mediums, would write and publicly that Mrs. Andrews was a materializing medium, it was stated in a spiritual was a Spiritualist, residing near Moravia, N. Y.; that she was developed in his house where her seances were held under his auspices, and that those who attended the seances were charged only a sufficient sum to pay the expenses at his hospitable home. Which of these two statements is correct? If any one is competent to write a genuine history, somewhat in detail, of first materializing mediums, it should be done with due credit to each one.

Being convinced by the accounts of these occurrences that some invisible intelligence full.)

outside the physical form must possess pretty accurate knowledge of our family slates, washed them clean, the medium duce writing within those slates. She made affairs, which had not been communicated placed a small piece of pencil upon one, no objection, and we arranged for a sitting to it or them in the usual way, I was in- and put the other top of it, and for this purpose, to take place in the afterduced to test the matter for myself; and ac- asked me to hold one end of the slates thus noon of January 2nd. In the meantime, cordingly, on October 29, having previously placed together, while she held the other, while at home, I placed between two new arranged with the medium, Lizzie Bangs, above the table, in plain view. I did so, school slates, 8 by 10 inches in size, a halffor a sitting, I procured two new slates and and while the slates were thus held I dis- dozen small bits of pencil, fastened the bught her residence at the hour appointed. tinctly heard the sound of the act of writing slates together with slips of court plaster at To those familiar with the modus operandi between the slates. This seemed marvelous of spirit messages occurring upon slates in enough. After a few moments we opened went to the residence of the medium for the the presence of such mediums, a descrip- the slates, and the following message was sitting, during which, the slates laid upon tion of details is not necessary, but it is written upon the under slate "DEAR Son: We are all happy in coming

somewhat important to investigators who are not acquainted with spiritual phenomena. As to details I will therefore say, that on this first occasion, knowing that I was perance, for it is true we do live beyond the sonally unknown to the medium, I did not give her my name, nor divulge to her any of the circumstances which induced me to seek a sitting with her. Upon seating myself at life, but language we must use is too vague. the table the medium told me to write three or four questions on separate slips of paper and fold them separately so that they could not be read without opening, and as I proeded to do so she retired from the room. length. From loving father, Among the four questions which I had written and folded as described was one ad-

dressed to my father now in spirit-life, asking if our present course of treatment of noon of November 5, prepared written little Edith was correct. This question I held in my hand, not knowing, however, which question it was, while the medium placed the slate with a small piece of pencil apon it underneath the table, holding it with in my view. After a few minutes of wait- two following messages were received on only those who have been in spirit life a ing with the slate and pencil in the hand of the slate:

medium under the table, and with the folded question in my hand, held in a man- you to-day, and it gives me great pleasure. her to preclude the possibility of either my-I come to you in your home, and try, with self or the medium reading the same, I the other dear ones, to assist you. The spirit life many ages, but we receive knowlheard a scratching sound as if writing were time is coming when we hope to being done upon the slate. When the sound be able to manifest this in a positive man-studies of earth life. Father, ceased, the slate was withdrawn and upon ner. Say to dear sister that I am happy, and would love to communicate with her, it was written the following message:

ming to you to-day. I see and know of all shall mingle and be happy. Lovingly the spirit world, and can you assure me that your sorrow; but do not fear, but be en- your aunt, ALMIRA THOMAS BURNHAM." "MY DEAR NEPHEW: I should love istence, and that the New Testament account traged and hope for the better, for time ily can perfect your desire and your home. dearly to communicate with John, but like is substantially correct?" "LOVING SISTER."

in my knowledge, and hope some time to ignorance and prejudice than by reason and communicate in your home. I am with you common sense, all evidence and appeals to in your home, and throw my influence those faculties must necessarily be unavail- written on the inside, and palm the same off around your little one, who will recover in ing, until such minds shall have reached a on me as a genuine message from the other time. Loving Grandmother.

to you in communication to-day, and want

you to learn to feel our presence and guid-

portals of time, and are happy beyond ex-

pression of mortal tongue or pen. I should

ove to tell you of all the beauties of this

await your coming to us with eager anticipa-

tion. Therefore, wait, watch and be patient.

We will come to you again, at greater

I again visited the same medium the fore-

questions while she was out of the room, as

before, and during the seance received in-

telligent and pertinent answers to them.

the writing with one exception, being done

while the slates were held under the table

" JOSEPH GRIFFEN."

All is perfect joy and eternal bliss.

"HANNAH H. GRIFFEN."

¹⁴ My DEAR NEPHEW: Yes, I am with scarcely be expected to accept as true anymunication upon the slate, which referred you to-day, and pleased to communicate thing extraordinary to the common experito one eye as being utterly hopeless so far with you. I would like to have you tell my ence of mankind, unless it be demonstrated as sight was concerned, and stating that in son John that I came to you, and would by evidence and methods which leave no time she would recover some sight in the like to communicate with him, for life is loophole of uncertainty. Desiring to proother eye, and also prescribing a remedy for eternal as time itself, and death is but the ceed in this method and to obtain this gateway to a higher life. Uncle J--H." (The name was written in proposed to bring to her slates sealed by

higher plane of being. It is, however, but fair to say that the scientific mind can

evidence, I informed the medium that I myself at home, and thus to test the question At the close of this sitting I took two of the power of extraneous agents to pro-

each side and end. On the day appointed I the table in my sight, the medium stating that they were not likely to be written on at sage, written very plainly:

this sitting. The "controlling spirit" also explained by writing on another slate, held accomplish this for you. Let it be evidence underneath the table, that it was necessary that life is eternal as time itself, and death for the spirits to magnetize the sealed slates is but the "gate-way to progression of the before they could use them, and that I soul. Your father, JOSEPH GRIFFEN." would have to come again.

At this seance, however, I received answers upon slates held in the usual way un- evidence would or could doubt the immortaldemeath the table, in response to questions ity of the soul, could doubt their own preswhich I had prepared at home on slips of ent existence and the existence of everything paper, which slips I had carefully folded, to else. revent the questions being read. The fol- Explanatory of the rosebuds, I received

lowing are some of such questions and on another slate the following: answers:

" DEAB FATHER: Have you ever come representative of your little ones in this form, into personal relation with spirits whose Clara and Edith, and were drawn by your earthly existence has been on other planets wife's sister Clara. than our earth?'

received on slates held by the medium be-"MY DEAR SON: Yes, there are those neath the table, are as follows: in spirit life who have progressed in spirit er right hand, the left resting on the table by the medium as before described. The life and have visited the other planets, but long time and progressed through the lower Glory of God?'

"MY DEAR NEPHEW: Yes, I am with spheres can visit other planets, and those first in nearest conjunction with the earth's atmosphere. Those spirits have been in so has the spirit after laying aside the mortal, edge from their teachings, as we do in only you would not comprehend it. Naught is in vain. There is an object in all that

" JOSEPH GRIFFEN."

"DEAR FATHER: Have you ever come for the good of others, and the divine prin-"DEAR BROTHER: I am very happy in for there is an eternal world of joy, where into personal relation with Jesus Christ in ciple of all, and to attain perfect knowledge of all is the one great object. Your father, "JOSEPH G." he once had an actual personal earthly ex-

An outburst of applause interrupted the sermon.

"It may seem like a hardship," resumed underneath the table. For a brief time the the preacher, "that our Catholic friends medium held the slates alone, and I also for who want to educate their children differently another time held them alone. At last the should build schools of their own, support announcement came upon another slate that these schools, and then be called upon to pay to educate other children. Look at that I eagerly did so, and great was my astonishfor a moment. They have a perfect right ment and delight to see on one of the slates to build these schools if they comply with the picture of two rosebuds, leaves and stems the requirement of the Government as far intertwined, artistically drawn, and several as education is concerned, but they have no reason on that ground to ask to be exempt from supporting the institutions of their to copy from Spirit Eona's Legacy to the country. The public schools are just as free "My DEAR Son: I am glad to be able to to them as to any one else. If they build schools of their own they voluntarily assume another burden with which the State has no concern.

"Don't you know that this great church, The demonstration was complete, and the perhaps the greatest organization that ever men or women who, with knowledge of such existed on earth, is more and more outtheir children to the Americanizing and enlightening influence of our public schools, let that church build their own schools. Nobody objects to that. I have never said "My Sox: The two little rosebuds are theology of the Roman Church is the same, substantially, as that of the orthodox Pro-The questions I had asked and the answers Catholics, Lutherans, or Methodists.

"And there are people here to-day who, when I am done talking, may remember "DEAR FATHER: Is the true object of these words when I say: I tell you this great battle is upon us. Not as a war, but decided. Once break over that principle, and let this Government give one dollar to support a denominational school, and there is just as much reason why it should give to another and another, and the pride and glory of this country, its public school-sysexists. We live for the good of ourselves, tem, will be a dream of the past.

"DEAR BROTHER: Will you tell me being suggested. I wish you would read ger than an insect eater. The birds will whether there is a divine Intelligence and Mr. Howland's report and the report of the not touch insects if they can get grain or his father when in the form, he is hard to "My DEAR SON: There once lived upon Will (without a divine personality), which President of the Board of Education, and other kinds of food.

Was not a Mrs. Teed one of the first materializing mediums? I write this for inquiry and not to find fault.

Dorsey, Neb. A. C. BARNES.

Written for The Progressive Thinker.

The Word Soul.

In reading the article, "A Search for the Soul," by Dr. D. P. Kayner, I am induced Wide, Wide World:

THE WORD SOUL.

"There is a certain amount of misunderstanding in relation to this word soul, which

is caused without doubt by those who either give birth to thought, or weave thoughts already born into new meanings. The true meaning of the word soul might be said to spoken every day in its opposition to the depend on the relation it sustains to other public schools? If they are afraid to trust words; at least this would be true to thoroughly medial natures who understand the soul language, regardless of the words by and through which it is expressed; but to more material minds, to whom rock must a word against the Catholic religion. The signify a strong formation, the word soul always answers to the covering of the spirit, as spirit of itself can neither be seen nor testant churches. I am now talking about described; and they who say they have seen this Government educating citizens, not a spirit have seen but the covering which

consists of sublimated ether, and is the body of the soul; and ever bears the semblance of man, which is the highest type of infinite expression; therefore the soul is ever the body of the spirit, through which it is a something that as a principle has to be makes its utterances in spirit-life, as in earth life it speaks through the more intensely material form bequeathed it by matter as the marriage gift, when mind and matter are wedded.

Oswego, N. Y. J. B. FAYETTE.

AUSTRALIAN settlers complain that there "We want to do another thing. The is a great increase in destructive insects public must take more interest in these since the English sparrows arrived and drove schools. Improved methods of teaching out the native birds. It is found by exam-

are coming, improved courses of study are ination that the sparrow is more of a scaven-

man's existence, Egoism, Altruism, or 'The "My DEAR Son: To answer you in full on these particular points, would require too much space. As man has an object here,

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1890.

SUBJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER will be devoted to Spiritualism, Biology, Electro-Psychology (as formulated by the celebrated Dr. Dods), and its differentiations. Mesmerism, Animal Magnetism, and Hypnotism; Somnambulism, natural and self-induced, as presented by the celebrated Dr. Fahnstock; Telepathy; Visions, while awake, in sleep, or in Trance; Psychometry, as ably presented by Professor Buchanan; Cremation, a Spiritual and Sanitary Necessity; Brain Waves, Psychic Waves, or Soul Force; comprehensive examination from time to time in The Progressive Thinker.

Mr. Donnelly's Estimate. "Why," says Ignatius Donnelly, "do

the Mohammedans refuse to give up their THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER LEADS faith in the prophet, in the face of Christianity? Why do the Buddhists refuse to give up their creed in the face of Moham- It is Sustained by the Noble Genermedanism? Why are there doctrines be-In compliance with a plan long maturing, and be-lieving we can be instrumental in doing a grand work res Saidfuralism I there and Eres Theorem and Series 10,000 for Spiritualism, Liberalism and Free Thought, and also having faith that within one year we can obtain 50,000 circulation, The PROGRESSIVE TRINKER will be offered until further notice, at the following terms of argument could shake? The truth is, \$1.00 that the number of men who are capable of receiving a new idea, in conflict with their \$7.50 prejudices, is small indeed. Mankind advances, not by the conversion of the many, 3cts but of the few; for the few have the intelligence; they write the books; they formuthe dead were to rise the last day, with all they had when they died, it would take the angels another eternity to convert them from their follies. Think of a thousand million people coming out of the graves of

Europe who were fixed in their belief that the best thing to do with their neighbors who didn't believe as they did was to burn them alive. Nine-tenths of the graves of and it would take the vastest exercise of an ignorant multitude, who worship a name as their heathen ancestor worshiped a stick ture. May you be as successful, as you deor a stone.

Mr. Donnelly, one of the most brilliant monism, which, of - course, has acted an im- operation on the part of Spiritualists every-

He is correct in his estimate that ninetenths of the graves of the world are filled tenth of the one-tenth were progressiveleaders-men of nerve and stamina, with intelligent minds as being most worthy." well-balanced minds-being a law unto the paths of rectitude. What is true of the lighted with its contents. graves already filled is also true individually

Mahommedan has his Mecca, the orthodox and your paper, judging from sample, seems Christian his sulphurous hell, the Mormon to fill the bill. his God who endorses polygamy, the bar-

tenaciously clung to, that has no foundation ever sent you my address." n fact. Rev. Lyman Abbott says: "Professor Samuel Harris tells us that the Jesuits in

found that they already had some idea of a God. In explaining to them that God puntorture and burn them; God does the same ple copy of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER." to His enemies.' This is scarcely less re-O only 25 cents for sitteen weeks, or \$1 per year. For that amount you get the best thoughts of the ables also allo us in establishing in Chicago the largest Spiritualist Publishing House in the world. arose this morning but that God's hand has me. held you up, there is no other reason to be L. B. Field, of Rochester, N. Y., writes: voking His pure eyes by your sinful, wicked paper at a popular price." manner of attending his solemn worship; as a reason why you do not this very you in the noble work you have started. Nashville, Tenn. God, through the instrumentality of Spirit. dant success.' ualism. be brought in contact with leading minds, all truly commendable." ualists as you can, both at your own place and become familiar with their views. and adjoining towns, to whom we can send Andrew Jackson Davis, eminent as an author, sample copies. One clerk is kept constantly seer and physician, says: "Your lecture

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IN CIRCULATION.

osity of Approving Spiritualists.

Only ten weeks old, yet we not only claim, feit \$25 to the Home for the Friendless in its circulation." this city, or some other benevolent institution, if we have not the largest list of bona without seeking bequests, without sending takes the palm of all of them." the paper free, or continuing it after the time paid for has expired.

long existing in the field of spiritual litera- the best spiritual paper I have seen. It has meet the issue when it appears." Divine power to make sensible men of them. ture. I do not know a man so well qualified the right kind of vim, snap and ring, and if There has been some difficulty with refer hung in my sitting-room, the slates being in the states being in the sta And many of the English papers know that to conduct a spiritual paper as yourself. all the Spiritualists could only know of its ence to the hall occupied by Mr. Mc Leod inclosed in gilt frames. we Baconians are right, but they stand Your many years of labor in the field has existence I know its subscription list would so long on Madison St. The lease is a pejust what they require in the line of litera- pectation."

serve to be.

geniuses of the present day, might have writes: "Sickness and death in the family have sent out a promise to give the world continued his pungent interrogatories with have kept me to a great extent out of the your best thought. It is timely. May don, on a more substantial basis financially. exhausting, and the pecuniary returns as reference to the hundreds of religious sects field of active work for the cause, but I hail angels in and out of the body assist you, Light is an excellent paper. The appeal generally inadequate for the service rendered now encumbering the earth-including Mor- your enterprise as worthy of cordial co- and it will be a success."

portant part in this country during the last where. Already I have sent you several Cleveland, Ohio: "I have just received a trial subscriptions, and now add a yearly copy of your paper, and if it keeps up to one as well. the same standard of excellence, I am sure

Mrs. M. E. Williams, of New York, writes: it will succeed; it is worthy of a place visible to us once in 315 years. It figured manity. The control of wise spirits i little amounts will make a large sum total, and thus with unadulterated fools. Nine-tenths of "I have just read the last issue of your ex- among the best spiritual papers of the day. conspicuously when Jesus was born. the remaining one-tenth were just beginning cellent paper, and am greatly pleased with I shall do all I can to increase its circulato have their minds illuminated, while one. its ennobling sentiments. The aims of THE tion. I am closing a two-months' engage-PROGRESSIVE THINKER must appeal to all ment here for the Society for the Advance

Dr. C. F. Cowan, of West Hampden, with reference to those who will at no Maine, writes: "I received a sample copy distant day be assigned to their last resting- of your paper, and am very much pleased places in various parts of the world-nine- with it. I think there is plenty of room tenths of them are unadulterated fools, with for it in the field, for if there is anything tenths of them are unadulterated fools, with reference to the providence of God. The Mahommedan has his Mecca, the orthodox Mayour paper, judging from sample, seems Mahommedan has his Mecca, the orthodox

George A. Palmer, of Boston, Mass., barous negro his fetich, and all through the writes: "I am very much pleased with the published in New York, and devoted to nent address: 8 Worcester Square, Boston, THE CAUSE IN MEADWILLE 600 religious sects that have existed and sample of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER which now exist, there is some one thing that is you sent me, and am very thankful to who- hibits phenomenal growth. Ten weeks old, successful engagement of two months in the tide, and growth is manifest. Code

C. H. Stevens, of Oxford, Mich., writes: "I have received a copy of THE PROGRES-SIVE THINKER, and like it. I think Dr. the early missions to the Canadian Indians Hidden, on "Mental Telegraphy," is worth at 94 S. Peoria street. a year's subscription of itself.'

J. C. Chesney, of Northumberland, Pa., ished the wicked, the missionaries said: 'When you capture your enemies you 'When you capture your enemies you 'When you capture your enemies you 'Unample and the same of the product of the product

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Mrs. S. M. Bartholmes, of Denver, Col., paper. I am well pleased with it, and think have always regretted that the money sub- all its loss.

"I received THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER a come to this most important study."

Mrs. Lydia R. Chase, Philadelphia, Pa., your paper. I like it! I am truly glad you

Theobald, and W. Withall.

of Scientific Spiritualism. The present en- tals as great a miracle as materialization medium. Wise spirits advise, protect Mrs. E. A. Wells, of New York, writes: gagement has been the best I have had here itself; and no one would have any cause of elevate their mediums; their helpful costs themselves, and requiring no statutes with "Many thanks for the sample copy of THE for years. I speak at Saratoga Springs, N. complaint if the spirits would acknowledge is a blessing to their agents and to humanit cruel penalties attached, to keep them in PROGRESSIVE THINKER sent me. I am de- Y., the second Sunday in February. After beforehand that there was not sufficient Unwise spirits who demand unquestion that, letters in care of the Banner of Light power to produce a materialization, and compliance with their commands in a der will reach me. My success this winter has been triumphant.

A General Survey. the medium.

Spiritualism. Mass THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER'S mail list ex-

and yet it has a larger circulation than any other Spiritualist paper in this city.

which Mr. Jenifer has presided so long and wick, Ga., Jan. 20th to 26th. Will spend on the lessons we all may learn by attending faithfully, will hold its meetings hereafter February in Philadelphia, Pa.

J. W. Dennis, of Buffalo, N. Y., writes: make engagements in New England for the ter pill for him to attend and listen in siles Let mediums alone, is my motto. And last two Sundays of February and all of to the platitudes and absurdities. Bra true ones. If they are fakes and frauds, Boston.

in its true light I heartily agree with young; and that seems as far off as ever. like the Banner of Light. The Carrier Dere It must be in America that the work is to says it can't assume its former expenses be begun. We English are too dull and with less than 10,000 subscribers. It me sluggish; we move too slowly, and are with a severe loss by fire. We hope that writes: "I have received a copy of your too chary of our money. Personally, we future prosperity will enable it to retrieve

it the best paper on the subject of Spiritual- scribed or bequeathed to Spiritualism in the There is ample room for THE PEA ism that has yet been put before the public." United States was not more intelligently ap- GRESSIVE THINKER. at \$1 per year, or 16 Mrs. Zelia A. Owen, of West Potsdam, plied. We do not really want public services weeks for 25 cents. There is also room for Mrs. Zelia A. Owen, of West Potsdam, N. Y., writes: "Please find enclosed one is leveling all faith. That is better than year. Such a paper, in order to compte but are prepared to prove, that THE PRO- dollar, for which you will send to my ad- the addition of a brand-new sect to existing with THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, would be GRESSIVE THINKER has a larger circulation dress The PROGRESSIVE THINKER. A friend schisms. We want a serious and scientific compelled to publish 70 columns of reading than any other Spiritualist paper published gave me a copy of the second issue, which attempt to study mediumship in all its matter, the same size as ours. Such in this city. We do this with the best of I have read thoroughly. I found each branches; and to do that we must catch it paper would be immense-a veritable energy feelings towards our contemporaries. Our article interesting, containing much food for young. We want a sectional study of our clopedia of the world's doings in Spirital list is open for inspection, and we will for thought. I shall do what I can to extend the French schools do excellent work with H. F. Reeder, of Montana, asks: "Wh

hypnotism. But, above all, we want an can't the spirits who have left the physical P. M. Oalef, of Temescal, Cal., writes: open mind, and no preconceptions when we body concentrate all their forces, and it possible, inspire the head of the Catholic the dead were to rise the last day, with all the bigotries, errors and intolerances which the bigotries, errors and intolerances which the bigotries with the bigotries are reading to the bigotries are reading to the bigotries and reading to the bigotries are reading to the bigotries areading to the bigot

plished without trying to get into the pockets have been taking and reading spiritualist of wealthy Spiritualists, without whining, papers forty years, and I think your paper Medical Society, to see if it moves to very thing, and in the course of time will be the malm of all of them." present a petition for a medical law before succeed. Re-construction can only be a F. B. Glidden, of Northport, Maine, the present General Court. Until that soci- complished gradually. The world was box writes: "A few days ago a friend handed ety does take such action, those desiring to made in a minute, but thousands of year Mrs. James Clark, an excellent medium me a paper called THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, retain their constitutional right to employ were required to evolve it.

Mrs. James Clark, an excellent medium med paper caned rife rates and noted author, residing at Utica, III., I took it and read every word of it. I have best adapted to their systems, also their follows with reference to the Bangs sister writes: "The PROGRESSIVE THINKER with read a good many Spiritualist papers, but right of choice as to practitioner—whether it am a firm believer that our friends is the so favorably diplomatized or not—must necessarily re-spirit-life can communicate with us; in fat been received. Your paper will fill a want that I concluded to subscribe for it. It is main on the defensive, but prepared to I have three lovely spirit messages, which I received at the Bangs sisters, framed and

culiar one, and shows that a remnant of the published at San Francisco, Cal., san shivering before the terror of the wrath of well fitted you to give to progressive minds boom right along beyond your highest ex-dark ages still exists in Chicago. A portion "Mediums ought not to enter upon pake of the original lease of the building reads as work as an avocation, unless inspired by a Thomas Wardall, of St. Ansgar, Iowa, follows: "It is agreed between the party desire to do good. The medium who los writes: "You sent me a specimen copy of hereto that the above described premises upon the work merely as a means of obtain shall not be sublet for any Spiritualist meet- ing a livelihood in an easy manner will | grievously disappointed in the results. The Efforts are being made to put Light, Lon- labors of a conscientious medium are very

for pecuniary aid is signed, on behalf of the As in the medical and ministerial profes Frank T. Ripley writes as follows from Council of the London Spiritual Alliance, sions, the honest and self-sacrificing mas by C. C. Massey, E. Dawson Rogers, Morell find their chief reward in the conscious of doing good. The protection of wise an The star of Bethlehem will be visible this strong spirits is indispensable, if median

year-its seventh appearance. It becomes ship is to be a blessing and a light to be educational and helpful, physically, mental Dr. Cyriax, of Germany, says: "To free and spiritually. The control of invisible the medium from his bonds, and so to who lack wisdom, and blindly surrender change his form and features that he really the exercise of reason at their behests, appears to be another person, is to us mor- baneful, and is generally a curse to t that, therefore, they would endeavor to ineering manner are 'blind leaders of the transfigure the medium, when it often hap- blind,' and their control ought to be reps pens that a spirit is able to personify him- diated."

Owing to an increased office practice,

Mrs. H. S. Lake, speaker at the First quiring an over-use of powers, Andrew Jack

Sundays of February. Engagements may The Celestial City has suspended. It was be made with her for week-evening lectures may apply to distant patients now under trained within easy distance of that city. Perma-G. W. Kates and wife closed a highly To THE EDITOR: La grippe has Meadville Galveston, Texas, Dec. 31st. They went to the tide, and growth is manifest. Confer Flatonia for a few nights. Will be in New ence at 21 P. M., Sunday, was lively. Be

self and prove his identity in the person of

The Society at 116 Fifth avenue, over Orleans, La., Sunday, Jan. 19th; Bruns- Bemis presided and made pertinent remark church, Bro. J. B. Boothe said he belong Miss Emma J. Nickerson would like to to the Presbyterian church, but it was a for independence and honesty. He could

they are not mediums, but are fakes and Jennie B. Hagan is at present in Wash- not hide his light or compromise with sape

AN IMPORTANT FEATURE.

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volting than the picture of God which is writes: "I have received THE PROGRES- are outside of the Spiritualist ranks alto- satisfaction. afforded by the most eminent Puritan the- SIVE THINKER, and am so well pleased with gether, and are none of our funeral anyologian of the past century, Jonathan Ed. it that I enclose you four new names, to be wards, in his famous sermon on 'Sinners in sent where I think it will do the most good the Hands of an Angry God. The God in lifting the dark cloud of superstition from that holds you over the pit of hell, much as the minds of humanity. I have been a nunciated by the Philosopher and Seer, Hudover the fire, abhors you, and is dreadfully five years, trying to relieve some of the ills way that old Mother Sterling did, as illus- late King Louis L, in 1853, it cracked. In more knowledge and true happiness out the Transition of the Spirit to the Higher provoked; His wrath towards you burns like that flesh is heir to, but I cannot accom- trated in "The Home Circle Fraternity"? Spheres; the Signs of Death; The Danger fire; He looks upon you as worthy of nothing plish all that I wish or desire, for I find of Premature Interment, etc., etc. All else but to be cast into the fire; He is of that the world of mankind is spiritually San Francisco, Cal. these subjects as well as many others equally purer eyes than to bear to have you in His sick, and all the Sam Jones and Moodys important will receive careful, critical and sight; you are ten thousand times as abom- with their theological prescriptions do not inable in His eyes as the most hateful and or can not relieve them. It is my belief ist, has returned to India. He takes with cracked, and the castle ensign was again ward, but one ventured to testify. Paul be venomous serpent in ours. You have of- that it is the mission of Spiritualism to bring him, as assistants, Dr. J. Bowles Daly and torn to shreds by the wind. fended Him infinitely more than ever a about this grand result, and that THE PRO- Mr. E. D. Fawcett. ON TRIAL, THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER IS stubborn rebel did his prince, and yet it is GRESSIVE THINKER is one of the instruments

ascribed to nothing else that you did not go Abner Hitchcock, of Battle Creek, Mich., to hell the last night; that you have been writes: "I think much of your paper. Wis., a veteran in the cause of reform, also speaker and test medium. Have no dates cause, but rather advance it, by holding a suffered to awake again in this world, after What is the value of money compared to called and left us the names of several sub- before September. Will reply promptly to fraternal relations with all, and learn you have closed your eyes to sleep, and knowledge. A dollar has 100 cents, but no scribers. there is no other reason to be given why sense. Every copy of THE PROGRESSIVE THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, 251 South The Better Way gives the following remyou have not dropped into hell since you THINKER is worth 100 cents in knowledge to Jefferson St., Chicago, has placed upon our edy for La Grippe: "Pour one pint of hot in the afternoon and evening. But the

A. J. Swarts, Ph. D., of Cleveland, writes: THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER is timely and

The mission of Spiritualism is to change needed. It will fill an important place, con-

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER."

Amos A. Kimball, of Onset, Mass.,

Excellent likenesses of Hudson and Emma The Better Way.

San Francisco, Cal.

Spiritualist and business man, gave us a absence from the platform in pursuance of good music. The hours were inspiring call last week. He is heartily in accord my literary labors, I desire to definitely instructive. Bro. Bemis did not mean to with the aims of THE PROGRESSIVE close all dates for the season of 1890.91 understood that any one should hide the THINKER. Mr. Cowdery, of Geneva Lake, with such societies as wish my services as light in the church, or neglect their of

J. R. Francis, editor and publisher of Mass.

exchange list one of the neatest and ablest water on one tablespoonful of senna leaves was more than filled. All the avail papers it is often our fortune to read. It is -not boiling water, as this draws out prop. standing room in the aisle and doorway given why you have not gone to hell since "I do sincerely hope your enterprise will filled with such ably written articles that we erties which cause griping-and add to this occupied and back into the hall-way as those who are truly enlightened. In the you have sat here in the house of God, pro- not collapse, as you are furnishing a good stand confused in an effort to determine one-half stick black licorice, one teaspoonful as one could see, and I hear that some we which to select. It is published every Sat- Iceland moss, one ounce rock candy, half a away unable to get in hearing distance, which is a select of the sele urday, at one dollar a year. We welcome teaspoonful rhubarb, five grains quinine, the door stood open all through the lectur it, and hope that it will find its way into a and a few drops spirits camphor. Allow This is the largest audience I have ever ing valuable and interesting data with refer-

It is gratifying to know that as able a become chilled. Then stir well, and strain ness and attention. Next Sunday closes magazine as Our Continent appreciates the through a piece of fine muslin. Keep in a engagement here, and I am off for Best the present status of the world within this sidering its price, when placed beside other contributions in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. corked bottle, and take one teaspoonful The cause grows. The Two Worlds says: "One who humbly every hour, beginning in the morning, until century, so that only one-tenth of the spiritual papers. I like it very much, and and modestly signs herself 'A Poor Unedu- bedtime. If not cured within twenty-four

world's people may be considered un. am sure it will gain a large circulation. cated Woman' writes that she sees lights, hours from time of taking first dose, conadulterated fools, while nine-tenths will Your many years in the editorial rooms clouds of various colors, and objects in the tinue the medicine another day. Persons in a flourishing condition under the pr have their minds grandly illuminated with qualify you to know the needs of the hour shape of a ball, etc., but no forms, and she easily acted upon will be relieved within management. We had Mrs. R. S. Lills correct conceptions of the providence of and how to meet them. I wish you abun- desires to know what this may mean. Such twenty-four hours, though tough natures lecture for us during the month of Sept partial perceptions into the realms of may need from two to three days' medicine. ber, with Edgar W. Emerson as test me spiritual existence accompany thousands of The above-named quantity, however, is In October we had that fine speaker, Ly O. W. Barnard, the poet, of Manteno, persons, and signify undeveloped, but in-persons, and signify undeveloped, but in-cipient clairvoyance. You see the boundary cents worth of each of the herein-named medium, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing. In SUBSCRIPTIONS are coming in from all sec- THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER; its typography lines, and dimly, the realities of the soul- articles (35 cents) there will be enough left cember we divided between Mrs. Twing tions of the country. People want to see without a mistake; its clear, bright, cheer- world, which inheres within this material to make four or five more mixtures, with our grand and eloquent local speaker THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. They want to ful face, and its delightful bill of fare are world, just as your soul is related to your the exception of the stick licorice, which lard J. Hull. In January, 1890, we have body. If you had the opportunity of sitting will cost about ten cents extra. Fifty cents, J. Frank Baxter, who fills the hall to at regular periods with a good, harmonious however, will cure half-a-dozen persons. flowing. He is a good lecturer, and a Charles Greenfield, of Yaquina, Oregon, writes: "I am very much pleased with ful magnetizer, you would no doubt unfold W. F. Jamieson is lecturing at Clear we will have Edgar W. Emerson, and good clairvoyant powers, and become a Lake, Minn. clear secres

sample copies. One clerk is kept constantly buy in surveying the Spiritualistic field and finding those who do not take any Spiritualistic field and finding those who do not take any Spiritualistic field and reason, subscribers. When the intellectual feast so auspiciously commenced will continue. A mos A. Kimball, of Onset, Mass., from time to time, and the intellectual feast so auspiciously commenced will continue. A mos A. Kimball, of Onset, Mass., from time to time, and the intellectual feast so auspiciously commenced will continue. A mos A. Kimball, of Onset, Mass., from time to time, and the intellectual feast so auspiciously commenced will continue. A mos A. Kimball, of Onset, Mass., from time to time, and the intellectual feast so auspiciously commenced will continue.

Dr. G. C. McGregor, of Waco, Texas, frauds and ought to be let alone, for they ington, D. C., where she is giving excellent stition and authority. Starr L. Barber, for Elmira, N. Y., commended church-goi

A man at Onset, Mass., who claims to be when there was no better place, but said h should never leave a Spiritual meeting to Jesus Christ, repudiates Spiritualism.

A German, writing from Lisbon, relates to any church. He thought Spiritual Rood Tuttle appear in the last number of the following: When the cathedral bell at should organize and maintain themselves Braganza, the ancient residence of the a way to draw and hold the people of a How many on earth are prepared to seek Portuguese royal family, was tolling for the own faith and attract others from the diffe 1861, when the castle ensign was hoisted the two years he had been a Spiritualist the Mrs. Ada Foye intends to return soon to half-mast high at Braganza, on the occasion in the twenty years he belonged to the church of the death of king Pedro V., brother of There was no light or comfort for him in Dr. Mansfield, the spirit postmaster, is in the late king, it was torn to pieces immedi- church. Bro. Kepler spoke earnestly of the ately by the storm. At the death of king blessings of well-doing, and the helpful Col. Olcott, the distinguished Theosoph- Luis I., last month, the cathedral bell again of spirit communion. The ladies were been been their boss so long they cannot realize

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Helen Stuart-Richings says: "As I must that freedom reigns under the new disper-E. Sprague, of St. Louis, a prominent soon make arrangements for an interval of tion. Mrs. Dericksen and Mr. Boothen letters. Address to general delivery, Boston, from all as opportunity offers. He is thinker, broad, just, generous and illustr cool off, but in a warm room, so as not to stood remained to the last in respectful s LYMAN C. HOWE

THE CAUSE IN BUFFALO, N.Y.

TO THE EDITOR: The cause in Buffs quired, be asse sustain publica and voi and sci The March Miss Jennie B. Hagan, and to Prof. J. W. Kenyon is located for Janu- up our course of lectures, we shall have

Written for The Progressive Thinker. THAT EDUCATIONAL PROJECT.

You voice an enterprise of merit when tional school which Catholicism is planting or woman is named for its head? We have not learned the name of there. the institution the Catholics are founding at Washington, but such a move will awaken Writt not only reformers, but Protestants to a move in the same direction. Reformers and agitators need not await the projects that may now be maturing in other theological minds. There are able systems and occult sciences toward which millions of progressive thinkers are advancing. These systems are the birthrights of religious reform, and guards to a commercial, a political and a sanitary condition far in advance of the institutions now governing in these and other departments.

What reform is now demanding is a concert of action that will unite the progressive systems of the hour into one fraternal bond of co-operation.

To elicit comment and to hasten an amal-Thought laid it before its readers nearly a few days ago in the daily papers: year ago:

department will be analogous to a college, political party." Those of our readers who have read the placed is now so that they can say as they the Christians' persecuter was, when he be-please except in public. Whenever they do a bench in the little garden plot outside was placed in an iron basket, then shoved was placed in an iron basket, then shoved was placed in an iron basket.

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A good understanding of all these sys- record the omissions and commissions ance with the leading works published in on the crusade of Rome upon Reason. each. It is proposed to adopt the works of

the best authors as the text books. These, are tr be imparted. From this institution structive: a series of studies will come forth that are

ficient income will be realized to sustain them. Traveling speakers can establish

many branches or agencies. These speakers, and thousands of helpers, would be amply you suggest that reform should establish an they obtain students to take the courses abeducational center at our national capital, to sently. This movement has been maturing guard the religious rights of our people for two or more years and is under the serious Cincinnati, O. ONWARD.

Written for The Progressice Thinker. * Love * of * Country, * Liberty * of * Conscience, * and * * Loyalty * to * the * Constitution.*



THE POPE AND HIS POLITICS.

tional union, we will summarize a plan that be launched by Rome." Our words have me:

The National University of Science, or encyclical that sets forth the principles says, "we understand it." Possibly the for the time being, "been in the spirit," occult sciences, can easily be chartered by which shall guide Catholics in their re- creed is in the best possible position for and had seen and heard a spirit's voice, and further. Congress, and opened at Washington by re- lations toward the State. They must obey them now. There is a tacit understanding witnessed of its existence, he was a changed

quite one dozen systems worthy of a special the United States opposes Romanism, as am." department in such an institution, and surely Rome has cursed through her popes its there are more than twelve systems, or fundamental principles. Now Mr. Pecci departments that are to be established. Romanist who obeys the above order com-Some of the twelve systems named for an mits treason, and should suffer for such read it, and I thought I would call your atindependent department are: Progressive treason the penalty of being disfranchised (else aggressive) theology; medical eclec- as a citizen. On the contrary, all Romanticism; political economy, or nationalism; ists who disobey the pope in his political psychology; spiritual science, else mental decrees are excommunicated and damned. pathy; and perhaps vitapathy; sarcognomy, horn of the situation they most prefer to be

tems can be obtained by a thorough acquaint- thereof, and keep our readers fully posted

We continue the testimony of Sylvester instead of the common collegiate studies, Wegener, which is both interesting and in-

not taught by any institution in the world. very numerous, and even after the reforma- feetly willing that He should make the in- they were to be paid from the money due manthe Clarke, is in glory!" should the sening human suffering and lengthening They are not the branches of education tion, continued so in those countries not visible if they want Him to. They say, to him, packed his knapsack, and shoul- voice of the son, now universally recognized human life, and so rose to the highest pothrough which society and the business world embracing the doctrines of the reformers. Now, that there is this one personal God, dered it with one hand, and extended the by all present, who, with murmurs of sym- sition yet attained in science by any of his have come, nor are they designed for the masses of to-day. They are the channels had the right of ruling princes. At that the is the maker of the universe and its one personal descent of the universe and its to let him pass. Advancing up the aisle, that the value of the was both tolerant and charitathrough which every reform is to express it period, nearly all the training in literature, what did He make it? If matter has not speeds, saw him depart in the gloaming of a John mounted a bench nearly opposite the ble. Living in enlightened fellowship with self. Those pursuing these new studies, or science, art, and the preaching of the gospel existed through eternity then this God made bleak Christmas Eve tide on his journey coffin, and then, with a clear voice and all laborers in the world of science, he was occult sciences, will follow other pursuits was entirely under their control. The higher it. Of what did He make it? What did home.

INGERSOLL'S SCINTILLATIONS.

were riding together from a revival in a compensated in every state or nation where carriage late at night, and one said to the other, as they rode along: "I am going to Says she: "I don't believe in the disembodied soul of his precious and most thought the angel spoke to him, but if so, is it?" Bible." The other replied: "Neither do beloved mother. Those who have never ex- he never could remember what words were Boys, let us all tell our real names." If understand, that there is a substance of green mound, whereon was erected the tall, ROME VS. REASON. that they are nearly as backas a that they believe just about as little.

THEY DON'T BELIEVE IT.

QUESTIONING THE CREED.

the new Congregational creed! I have just ceptance.

for subsistence. As it will be supported by civilians had no learning at all, and devoted He use for the purpose? There was nothing For twelve long miles, over a rough and ately: "You all know me, and those that lands, and deeply loved at home. Behind reformers and its peculiar views sought by the progressive masses, it is proposed to among themselves, occupying their leisure the God been doing for the eternity He had operate it under an approved system of non- in the practice of arms, and combats to been living? He had made nothing—called dale, through gullies and uncut roadways, hind." Then, without break, or the interof such methods. The details are all elab- age. Meddling with books and arts was idea. What had He been doing? Why the present writer, he seemed to move as in him in that lonely spot; how he had brought white flower of a stainless life. or one professor for each department, will the course of time they acquired immense stand-that you never can understand? In knew-even though he found it difficult to the old creeds they described this God as a realize the fact-that he was a changed took his place at the head of the coffin, being without body and parts or passions. man. He had died to his former self, and gently but firmly putting the minister aside, and will consist of the requirements, chairs, sons of princes and earls were the abbots of Think of that! Something without body was born again into a knowledge, not of the world to write a letter descriptive of beauty. In this way reform will secure co-operation the monks cooled off; discipline declined, nothing. You cannot conceive of a finer It was midnight before he reached the word-painting of a vacuum than a some- nearest station that would carry him towards thou shalt yet live to see it." system will be in the corporation, but the "Many historians charge them with thing without body and parts or passions. his home. Fortunately, arriving on the And yet this God, without passions, is angry very moment of the departure of a train, he at the wicked every day; this God, without paid from his little store the sum that would passions, is a jealous God, whose anger take him to within ten miles of home, deburneth to the lowest hell. This God, with- termining when he had gone thus far, it out passions. loves the whole human race, would be quite easy for him to walk the rest ulty will be necessary for the bestowment of left after the sequestration of monasteries large majority of the same. So, too, He is he slept soundly, and awoke from a refreshand this God, without passions, damns a of the way. Contrary to his expectations, the ruler of the world, and I find here that ing and dreamless sleep just as he reached we find "His Providence in the government the station at which he had to stop. Inof the nations? What nations? What vesting his few remaining cents in a warm evidence can you find, if you are absolutely cup of coffee and a roll, procured at a little "The territory granted to the monks was honest and not frightened, in the history of winter's morning coffee stand, John again nations that this universe is presided over shouldered his knapsack and took to the works, by advertisements, by circulars and subject to the landholders, and so it hap-by an infinitely wise and good God? How road, with the same strange feelings of new belps. They will be invited to come into pened that the jurisdiction over people do you account for Russia? How do you and exalted life which had accompanied his the alliance and pursue the same methods, belonging to some monasteries became very account for Siberia? How do you account twelve miles' walk on the previous night. the earnings to be mutual. The revenue important. The monks were the masters for the fact that whole races of men toiled So singularly buoyant, yet dream-like and from the sales of the standard works en-dorsed by such a national institution will tithes to them; a custom still prevailing in tithes to them; a custom still prevailing in the sales of the master's lash for ages without reward? How do How do meet the clerk hire, etc., in each department, certain countries, such as Spain, Italy and while the fees paid for graduation, ranging Mexico. Had the spreading of the monk-sold from the arms of mothers—arms that road which compelled him to halt and fall according to the utility of the system, will ish system not been stopped by the grand had been reached toward God in supplica-be ample for current expenses and afford reformation, all Europe and America would tion? How do you account for it? How material consciousness of his situation. reasonable compensation to those who devote to-day be under the control of monasticism. do you account for the existence of martyrs? The place he had now reached was within all their time to the University at large. A Like slavery, it was creeping from country How do you account for the fact that this three miles of his home, but the road dimoderate fund will start it in the rooms of a hotel or a business block, until, through be- wherever it obtained a stronghold. But hotel or a business block, until, through be- wherever it of the attended a stronghold. But hotel or a business block, until, through be- wherever it obtained a stronghold. But hotel or a business block, until, through be- wherever it of the attended a stronghold. But hotel or a business block, until, through be- wherever it obtained a stronghold. But hotel or a business block, until, through be- wherever it of the attended a stronghold. But hotel or a business block, until through be- wherever it obtained a stronghold. But hotel or a business block is attended attended to be burned stronghold. But hotel or a business block is attended to be burned business block is attended to be burned business block. But hotel or a business block is attended to be burned business block is attended quests and earnings, it can construct its own during the time of the reformation, and fact that justice doesn't always triumph? across the hills, the second road led straight The general opposition from other schools, power and influence. Napoleon I. secular nocence is not a perfect shield? How do third, by a still more circuitous way than it would make a good use of the secular and using them for State purposes. The other How do you account for the fact that people tending, the minister's house, and a short good and infinitely powerful?

JOHN CLARK.*

CHAPTER II. AND LAST.

light, radiant with an unknown glory, ye

John Clarke never doubted that the spirit still his mother; the same as the denizen of say something that will shock you, and I presence that had visited him in his lonely the home he had left, the same, yet, oh, beg of you never to tell it to anybody else. shed on Christmas Eve-as described in the how changed! how divine! how entrancing from the blinding encroachments of a na- consideration of college men. What man I am going to tell it to you." "Well, what first chapter of this narrative-was the real John Clarke, long years afterwards, said he

> I." I have often thought how splendid it perienced the actualities of being in the said, only some power seemed to turn him would be if the ministers could but come spirit have no conception of its measureless away from that path, and into the one that together and say: "Now let us be honest. superiority and deep conviction of truthful- led to the church, and then, the moment Let us tell each other, honor bright-like ness over all the shadowy presentments of he struck that roadway, the vision-if such Dr. Currie did in the meeting here the other material life and knowledge. To live in it was-melted out, and left the path of the day-let us tell just what we believe." They this transitory and fleeting realm of matter traveler a thousand times darker for the tell a story that in the old time a lot of peo- is to apprehend something of the deep reali- brightness that had for a few moments enple, about twenty, were in Texas in a little ties veiled under material semblances; in a vironed him. It was just one by the day hotel, and one fellow got up before the fire, word, it is to live in the midst of shadows, when John Clarke reached the large, open put his hands behind him, and says he: and to know, without being fully enabled to piece of ground in the center of which was a

the ministers and their congregations would which that shadow is an image; but none pretentious-looking Presbyterian church. only tell their real thoughts they would find can comprehend its actuality until standing As Clarke neared the spot, he saw at a that they are nearly as backas I am, and behind the veil in *spirit*, the substance is glance why he had been directed thither. that they believe just about as little. Seen face to face. Thus it was with John Filling up the open space round the Clarke. He had been, unconsciously to church, and stretching away into every Now, I have been talking a great deal himself, environed with the spirit realm of nook and corner, even stationed in the Last week we said that "the dogma of about the orthodox religion; and, after hav- being in the presence of the excarnated soul lanes and paths that surrounded the place, temporal power over the entire face of ing delivered a lecture, I would meet some of his angel mother; the image of materiality were crowds of country teams, wagons, gamation of systems into a general educa- earth is the next article of faith that will good, religious person and he would say to had faded from his sight, and he knew the carriages of every description, and many "You don't tell it as we believe it." realities of spirit life, of which before he saddle horses. All these were tethered or has gained the sanction of eminent minds come true very quickly, as will be seen by "Well, but I tell it as you have it written had only caught an idea, and that from the fastened, but no human being occupied in aggressive work. The World's Advance the following regular dispatch, published a in your creed." "Oh, well," he says, "we perverted teachings of a false and desolating them. The owners or riders were all don't mind that any more." "Well, why theology. And thus it was, that on the daily papers: "ROME, JAN. 15.—The pope has issued an don't you change it?" "Oh, well," he memorable Christmas Eve, in which he had, standing up against the open door, unable,

apparently, to force an entrance any As for John Clarke, he knew already; formers, or at some other desirable place, or the State, it is declared, when such a course that they don't believe it. There is a tacit man. The scales had dropped from his knew by no human means or intelligence. a summer resort. A national and popular does not entail disobedience to the divine understanding that they have some way to eyes. A world of spiritual realities had what had called this gathering togetherman can be put at its head. It is to consist laws. In countries where the State opposes get around it, that they read between the been revealed to him, and he went out of why they were there, and what was going of as many departments as there will be Catholicism, Catholics must combat the en- lines; and if they should meet now to form his temporary workman's shed and sped on on within the edifice. Mounting the narrow systems or sciences admitted into it. Each emy, but must not tie the church to any a creed they might fail to agree; and the his way as much a transformed man as Saul path which skirted the mound on which the presence of a large number of reporters and

rank a great expense will be saved to each department. It will be a university of able to intelligently comprehend the full must try them; and I believe in trying every superintendent of the work he was engaged to the the door, and then making his way reso-three hours it was reduced to $2,300^{\circ}$, and in three hours it was reduced to ashes. meaning of the above. Catholics "must minister that doesn't preach the doctrine as in, just as that functionary was dismissing entrance, and looked upon the extraor-Reformers must originate and not look to obey the State when such a course does he agrees to. I have not the slightest sym- his employes for their one - Christmas Day dinary scene within. The church pews, systems of the past for their common methods. Past institutions are neither to rule nor come into institutions of the New Era. We expect the old to oppose the new, is Roman. "Where the State opposes." Era. We expect the old to oppose the new, is Roman. "Where the State opposes." CREMATION OF BESSIE PITMAN AND DR. but through opposition the new will estab- [a c., Romanism] Catholics out like a man, and say, "I don't believe had just had with his mother's spirit. Con- stood a coffin on trestles, the lid partially Romanists] must combat the enemy." .We your doctrine, and I will not preach it. trary to the too general experience of man- open, and by the side of its quiet inmate, It is thought that there are now nearly or have already shown that the Constitution of You must hire some bigger fool than I kind, the magnetism of truth in this in- with open book in hand, was the minister, stance exerted such a deep and irresistible whom John Clarke had been accustomed sway over his listeners that not one of the to look up to as the vicegerent of God on Dr. Gross, a distinguished surgeon of Phil-But I find that I get the creed very nearly twenty-five men there assembled doubted earth-a being whom he had reverenced as occult sciences, worthy of cultivation in the orders all to "combat the enemy." Every right. To-day there was put into my hands his story, or urged one word against its ac little short of Deity. Many of the crowd around the door knew John Clarke, and

The superintendent, one of the most in- noiselessly, and with pitying glances made tention to it, to find whether the church has telligent and most moved of the party, way for him to pass; but the church was surgery. His life, which neared the exmade any advance; to find whether it has simply told him to obey the spirit's behest large, the aisles long, and before he could treme limits of the psalmist, was one unbeen affected by the light of science; to find at once, but expressed his deep regret that advance, his steps were arrested by hearing broken procession of laborious years. He whether the sun of knowledge has risen in he had not funds enough in hand to pay the his minister pronouncing these words: therapeutics; phrenology; theosophy; tele- Our Roman friends may choose whichever the heavens in vain; whether they are still expenses of his railway journey to the near- "Yes, friends! I tell you as sure as there the children of intellectual darkness; est station to his home. Thereupon John is a God in heaven, this woman, this in- to them all. He recast surgical science, as tossed with. For our part, we shall duly whether they still consider it necessary for Clarke's comrades began to ransack their fidel, atheist, and scoffer at heavenly things, you to believe something that you by no little stores, and from what they could raise has gone straight to burning hell. Even its principles, enlarged its domain, added possibility can understand in order to be a amongst them, they contributed enough to now she is in eternal, fiery torments. She winged angel forever. Now, let us see pay a railway fare for forty miles. The has gone where all infidels and atheists go. study. He composed many books, and what their creed is. I will read a little of workmen had been all temporarily provided She is gone to her master, satan; and this among them, a system of surgery, which is it. They commence by saying that they for, but were not to receive their wages till woman-this Semantha Clarke, is damned; "believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven, and of earth, and of all took kindly and gratefully what his as-damned. God himself could not save her!" read in different tongues wherever the heat-ing art is practiced. With a great intellect, carefully trained and balanced, he aimed

way, he started, with a new sense of amaze- her by John Clarke in person, though he Only a little while ago a couple of ladies He is Visited by His Spirit Mother. ment. His mother—yes, his wonderful, beautiful angel-mother—stood in the way, were on earth "who rose up and called him all glorious, glistening with an unknown blessed.

OUR JOURNAL OF CREMATION.

Cremation a Spiritual and Sanitary Necessity.

Note.-Under appropriate headings we propose to publish, from time to time, journals on subjects of deep and abiding interest to Spiritualists, as well as to all other classes. Each one will be continued for a time varying from three mouths to a year. They will prove veritable encyclopædias on the subjects treated. Spiritualists, Free Thinkers, physicians, ministers of the gospel, and progressive minds generally will find them of great value for reference.

Although Col. Henry Laurens was cremated near Charleston, S. C., as long ago as 1796, that meritorious example was not followed immediately by many others. Although in many respects a prominent man, the prejudice at the time was so great against cremating the mortal remains that the masses instinctively shrank therefrom. He was the first man in the country who selected that method to dispose of a body entirely worthless only so far as the constituents thereof were returned to the primal fountain whence they originated. Mr. Henry Barry, who lived at Marion, was the next one in this country who was cremated.

CREMATION OF A THEOSOPHIST. Dr. Baron De Palm, a distinguished theosophist, who resided in New York City, was the third person who conscientiously seected incineration as the proper method whereby the demands of nature could be answered the most effectively and expeditiously. His body was reduced to ashes in 1876, at the crematory erected by Dr. Le Moyne at Washington, Pa. In the

CREMATION IN UTAH.

In 1877, at Salt Lake City, Dr. Winslow

GROSS.

Bessie Pitman, the devoted wife of Ben Pitman, of stenographic fame, was cremated at the Le Moyne crematory. Since then, adelphia, was cremated there. Upon the urn containing his ashes is this inscription: "In memoriam. Within this urn lie the ashes of Samuel David Gross, a master in filled chairs in four medical colleges in as many States of the Union, and added lustre taught in North America, formulated anew to its art, and imparted fresh impetus to its read in different tongues wherever the healcarefully trained and balanced, he aimed "During the middle ages monks were things visible and invisible." I am per- sociates could muster, gave his pledge that "Thee'rt a liar, and my mother, Se- with undivided zeal at the noble end of lesmanly attitude, he said calmly and deliber- greatly honored by the learned in foreign

resident instruction. This can be done at a show their strength and skill. Even the great emperor, Charlemagne, learned to idea, because it is impossible to have an event is impossible to have an event is impossible to have an event is encourage and persuade those who come after him to emulate deeds which, great in the instruction of the way nor the isotry—the visit of his angel-mother; the isotry the mile isotry and the formulate deeds which, great in the instruction of the way nor the isotry the visit of his angel-mother; the isotry and the formulate deeds which, great in the instruction of the way nor the isotry and the formulate deeds which, great in the isotry and the formulate deeds which, great in the isotry and the formulate deeds which isotry and the formulate deeds which is the mile isotry and the formulate deeds which is the mile isotry and the formulate deeds which isotry an other institutions have proved the feasibility read and write his name at an advanced idea unless there is something to excite an affect him. As he alleged in after years to utter impossibility of any tidings reaching themselves, were all crowned by the milkorated and the expense approximated, but considered by the old knights below their doesn't the Congregational Church tell us? a dream, and at times to walk on air. Won- word to his companions; how they had be- A prominent scientist who was intimately may be omitted now for space. Suffice it to honor. It is, therefore, not surprising that How do they know about this Infinite Being? derful thoughts filled his brain-visionary lieved him, trusted him, and the way he acquainted with Prof. Gross says that he And if He is infinite how can they compre- scenes full of judgment on past mistakes, had come, and how guided. Hs spoke with frequently talked of his horror of the grave, authors will be adopted in the various de- the upper classes in intelligence, and used hend Him? What good is it to believe in and gleams of newly-discovered purposes in the irresistible eloquence of truth, the power and said that he hoped to live to see the partments. From these authors the faculty their advantage for their own benefit. In something that you know you don't under- life, absorbed his mind, and altogether he of manhood, and the deep feeling of a son! day when cremation would be the universal His tale told, he descended from the bench, method of disposing of the dead. CREMATION IN CHICAGO. I am glad to know that there are many saying as he did so, "I forgive thee, Domprominent citizens in Chicago who have and parts or passions. I defy any man in earth, but of its true mission, use and inic. Thou hast only spoken according to commenced taking an active interest in crethy light, and knew no better. A higher mation. They are fully conversant with light is dawning now on thee and me, and the injurious effects arising from inhumation, and they realize the necessity for some John Clarke then poured forth at the other method of disposing of the dead. It head of his mother's coffin the first trance is proposed that the Chicago crematory, address he had ever uttered—but not the when built, shall have three retorts, on a last. From that time forth he gave up new principle; one for men, one for women, home, rest, and his usual avocations; one for children. The building is expected tramped the far west hither and thither, to cost \$25,000. It is to be built for the from district to district-giving trance ad- use of respectable people exclusively, and dresses; and being further blessed with by that is meant that no malefactors, many gifts of mediumship, holding circles, thieves, or other criminals will be cremated and, by the most indefatigable labors, there for scientific or experimental purposes. bringing into many darkened minds the The aim is to get the confidence of the pubknowledge of Spiritualism and the realities lic. The retort will be heated on a new of the life hereafter. principle; by gas-jets acting on the outer John Clarke's prophecy concerning his walls of retorts built of the finest fire-clay, former minister, too, was thoroughly ful- and the retorts will be manufactured in Chifilled. That functionary, like the rest of cago. There will be a parlor for the use of the congregation at the Widow Clarke's the relatives and friends of the deceased, a funeral, was deeply moved by the son's handsomely-furnished office for the use of strange story and burning eloquence. Like the superintendent, and a death-test room several others of the neighbors, he took supplied with all modern scientific applimuch trouble to verify the statements the ances for resuscitation purposes, including young man had made. Funerals in America the electric test. After being satisfied that are still conducted all too soon after de- a body is dead, then it will be swathed in a cease, and at the time of which we write, linen cloth saturated with a solution of frequently took place within a day or two of alum, and placed upon a small, iron-framed bier, having little wheels that fit a railway, the party's death. The impossibility of the tidings of the carrying it into the retort. But the body mother's departure reaching the son by any will not be put in until the retort has been since, the monks have lost most of their How do you account for the fact that insolemn attestation of the witnesses at the heat. The retort, being then open to reyou account for the fact that the world has either of the others, led to the Presbyterian railway shed, the son's return at such a mo- ceive the body, by the reception of the cool unpaid yet greatest advertisement. While nunneries, partly selling them and partly been filled with pain, and grief, and tears? church, which he was in the habit of atworth of the noble widow, inclining all who receives a hot-air bath for about an hour or have been swallowed by volcances, swept distance off, the cottage which he had profrom the earth by storms, dying by famine, posed to his mother to occupy previous to in the hereafter, all tended to make converts The body retains its shape until the cold air if there is above us a Ruler who is infinitely his departure from home. As he stood alike of the clergyman and his once devoted strikes it, when it crumbles into grayish halting between these several ways, there followers. This was the last the present ashes, bones and all. The swathing cloth, broke upon his ear the sound of a distant narrator heard of the strange funeral service being saturated with alum, does not incin-We expect that each copy of THE PRO- church clock striking the hour of twelve. It over the widow Clarke; but not so of her erate, and thus the ashes are all preserved. was noon, then. How long it seemed since son. In many and many a home of the This is not a burning of the body. It is merely a doing away with all the hydrogen, and voicing all the new systems of progress As a result of this, the monks and nuns obtaining from one to ten subscribers. Just since that wonderful interview in the shed, blessings on his life of unselfish devotion oxygen and nitrogen, leaving nothing but flocked to the United States, where they think, sixteen weeks on trial for twenty-five Time seemed to have stretched out into to his adopted faith, and gratitude for his carbon, or the lime and earthy matter, ing, worth its weight in gold, for only that amount. We want to reach the great mass of Spiritualists; you want us to do so also; then aid us. But which way should he go? Perhaps it would be best to take the road across the hills to his cottage. Setting his face that "By EMMA HARDINGE BRITTEN, in Two Worlds. But which way should he go? Perhaps it port of his strange conversion was often bruited abroad, and its facts made known to the editor by those most intimately ac-quainted with them; but the merely ex-ternal circumstances were communicated to weeks, on trial, for 25 cents.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

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from all these systems. Each science or and evil customs were practiced. workings of the University.

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the Theological and Spiritual-Therapeutic old country. departments, degrees and diplomas will issue to Spiritual speakers and to Spiritual healers. From these and all other departments a suf-

say, the best works of, perhaps, seventy-five the monks of the middle ages far surpassed come. The medical department will be an riches, which induced men of high standexception, for its instruction will be local. ing to join their ranks. Not seldom the equipments, etc., of the best Eclectic med- wealthy monasteries. Of course, this had the effect that the first religious fervor of

friends at large, and the professor in each crimes of the most abominable character, department must meet such success as their as drunkenness, immoralities with the efforts and merits will ensure. The profes- nuns, mixing of poisons for criminal pursor or head of each department will have di- poses, idolizing of blessed statues and picreet charge of the system and work he rep- tures, sodomitic sin, and the most absurd resents, but the united action of all the fac- superstitions. To judge from the old monks honors. The departments will also act con- by Napoleon I. and the Prussian governjointly under one president and board of ment, it cannot be doubted that the charactrustees in all that relates to the general ter of the old monks was of the lowest grade.

vating these systems to-day, through their settled by peasants who became entirely

from theology and medical ranks, will be its ized-that is, closed-the monasteries and independent press, it would publish a mag- European governments did the same. A azine in which would be a department representing each department operated in the land, and in nearly all the Protestant councompact. An editor-in-chief would be re-quired, but the heads of departments would Italy and Austria, they were suffered be associate editors. This would be self- longer, but even in these nations the spirit sustaining, for many indeed would take the of the people rose against them, and finally publication issuing from the several editors, they were banished from almost all Europe.

The Eclectic department will receive the aim to establish the monkish system, which ustomary fees for graduating M.D's. From was abolished by most governments in the

GRESSIVE THINKER will be instrumental in he had set off on his travels. It was an age far west his name is spoken with blessings; cents; sixty-four pages of instructive read- years-and yet, it was only noon now! beautiful and elevating teachings. The re- about 4 per cent. ing, worth its weight in gold, for only that But which way should he go? Perhaps it port of his strange conversion was often then aid us.

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[The object to be attained under the heading, "The Home Circle Fraternity, the Evolution of a New Re-ligion," is to bring out more prominently the only currency that gives prominence to an individual in Spirit-life, viz., BE GOOD, AND DO GOOD. Hence a new conception of Delty will be formulated, and a constant incentive given to live a life unspotted before all the world.]

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If all men were honest, noble and good, and actuated by pure and holy motives, each one would be a divine law unto himself, and criminal laws would require no officials to see that they were carefully obeyed. Under those circumstances angels would constantly hold communion with earth, and all things material would blend so naturally and beautifully with the spiritual realms, that the scenery of earth would become enchanting, and the life here realized surpass the loftiest imagination of poet or seer. That advanced state, however, can only be realized when all things connected with the natural world shall have been refined, purified, exalted and adapted to receive an influx of invigorating influences from the Spirit-world. At the present time there are wars, pestilences inundations, earthquakes, crimes committed in high places, and offenses against law and order on all sides. There are scores of penitentiaries and prison-houses in every State. Therein are ministers of the gospel, the haughty, overbearing, defaulting aristocrat, and the bank-president magnate, as well as those only found in the lowly walks of life. The human face divine may contain a spiritual counterpart so hideous that angels weep when beholding its deformities. Mortal eyes cannot survey the foul designs of the human mind, or fathom its inmost intentions. Within each soul is a hiding place; secret thoughts are there; opinions never uttered, perhaps, of this one, or that one, find therein a safe lodgment. The world is a masquerade party; some are luxuriating in wealth, and live a languid, half-stupid life; some are railroad magnates, scheming for self-aggrandizement; some are princely merchants, constantly accumulating more money by rigid economy and sharp business transactions; some are beggars, -crippled, deformed, hideous, always eking out a miserable existence; but all are attending that grand and magnificent masquerade party that commences at the cradle and ends at the grave.

That beautiful young lady, whose golden hair fell in rich profusion over her shoulders, whose radiant features seemed as if they had been bathed in celestial founts, whose merry laugh was an inspiring influence to parents and friends, and whose life was seemingly as unspotted as the angels of heaven, wore a mask, and within it was a profound secret. She died, by poison administered by her own hand, a post-mortem examination revealing the cause. She would not expose her betraver!

In the masquerade scenes of life are many pleasing lessons. The mask does not always conceal a harlot; it does not always hide from

always conceals something; it may be an intention only, which soon assumes the proportions of a viper, and eventually coils around some innocent victim; or it may be a malignant thought that emits a poisonous A market gardener had a very fine cow that

watched the men and tried the cow after they had finished milking, but always found that there was no milk left in the teats. He finally asked the Scotch girl who took care of the milk if she could account for the difference. Why, yes. When Jim milks he says to the

old cow, 'So, my pretty muley, so!' But when Sam milks he hits her on the hip and says, 'Hist, you old brute!' Thus it is with each one: the mask conceals kindness, generous-hearted impulses, and loving words, that are manifested even

to animals, or else hides thoughts that are brutish, distorted, devilish. A bad thought is poisonous. It affected the cow, even. She felt its pernicious, hateful influence.

There is "poison in the air" when a maignant thinker is around you. If a cook, her bread is tainted; her soups contain a baleful influence; and the meats she roasts are divested to some extent of their nutritious qualities. She is the embodiment of a mortal pestilence, and her pathway in life is strewn with wrecks.

Love, kindness, generosity, and charitable feelings, though concealed by a mask, though hidden from mortal view, impart strength, hope, manly vigor and noble qualities. The atmosphere of the earth, even, will become refined as mortal thought beomes pure, ennobled and soul-elevating.

Though all of earth's children are masqueraders now, and the world is full of sin, misery, wretchedness and crime, the time is rapidly approaching when their masks will become more transparent and far less dangerous, and by and by they will cease to exist altogether. The villain now is the embodiment of vile thoughts. He is a natural outgrowth. Every unkind feeling that finds expression in a human heart, is to a certain extent responsible for the villainy of the whole world. You may mask your unkind, brutish sentiments, but they radiate therefrom like a light from a room, and find lodgment somewhere, and add to the aggregate crime of the world! A murderous thought, a thievish thought, an envious thought, a libidinous thought, or an unkind thought, contributes its mite to make up the sum of all crime. You may not be regarded by earth's children as a criminal, nor as really mean, but if you have ever harbored unkind, malignant feelings, you are a contributor to that general fund which makes sinners; which forms harlots; which evolves ungrateful scamps to mar the happiness of the world; which renders some one thievish; which sows the seeds of murder, intemperance, violence

and licentiousness; which creates discord, engenders sorrow, and causes unhappiness.

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Thus it is that in unexpected places, and lectures you will find sometimes that there beings. The almost boundless landscape among the lowliest of God's children, do we has been a lack or omission, such as occurred was so enchanting that the most beautiful see the most sublime heroism, the grandest in the last lecture. For instance, if we take pictures of Nature upon earth can convey no manifestation of love, an expression of a in hand the classing of different subjects idea of its loveliness. The hills seemed divine quality that goes to make up the Say- into numbers-one, two, three, etc., and transparent, like crystal, yet solid, and iors of earth. Remember, then, you who the medium is not in first-class order, we streaks of effulgent light intermingled with wear masks, that it is only by the complete are apt to impress the wrong number upon the prevailing blue color of the extended board, and others placed in a hole cut in eradication of unkind thoughts concealed his brain; it is as likely that number two behind them, that you will be enabled to rise will come forth when one of the other num- I saw the glowing mighty gems which you The last method is by far the best. The to that sublime sphere in the spiritual realms bers should be spoken. So that lines the call stars, but from my point of view they fixed no one can detect their presence in the where you can behold the glorious face of sense of which does not blend together, and appeared so close that I could perceive the letter, and they will invariably reach us influence; or a lecherous design that radiates only a cloud full of foulness. The story of

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the earth sphere!"

definite idea.

breezes, that spread mantling over every- now about to take.' none, and all was as clear as the day.

and an honored member of the Home Circle tence or paragraph. The impressions are become lost, my attention was diverted by don sale Voltaire's signature brought only sometimes placed four or five times upon a gentle touch upon the shoulder, and whom the brain of the medium, whereas two only should I see before me but the old sage, letter by Boswell ten pounds, and one by may reach your organs of hearing. who had acted so kindly to me in the second The laws which govern man are also, in a sphere, and who wished to learn whether my who had acted so kindly to me in the second

a pound more on each alternate week. He Experiences in Spirit Life of a Cele- certain light, but in a higher state, made to earthly curiosity had left me. He said govern the spirit. Man, through his rough "Thou seest wonders, but I will show thee coating or form, cannot perceive that the greater scenes and marvels yet-aye, wonsame laws operate on the two. A spirit ders and marvels you have never dreamt

passing from the second to the third sphere of; but thou wilt have to assume all thy finds that changes have to come over it ere spiritual perceptions to at ouce realize the it can enter the latter. If you take any-thing that is foul or filthy, and, for the pur-hold—saturated, as you have been, with that pose of cleansing it, pass it through different absurd superstition of earth. And forget courses of pure water, you will find that it not, when the opportunity arises for you to finally becomes clean, leaving its dregs be- return, to acknowledge what you have My mind having been concentrated for a hind. I found, when I was about to depart learned. Do you find your spiritual senses brief space on those glittering stars, com- from the home where I had lived for some clear, and can you convey your thoughts to pared with which the planets as seen from time, that my perceptions were more acute, others without any difficulty in expressing earth are small indeed, the comparison of that my sensations were much finer, that my them?" "I do; I can," I replied. "How the two caused my thoughts to break forth aerial feelings for encountering climatic is it," he resumed, "that I can pierce in the following words: "Ah! now, as I changes were much lighter, and that there through your inward being, and there perstand upon the margin of space and time, with the marvelous beauties that I see around me, crowned by these sparkling stars and refugent works, now much mighter and more glorious is the spiritual to the physical domain of Nature. How much more melo-dious are the warblings of the one as com-pared to those of the other. How much grander are the scenes here than those of grander are the scenes here than those of refulgent worlds, how much mightier and more glorious is the spiritual to the physical within me at my departure, for I had been spirit laws you see, the more you will underdious are the warblings of the one as com- various grades that it was almost like a your crude and rough state upon earth, you pared to those of the other. How much friend leaving his earthly relations to pass saw only the outward manifestations of Nagrander are the scenes here than those of away into the spheres. But still there was ture's laws; but now you are beginning to not that feeling which is present when death comprehend their inward workings. You After another short pause came the fol- steps in upon man's intellect, closing the are yet a child at the very alphabet of spiritual eyes, and making all outside without anima- knowledge, and have an immense deal to Countless visions of scenery, beautiful tion, leaving only the cold form to see. That learn before you can read those laws which and bright, passed before me as I reclined doubt was taken away-knowing that beyond govern yon meteors flashing through the sky in the magnetic sleep. This was one step where I had been living or staying there above your head. You can see the effect of higher, and I was soon made aware that I were other worlds, and I was told that I Nature's laws, but you understand them should rise higher; not higher in your mean- could often return to this sphere. But still not." "But," said I, "now the amazing ing of the word, because here there is no I felt "alone in my loneliness," and a feel- links begin to come to my spiritual intellect, such thing. I merely use the word "higher" ing akin to dread took hold of me when I I can perceive that each planet derives a in reference to the superiority of one sphere was about to step into a higher sphere. I strength and benefit from its neighbor. over the other to convey to your minds a turned to those around me, and thus a few "Yes, friend, and you perceive aright; and parting words did say: "I am about you also derive influence from those with Watch the change! And thus as I stood to leave you, and with regret. Many won- whom you consort. Yes, the more you upon this fairer land the clouds seemed to drous things have I seen in a brief space of associate with the higher intelligences, the open with beauty, and music to sound. time. I will not forget thee, thou spirits, more perfect you will become as an indi-There appeared to be borne by the gentle who will yet follow on the path which I am vidual. They are natural laws which regulate such results, laws which will insure thing, a gorgeous array. Night there was My wife, who had come for me, and with your receiving benefits from the study of

whom I was now to be partially associated, their operation. And as each planet-or I then felt an influence as if something taking me by the hand led me to a place so-called planet (for all stars are planets in were drawing nigh, and I saw a spirit whose where we had previously tarried for some the sense of being wanderers or moving glittering brightness dazzled the sight. She time. I then saw a bright and glorious bodies)-receives an influence from its by the hand did take me, saying: "To spirit, who was enrobed in raiment without brother planet, so you have been, though a earth we will go, and there behold the stitch or seam, which appeared to enfold a stranger, deriving a benefit from a spiritual scenes that lie beyond." The garments that perfectly symmetrical and graceful being. source, which is as yet an enigma to you. decked her were white as snow. She seemed Lights hung around her head and shoulders, Beyond these worlds, my friend, there is a to be enveloped in a white luminous cloud, and a halo extended from her to myself. I ladder whose steps you have not counted, and hundreds of spirits attended her. She felt her influence overcoming me, and I whose end and way you know not. You -:- Researches in Oriental History. beckoned to and encouraged the masses that hoped that the sleep of innocence, without will have to tarry here, and do as you have were struggling on. In her hands she held a cloud, without the feeling of pain, would done before-wait, and patience will reward what appeared to be the keys of the mystery, possess me. But I cannot hope to bring to you." Suddenly I was surrounded by a One Fol. 12mo, 407 Pages, Cloth, \$1.50, Postage I and thus she spoke: "Dost thou see that your minds the feelings which I then ex- band of old and particular friends, whose world? It is the one you once lived on." perienced. They were dissimilar to those names I had reverenced when upon earth, Then down to earth we went, and each head which I felt when I parted from earth— and from whom I had received only short of the human race we saw we touched when the spirit was leaving the body. I was messages when sojourning in the second through the unity of the magnetic tie, and cast into a profound slumber-a slumber so sphere. But here we were brought together in the bodies of those who were influenced deep that some time elapsed, I could not say by the bonds and ties of affinity.

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-no one can tell them, and why this un- was out West, in a rank forest, where nature up a distant street was a forlorn woman. As viewed externally, she was cheerless, cold, dejected and sad. She was thinly clad,

large warm cloak; on her features was an was found dead one day in the forest-killed through all worlds independent of man's a heaven awoke upon my spiritual sight! My lovellest of lovers when my dreams come true. expression, sweet and pure enough to have buried, bathed with the tears of a sorrowing bas received intelligence from its Source, floating with the clouds in the air! Their porary use; a light illuminated her eyes, as heavenly, seemingly, as any that ever existed her cloak and placed it around this woman.





IIII.

It

We once knew old Mother Sterling.

pleasant day, no one could fathom. Coming had seen but little of the refining influence of so-called civilization. She could read only with the greatest difficulty, and what she and on her eyes glistened tears, nestling six rollicing boys, as full of prancing life and love. there as if signaling to heaven for help, as young colts, and abounding in as much querade party that all are attending, and bored tender, humane thoughts; for all laws-laws which tell us that he lives, and impulse that I could not possibly fathom. When my dreams come true! When my dreams come true! When my dreams come true! she held in her attending, and baby. It was too weak, apparently, to cry; baby. It was too weak, apparently, to cry; baby. It was too nearly dead to feel God's pinching cold. too nearly dead to feel God's pinching cold. On another street, not far distant, was pathy, like a blessing from an angel, went mind and heart falls far short of the reality! place to an element resembling vapor or another woman. She was wrapped in a out for the wrong doer. One of her sons Whose glorious name is sounded forth steam. We passed through this, and then and the steam was found dead one day in the forest killed had a superabundance of animal heat; she had a superabundance of physical vitality; she was overcharged with goodness, with generosity, with nobleness of character, with natural to her, was inborn, was an inherit-ance from heaven! It is needless to say that mother and child were provided for. pering in his ear: "Poor misguided boy, I forgive you; as I would have God, the angels

Behold how man has toiled; see how he life was near me, and I was rejoiced to find When my dreams come true-shall the simple gown thinks and tries hard to pierce into the future and yet remains baffled. We shall return when the proper time arrives and we will usheak the intellects of the human was of a delicate blue, the natural brilliancy will unlock the intellects of the human was of a delicate blue, the natural brilliancy family." I then heard music, and I was of which seemed to send out a light that Or "the summer of my tresses" shall my lover liken

gently drawn or wafted away back to my imparted to the whole expanse a coloring of "The fervor of his passion" when my dreams come spiritual home. the most striking description. When we

Even these were peeps into the vast and were passing through, it appeared like an wondrous workings of the future-a future ethereal cloud, and I found that the influknew was gained without a teacher. She had which promises an infinite ocean of light ence previously felt was wholly thrown aside of happy harvest meadows, and the grasses and the from me. I avoided thought as much as Shall I lift and lean between me and the splendor of

'Tis not by a church estimate of the Great possible apart from the charming scene I poverty; of a terrific struggle with life, and manifested by the songster in welcoming the teachings and sayings, that the sovereign tion will fancy that it emanates from a disa low and plaintive moan came from her advent of flower-laden spring. She, too, attributes of the All-wise, the All-good, the eased brain or imagination. Such, however, half-closed lips. No mortal could survey her soul; she was an actor in the great mas-here soul; she was an actor in the great mas-here soul; she was an actor in the great mas-here soul; she was an actor in the great mas-here soul; she was an actor in the great mas-here soul; she was an actor in the great mas-here soul; she was an actor in the great mas-here soul; she was an actor in the great mas-here soul; she was an actor in the great mas-hored tender, humane thoughts, for all

whose mission was to sow seeds of benev- saints; a revenge which has upon it the im- ing his reason-that inestimable gift-to re- of my friends. I was taken by the hand olence, goodness, and comfort everywhere. press of a God. Finally the opportunity main in a state of abeyance, instead of ex- and great was the rejoicing. My old sensa-She seemed like one who had seen God him- came: the suspected one was taken sick. ercising it, as was intended by its donor, tion of curiosity soon stirred within me once self; who had held converse with bright ce-lestials, and who was one of earth's most during the sterling was gifted with an in-tuitive knowledge of herbs, and had rare in tuitive knowledge of herb estatis, and who was one of earth's most exalted saviors. By and by she chances to meet that careworn woman and her dying child; she suddenly stops and surveys the sad scene. She looks in that woman's face, and sees the tears of sorrow, coffin-like, nest-and sees the tears of sorrow, coffin-like, nestsad scene. She looks in that woman's face, and surveys the back have and sees the tears of sorrow, coffin-like, nest-ling on her features. Tears meet tears as this Angel of Mercy peers at the skeleton of this life, however, gradually ebbed away, and when he could only atter a faint whisper in the source of t a child, and then, as if inspired, she removed and when he could only utter a faint whisper, them aside? In some instances he does so ing asked if these animals were the spirits to do missionary work, and with your cohe beckoned her to bend her head toward temporarily, but this arises from his allow- of animals that had once lived on the earth, operation it will do it most effectually. What a grand inspiration was that! She his fevered lips. She did so, and then he ing his animal nature to rule over his spirit- the reply was, "No; although in some re- After reading it, send it to a Spiritualist had a superabundance of animal heat; she feebly told her how in a fit of jealousy he ual or higher nature. Not so, however, spects they resembled some of the animals

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III. In this masquerade party which all are attending and playing a part, strange things are constantly occurring. The mask possible."

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