

Progress, the Universal Law of Nature: Thought, the Solvent of Her Problems.

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yet its power is seen in the growth of plants may be found in the different electric conand animals. It lays its lines and curves with ditions of the atmosphere. If the sun were the sun which as the center of our solar sys- a burning mass, radiating heat into space, tem, can no longer be viewed as a burning and warming the planets by direct radiation globe, consuming cosmical matter by actual we would have more heat in the winter than combustion. These crude theories are, how-we have in the summer, for we are three Interesting Experiences and Conclu- and booted from the falling rain. Just as ever, found in the books, and advocated by millions of miles nearer the sun on the 21st popular orators in their lectures on astron- of January than we are on the 21st of July. Again, our scientists tell us that the enor

Professor R. A. Proctor, in a course of mous amount of heat constantly radiated lectures a few years since, boldly pro- into space implies a waste of energies which claimed that the fuel that keeps up the fires foretells a final exhaustion of nature's reor the sun would finally be exhausted, and served forces. This would be true if the the sun would cease to shine upon and warm sun were dependent for light and heat on our earth. He saw but one way in which materia showers above a served forces. This would be true if the the sun would cease to shine upon and warm sun were dependent for light and heat on our earth. He saw but one way in which materia showers above a served forces. This would be true if the the sun would cease to shine upon and warm sun were dependent for light and heat on our earth. He saw but one way in which materia showers a served forces. This would be true if the server is the said they it is his angel " our earth. He saw but one way in which the catastrophe might be avoided. The sun kind, but these crude theories must finally yield to the logic of facts. There is abso in its onward march through space carrying with it the planets and their satelites, lately no loss of energy in these correlated THE ELECTRIC AGE. nomena of planetary motion, yet some of might "come to fresh fields and pastures new," and in this way prolong its existence. might "come to fresh fields and pastures forces

This may pass for rhetoric in a popular universal gravitation, nor Kepler's laws, ac- assembly with a thoughtless crowd, and ex- inconvenience we may suffer from the peri- life. Everything in nature was but the cite applause, but it will not be received by helion of some of the larger planets, by sober thinking men as scientific facts. No which extra electric currents may strike our one acquainted with the laws of physical earth on their passage to the sun, causing science can think that this enormous com- electric storms and other disturbances, and quake, and the famine, were but so many orbit, contradict the universal law of gravi-tation as expressed by Newton, namely, that orb for many thousands of years, and radi-obliquity and moral dereliction, such as mental obliquity and moral dereliction, such as our ating heat into space as from a fire consumearth is now experiencing. It may be that a superabundance of elec-

ng ordinary fuel. In scientific research, facts have been dis-The theory of the sun's contraction upon itself, now advanced and maintained by lead- lifting power of the sun, by which an extra peace and comfort. torted to accommodate preconceived preing astronomers, and giving off heat by this judices and theories that are venerable from age, as well as from the distinguished names energy of contraction is as untenable as the lakes and oceans and formed into clouds combustion theory; and finally the theory of These have been surcharged with positive that have given them endorsement and sup

the transformation of mechanical motion in- and negative electric currents, rushing from These are days not only of physical dis- to heat, advocated by Sir William Thomson one cloud to another with such fearful force turbances and moral delinquencies, but of and supported by Prof. Tyndall and other as to cause a fierce conflict of these dis the uprooting and taring down of old distinguished names is surrounded with so turbed elements until they have descended theories in science, and new discoveries in many difficulties that some of its advocates to earth to sweep everything in their wild directions that were not dreamed of by the have already abandoned it. Sir Wm. Thom- fury as with the besom of destruction. On wildest enthusiast in scientific researches, son estimates that the fall of the earth upon account of the superabundance of water careven up to the beginning of the present the sun in a straight line would maintain the ried up, the mighty torrents have descended. Rivers have overflowed their banks, houses demanded by the restless and wide-awake four thousand years and three hundred and have been swept away, and thousands have age in which we live. The arrogance of three days, and the planet Jupiter would pro- been driven from long possessed and happy dogmatism on scientific subjects has had its duce the same thing for thirty-two thousand homes two hundred and forty years, and all the

Many of our school books and works on physical science will have to be changed; weight. To mention such absurdities should engulfed many of those who thought themand will be as soon as the interest of pub- be sufficient to refute them. lishers will allow it, and advanced science If the fall of an apple could direct New-

will correct many of the untenable theories ton's inquiring mind to the law of universal It will not be saying too much to assert now found in these works. Men will no gravitation, and thus prepare the way for that the imponderable elements in nature longer take things for granted because some the discovery of one great truth, which have to some degree disturbed the moral or messengers, and that these celestial vislearned man has advanced a theory. The would ultimately lead to other important elements of society. When were there so first question now is: "Does he prove it discoveries, may not some common occur- many betrayals of trust; so much deception true by actual demonstration; or is the rence now cause other great truths to flash and intrigue; so many murders and suitheory in harmony with well established upon some mind, that shall follow up the cides and other nameless crimes as we daily laws in physical science?" twilight impression to a clear perception of hear of now?

When Sir John Herschel tells us that the some of the hitherto secret operations of But these disturbing cycles will run their heat of the sun on the comet of 1843 was Nature? If we once admit the hiding of an courses. They are as a ripple on the wave more than twenty-eight times greater than infinite power in the imponderable and invis- of infinitude. Sunshine and calm will follow pany, believed that messengers from the the heat at the focus of a lens of thirty-two ible forces in the physical universe, we will the storm. The disturbing of forces do not inches diameter, which melted agate and silence the wailings of the materialistic phi- imply destruction, nor waste of energies. rock crystal and dissipated these refractory losophers who are constantly predicting the The conservation is in the infinite power. ment of science shall succeed in waking up solids into an invisible gas, we now simply final destruction of the present order of The river beyond the cataract or whirlpool this dormant power to its full strength, then reply: we cannot believe this. The state- things through a gradual waning of nature's is as calm as if the commotion had not octhe feeble powers and dim lights of the past ment is self-contradictory. A degree of heat forces. Perpetual motion in our mechanics curred. The rainbow of a tranquil evening will be lost sight of in the splendors of the sufficient to reduce these solid substances in- is impossible; but with the infinite power it spans the sky after the storm. The sun oncoming light and power. Many of us to an invisible gas would be sufficient to is an established fact. The electric light, shines calmly upon the track of the desomelt a comet: but no ponderable substance which is only sunshine at second hand, will lating cyclone. bood, fifty and more years ago, our parents subject to the laws of gravitation could pos- serve as an illustration. The dynamo that the flood. The wind that shakes the forest sibly maintain its form under a heat of twen- evolves the electricity must have the power tree makes the roots strike deeper into the from the storm-clouds was the direct voice ty-eight times more intense than that above behind it. From it the wires conduct the soil. Conflicts and trials develop our noblest of the Almighty Ruler of all things; and referred to. To assume that the comet is a electric current to the burners. These con- manhood and womanhood. The invisible profound silence was imposed upon the ponderable substance and that the tail is ducting mediums may be as cold as frost forces of nature will continue to work out composed of minute material particles of can make them, yet in the burner we have the designs of an infinite mind and will, matter all subject to the so-called universal the brilliant light which so much resembles A cheerful submission to our lot will sustain law of gravitation is to raise questions in sunshine. This continues to shine as long us in the conflict of life, and teach us: reference to this law that its advocates can- as the power operates on the dynamo. How "That God worketh every where, And every where frame one divine decree Urging all forms to a high destiny." not answer. The motion of the comet around is it with the light that has flashed out from the sun and the fact that its tail always ex- our central sun with meridian lustre for tends in an opposite direction from the sun thousands of years? Whence comes the Let us, then, be up and at our work, siand the receding of the comet from the sun power that keeps up this central light of after its perihelion passage with the force our solar system? All theories hitherto adlently and yet successfully, like the dew of the morning and the shining sun; with our that is employed in projecting its tail for vanced indicate gradual loss of power, and best endeavors to advance the interests and millions of miles from the nucleus,-all in- point to the fearful doom that awaits our dicate a power that under certain conditions sun and all the planetary worlds. Where increase the happiness of a needy world. must antagonize the force of gravity and can we find the dynamos that run this ce lestial machinery? There can be but one to contend with. It should be our highest words, "we have no miracles now." I don't Why does light proceed from luminous answer to this question. The planets of aim to calm these storms and to prevent bodies. Who has ever answered this ques- our solar system are the points of power these cyclones, and counteract their de-We assume that electricity is an entity in tion satisfactorily? Is there an inherent where electric streams are generated with structive influence. Then we may expect a nature, and not merely the result of chemical power in the luminous particles that gives it unerring regularity and conveyed to the or mechanical action. The manifestations a prepulsive force; or is there an attractive sun through interstellar ether, which carries of this wonderful agent are too numerous force in objective points towards which it is the electric streams to the central magnet, morning in the endless hereafter.

A VOICE FROM VERMONT. IT COMES WITH NO UNCERTAIN SOUND. hill roads between Colchester and Milton Falls. My carriage was filled to its utter-

sions.

when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in and told how Peter stood before the gate.'

From the earliest dawn of conscious exforce somewhere in the realm of space existing, a power extrinsic and apart from spokesman of some grand and myterious in fluence. The muttering or crashing thunder, the terrible cyclone, the awe-inspiring earthwhile the soft balmy breeze, the warm intricity in our atmosphere has increased the

> In all ages there have come into the con mystery-exciting forces, strange and unaccountable phenomena, toward which he is dead; she died when I was four years at first moves but slowly, and about old, and now I am nine. which he can give no definite explanation beyond that which grows out of the kingdom of his own imagination. But gradually, from lower formulated conceptions of I see her too. a Supreme Being or Beings, there arose higher and still higher views until an intelligent, living conscious force is recognized him: "Your mamma is right here, and in the universe. Unseen to be sure, yet she tells me her name was Mary, and that manifested throughout all nature-one grand she died with consumption." The little felvital principle—"the Soul of the Universe." The words from Acts 12, at the commence-ment of this article, are simply but one of the proofs out of the many from the same scriptural source, going to show that mon scriptural source, going to show that men always possessed an inherent consciousness

whatever their form or mode of worship; itants parted the curtain between heaven make known the will of the All Father. And here the question arises: If in the

together praying," they, the entire comunseen world visited this earth, and not only believed this to be a fact, but from then why may not we in this nineteenth century, with equal right believe the same? The very chapter from which I have quoted gives an illustration of a returning intelligence, as do many other passages both in The dry land appears after the Old and New Testaments. If Agabus (Acts 1:28) stood up and things would take place-and the record says they did take place-then why may not our own sweet-voiced Nellie Brigham, and the beaming faces of Mrs. Willey, Mrs. the thinking world of to-day? Why may they not tell us of the dear ones who still live and who seek every avenue reaching earthward? Once this law is established, who or what power will abrogate it? "But," says an orthodox brother, "the power to perform such things fell off in the Man's moral nature has storms and cyclones third or fourth century," and to use his wonder you think so, my friend, for when we read up history and note the rivers of blood and the cruel martyrdom of thousands in the name of a formulated creed, and even tranquil evening and a beautiful setting that misinterpreted and misapplied, the sun that will give a promise of a brighter wonder is that God's love allowed mankind even an existence on the face of the earth. God's sweet messengers still continue to Peter lay bound in prison, and from whose person the Roman chains fell off and he went forth, guided by one of God's agents, a free man. Good and evil communications existed then as they do now, but every man and every woman may quickly discern which are the love blossoms of purity or the vipers of low hate and malignant poisons which they take to their bosoms; fruits disclose to the senses a knowledge of their kind. Never before in the history of the world did the immortal kingdom of God's eternal love so touch and electrify the shores of earth. Across the impassable gulf come the white-winged ships freighted with fragrant immortellas, sweet flowers of love and affection. To me all of these sweet messengers are but harbingers of a brighter and more glorious day. Only a few days ago, in a meeting, a Methodist minister made known the fact that a Methodist bishop had seen a daughter that a Methodist bishop had seen a daughter who passed away several years before. If that incident is true, thousands of others in all parts of the world must have had like generally, know and care but little about it, generally, know and care but little about it, experiences, for their is no law established in nature that is expressly for the benefit of leges with advanced liberal ideas get hold of one sect to the exclusion of another; or the head, arms and feet in right good earnest, exclusion of those who adhere to no sect at they will disarticulate this ancient relic beall. Right in this connection I will relate a little incident which was a personal experience of my own. The first of last and clothed upon again. October I was homeward bound from an eight weeks' trip in the southern part of our

State (Vermont). It was a cold, drizzly morning, and I was plodding along the clay

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I reached the foot of a long, tiresome clay hill, a little bright-eyed lad, apparantly If believed then, why not now? "And hen she knew Peter's voice, she opened my carriage. He was plainly but cleanly in his dressed and carried a dinner-pail in his hand, being on his way to school. Coming pression was a refusal to the request he From the earliest dawn of conscious ex-istence, man has ever recognized a superior said: "Yes; I think I can manage it someway." So I helped him in and gave him a seat on one of my legs, my carriage being With such a grand arrangement of plan-etary interaction, we must put up with the ifformation in all the different departments of by this time occupying a "fall house" in every sense of the word. Once more on the way we naturally fell into a pleasant chat. I said to him: "Now, as I have put myself out considerably to help you, will you quake, and the famine, were but so many voices from out the Great Beyond acting as obliged to put yourself out a little?" Looksaid. "I will." I then questioned him vigorating sun, the abundant harvest, the about his school, and asked him also about clear starry sky at night were tokens of his family. He told me how many brothers

and sisters he had, and that his name was Bennie. I then asked him if any of his scious realm of man's earth-life new and brothers or sisters were dead, and he replied, "None." "But," said he, "mamma

"Do you ever see your mamma when you go to sleep?'

"Oh, yes, mamma comes very often, and

Quick as a flash of lightning there came over me a queer influence, and I said to

We had by this time neared the schoolhouse, and he signified his intention to get that attending them were guardian angels out there. Just then a voice said to me: "Kiss my boy before he leaves you." I told him what I heard, and, kind reader, from and earth, which, after all, was "Only a now on until the time arrives when I too thin veil," and came down among men to shall cross the river, I shall never forget that sweet countenance, all radiant with And here the question arises: If in the heavenly influence and confiding trust, as house of Mary "where many were gathered he turned his face to mine, and I left with him the precious gift that a returning mother brought from the summerland; for, indeed, it was her gift to her boy. In my natural state I should have never thought of such a actual ocular experience knew it to be so, thing; he an entire stranger, our homes many miles apart, we having never met before that morning. The voice was unmistakable, the influence of such a nature none could be in doubt as to its origin. Neither could it have been simply mind reading, for saw him be s I said above I neve any of his friends. And then his mother signified by the spirit that such and such died when he was four years old; of course his knowledge of his mother's name and manner of her death came to him through the family at home; and yet that mother's influence came to him in his dreams and he Fanny Davis Smith, Mrs. Emma Paul, and knew for a certainty that it was her; came a host of others, male and female, who are to him and left the loving impress of her pure and honest, also stand "up and signify nature upon his young and tender heart. by the spirit" what the will of God is to What was it, then, my orthodox friend, that came across the hitherto unknown track of our earth-lives and threw over and around our souls the golden-linked chain of such a short but sweet acquaintance? Can you, with all the conceptive faculties you possess, explain to me just what that influence was from your standpoint of thinking and believing? Every Sunday I listen to an orthodox sermon. The preacher is a good man and a kind neighbor, and doubtless he thinks it an essential duty appertaining to his ministry to pity and mourn for those who in this day see and hear what Peter saw and heard. and not only Peter but many others of that time. Yet, as much as I respect him as a friend and neighbor, that one incident with come, however, and have, before and since little Bennie was a grander and far more convincing and touching sermon than I ever heard him give forth, call it what you may, curse it if you will with all the anathemas of the calendar, and yet you do not check it. It is a "come-to-stay" principle. These opened avenues between heaven and earth have never, in reality, been closed. In every age of the word some have seen and acknowledged these heavenly visitants. It is true that the church, in the name of its peculiar theology, has with thumb-screw and rack tortured and twisted, and then burned thousand of brave men and women, and that by this course they have lost sight of these angel-traversed paths leading into the Golden City. But the light is slowly returning. Watch the churches. Keep still! Don't call it Spiritualism, and you will be surprised at what the pews believe. You will discover a slow and almost unconscious growth towards a grander and more humanitarian belief. The skeleton theology lost its and when one or two more Theological Colyond the hope of its ever being articulated

have declared that neither Newton's law of NATURE'S PSYCHIC FORCE. count for all the strange movements of the planets and their satellites. The difference

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between the nearest approach to the sun

with the square of the distance.

The Electric Age .- Electricity an Entity in Natur and the most distant point in the planetary Kepler's Laws .- Heat and Light -- The Fall of an --- Electric Rays from the Sun--Other Imtant Facts Considered. the power of attraction increases inversely

BY ADAM MILLER, M. D.

When primitive man had advanced so far as to invent edge tools, by which trees could e chopped down and houses built for proaction from wild animals and inclement port. weather, he had made a great advancement from a home in caves and other natural retreats for shelter. In this way wood was captured and compelled to contribute to the comfort of mankind in its numerous forms and combinations. As knowledge progressed, the metals and minerals found in the earth were transformed into articles of comfort and convenience. This mastery over the wood and the metals or minerals was followed by conquering the water of rivers and oceans, and compelling it to bear upon its surface the commerce and the travelers from different and distant countries, and to become a power to drive mills and machinery invented by the advanced civilization. Next came the age of steam, and this was a grand stride in advance of other motive power, and when brought under proper control many were ready to conclude that the ultimatum of motive power and rapid transit had been reached.

But no; after having advanced through these different ages of progress, we are brought face to face with an agent more potent than previously utilized by human ingenuity and skill.

So far as human conceptions are concerned, this is a giant slumbering in the cradle of his infancy, and when the advance-

and friends taught us to believe that thunder whole family of children during a thunder storm. Now we know that a clap of thunder and a flash of lightning are natural phenomena resulting from electric currents passing from one cloud to another. The terrific storms with which some parts of our country have been visited of late years are the results of electric current descending from the higher regions of the atmosphere,

"Like rapid moving cars O'er the electric bars."

And in this rapid whirl we can see something of the power that controls the physical push as well as pull revolving bodies. universe when it is kept in its proper channels and moves in its appointed course.

shining world down to the invisible atom years.

that floats in the air around us. There is varying certainty.

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should any of these rapidly moving bodies
onward in its matchless march over this
solar ocean which is without a bottom or a
shore? There is another traveler that moves
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degree of heat on the different planets must
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Aht life is sweet in June,
When hearts keep time to the liquid flow
of life and light and tune;
And when, in her snowy, floating rell
she stool on her bridal morn,
Steen. Electricity has the power of resystem. Electricity has the power of re- travel together, as they sweep through the than on nearness to or distance from the alling as well as attracting bodies; or at boundless hights and depths of space. Al. sun. The change of climate at different ast it regulates repulsive and attractive though light may not be seen in the conduct seasons of the year on our earth must deforces, by which planets are held in their ing wire along which the electric current pend on the angle at which the rays of light controlled by their primaries. Notwith- passes, yet it flashes out with diamond bril. pass through the atmosphere; thus dimining the high claims of astronomers liancy at the terminal point. Electricity ishing or increasing the refracting power. that Kepler's laws explained all the phe- may not be sensibly felt in the sunbeams, Another cause of a change of temperature -Good Housekerping.

and powerful to admit the idea that it is tending and by which it is drawn out from where by a concentric force they flash out only a result of the combination of other the starting point, or does it travel with a in inexpressible brilliancy, and here is and inferior forces. These forces only velocity of twelve millions of miles a minute the secret of the solar power. Now posserve to bring this pre-existing entity into without any cause. There must be a reason itive; then negative; up rushes; down active operation. It is a very reasonable why for every thing in nature. Where is rushes; outbursting flames, mighty upconclusion that if there is any one thing in the philosopher that will explain to the hon- heavals; hideous groanings, opening chasms the universe that existed in connection with est inquirer while he gazes into the starry through which the central magnet is exposed the Infinite Power from eternity, that this is heavens, and tell him why these tireless to view until it looks like spots on the surelectricity. It pervades all space and pene- beams proceeding from the thousands of face of the sun. By positive and negative trates all substances, and manifests itself in shining orbs, keep on their journey at a uni-every form of motion from the rolling and form rate of speed for many thousands of through the ages, while the apparently smooth surface of the sun sends its heat-

The explanation of the transmission of producing and life-sustaining beams to all not one spot in all the hights and depths light through cold and dark space may be the planets from which its power is derived. and lengths and breadths in the material found in the ever present electric currents The planets feed the sun, and the sun gives universe where its power and influence are uniting and controlling all celestial bodies. life and warmth to the planets, and guides not manifested. It is the primal force from The subtle ether, which philosophers tell us them in their mighty orbits, by an attractive which gravity and magnetism derive their energy. Under the controlling influence of a Supreme Intelligent Power the electric tranways on which planets and their satel-lites run, are laid with a precision which makes these celestial bodies move with un-rureing certainty. which gravity and magnetism derive their pervades all space, and through which light and repellant force with a regularity that mysterious power drives the luminous ray heat.

A SPRAY OF APPLE BLOSSOMS.

amount of water has been taken from rivers,

The earth itself has been disturbed until

selves safe in their mansions of pleasure

and plenty.

They lay on the broad, low window ledge, Where the hand of a little child Had placed them—dewy and fresh and sweet— And the grandmother had smiled. And softly stroked with her wrinkled hand The curly, tumbled head; And then the needles bright were still, Unrolled the snowy thread.

For, borne on the breath of the apple bloom, She lived in the oreath of the apple blood She lived in the golden past; She saw an orchard where blossom snows Were falling thick and fast— Falling upon the fair, bent head Of a malden in girlhood's prime, Reading a letter, worn and creased From folding many a time.

Through the open window the western wind Blew soft on the wrinkled face, Where a smile shone, sweet as that could be Which had lent her girthood grace. A little voice called her truant thoughts: "Grandpa sent me to see If you knew that the clock had been striking six, And he wants you to pour his tes!"

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PSYCHIC SCIENCE. INTERESTING STUDIES IN ITS DOMAIN. sw that she was in Okiaboma, but the sound Stance she was at the foot of the bed when she called may in the second I heard her snging in an almost opposite direction. I saw that she was in Okiaboma, but the sound saw that she was i

year: so you see I like the paper. I am one of the oil members of the Army of the Comberland, and while there I often saved my own and other lives by atting on impressions which at that time I could not running and Me ercorner) has been iken hones without existing pain. I can say rs. DeWolf is a lady and a true meetium. I i independent state writing through Miss May also a good spirit-picture of F. N. Foster."

lighted with your paper. Mexico; Pope Pius IX., Louis Napoleon, nay enjoy it too." Thus a. Neth. writes: "Thus as reality in thes. "Thus, h, Neth. writes: "Thus, is all others with me, is asgr, and I pray that if for many praces, or unit for the world with its the G. A. R.; Temporal Affairs of the Church in America, Leo XIII; Gladstone (America) (

DOMAIN.

Marvelous Experiences by C. D. Chaffee.
saw that she was in Okiahoma, but the sound finally filled to be room, and it seemed that she must be chaffee.
is no doubt but that in the future it will be future it will be to make the room at the bead of my bed.
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The following personal experience by D. Chaffee of Sellivan O. bears in its style.
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Was she here in spirit? Did I follow her in the most of the server of the se

Cosme Marino, in an appendix to his " Somnambulism, Turning and Mediums," gives the names of crowned heads, nobles, statesmen, etc., in ped as a The Europe, who have publicly acknowledged g. First their belief in Spiritnalism. As these are First their not generally known, the list becomes of great interest, and forever silences the as sertion that only the illiterate or credulous are attracted by it: The Prince and Princess

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THE BIGOT'S BLOW.

Is is a crime to hold a faith In God, and Truth, and Life Eternalt is it a crime to see in Death Bome beauty born of the Supernal Is it a crime to hold a creed, That strikes all fetters from the slave, And deems all fetters from the slave, And deems all fortist-like holy deed, The surest passport to the grave! Is this a crime! pray let me know, Then deal on me the bigot's blow.

Is it a crime to be sincere! To treasure machood more than fame! To serve the Truth, forever dear, With bleeding heart, and shandered name! Is it a crime to love mankind, And trust the Father for the rest, Believing though we stumble blind, He will for us do what is best! Is this a crime! pray let me know, Then deal on me the bigot's blow.

Is it a crime to view the vell, That hides the spirit world from this, Draw back—that einning mortals frail, May know that goodness leads to blies! Is it a crime to love the dead, And know they love us in return ! To feel their hand upon our head, And for angelic presence yearn! Is this a crime! pray let me know, Then deal on me the bigot's blow.

I hold in trust my powers of thought, And speak and write as Truth distates. A tongue and pen shall not be bought, While reason with my nature mates. Why should I fear to pay devotion To principles that hallow life; Because, forscoth, by strong emotion some bigot's breast is stirred to strife! Is this a crime! pray let me know, Then deal on me the bigot's blow:

I hold a faith more dear to me Than earth's rich mines and fame's proud

Treasure, A faith that teaches I am free To praise the Good in glowing measures. A faith that plucks from death its sting; Communes with augels every day; Bess God, the good, in everything Where Truth Eternal holds her sway. Is this a crim*t pray let me know, Then deal on me the bigot's blow.

Think you a coward's heart is mine, To leign an orthodox beilef, And kneel at some established abrine, Where form, and not the truth, is chieft I will not yield to any Pope The sacred freedom of my soul To worship God and eling to hope, With faith no bigot shall control. Is this a crime! pray let me know, Then deal on me the bigot's blow.

All are the children of one God, With bodies formed alike of dust; All have the right upon the sod To emulate the "good and just," Asd those with me whose faith is strong That soul is not a thing of elay, May speed the deathless truth along, And smile at persecution's sway. Is this a crime! pray let me know, Then deal on me the bigot's blow.

Let those that think as best they may, Think for themselves, but not for me. I'll never bid them cease to say The truth that moves them. _____ fine shall be No bigot hand to strike a brother Free as myself to love and live. The master's words, "Love one another," Are words to others I would give. Is this a crime! pray let me know, Then deal on me the bigot's blow. -J. H. Powell, in Spiritual Magazine.

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MEDIUMSHIP A SEMI-MYSTERY.

Dr. J. M. Peebles always writes forcibly viction. In an article in the Golden Gate 21:3. he says:

"Who can fathom mediumship?Who can fully understand the unseen psychic influences that constitute the make-up of medium- 34:6. ship? Hudson Tuttle, in a late Carrier Dore, remarks: 'The sensitive condition the Gods.-Exodous 22:28; Gen. 1:26, 6:2 water. of mediumship renders the medium easily Job 2:1. affected by the surroundings. Hence the waywardness of character they so often exhibit and for which they are unqualifiedly censured. The broadest charity should be bestowed, for the vital force of mediums is heavily drawn upon and often they are left 63:3. in a state so negative as to become an easy prey to untoward influences."

"It has been said that Dr. Kane, while drunk. -Jeremiah 25:11. wintering in the far-off polar regions, discovered that three thermometers, agreeing thousand men because David numbered the at medium temperatures, disagreed materi- people.-2 Samuel 24:15; 2 Chron. 18:22; ally at very low temperatures, though sus- Prov. 15:11; Isaiah 13:9; 3:42; Lamenta-

protected from anything that can upset the For The Progr delicate equilibrium which can alone make him a serviceable vehicle for communications. He should even be guarded from mixing with other people, seeing that each human being is surrounded with his own atmosphere, and that the medium, by virtue possibility of being dominated by any earthly other former notables. This man is Robert influence; trained in habits of temperance,

sobriety, and chastity; placed outside of the Chicago a great many years. An Evening range of vulgar temptation, and kept 'un- News reporter interviewed him. The old spotted from the world."" And yet these grand truths were ignored

by Hodgson, of Boston, when he visited J. H. Pratt, at Springhill, Kansas, with a view of testing Aber. He was exceedingly knew just about where he was, because they anxious to hypnotize the medium.

JUS TICE.

GOD AS A PERSONALITY.

BY FRANK BROWN.

Face: For I have seen Gods face. -Gene sis 22:30; Deut. 31:18; Jeremiah 31:10, 16:17; Chron. 7:15.

Mouth: For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.-Isaiah 58:14. this to be true. Eyes: I will set mine eyes on them for

evil. - Amos 9:4; Zachariah 4:10. Teeth: He hath broken my teeth with gravelstones. -Lamentations 3:16.

Ears: And my cry did enter this ear .-Samuel 22:7; 2 Cor. 13:20.

Arms: Oh! arm of the Lord .- Jeremiah 32:21; Isaiah 5:19. Hands: I took the cup at the Lord's hands,

and made all the nations drunk. -Jeremiah 25:11, 32:21; Ezek. 21:7; Isaiah 51:22,

Wings: He shall fly and spread his wings. Jeremiah 49:22; Psalms 91:4.

Feet: And his feet shall stand in that day. Zachariah 14:4; Nahum 1:3.

Feathers: He shall cover thee with his feathers. - Psalms 91:4. Hair: The hair of his feet .-- Isaiah 7:20.

Talked: The Lord said the man has beome as one of us. -Genesis 3:22.

The Lord had Sons: The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair. -Genesis 6:2.

God had grandchildren: The daughters of men had children by the sons of God .-

Genesis 6:4. Got weary and rested: The Lord rested on the seventh day.-Genesis 2:2.

Was a planter: The Lord planted a garden. -Genesis 2:8.

Was a tailor: The Lord made coats of skin. -Genesis 3:21.

the room I was met by three men. One Was an engraver: I will engrave the enwas Bourk, the other Coughlin, and the gravings thereof saith the Lord.-Zacharthird man I do not remember to have ever iah 3:2.

Was a barber: In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor:-Isaiah 7:20.

A warrior: Saith the Lord, I will appoint the sword to slay, the dogs to tear, the fowls and well. What he says hits the mark, and of the air, and the beasts of the field to deis so concisely expressed that it carries con- stroy. -Jeremiah 15:3; Deut. 32:41; Ezek.

> Bow, quiver and arrows: He hath bent his house, but have since dug them up and bow; he has caused the arrows of his quiver. -Lamentations 3:13; Chron. 15:13; Isaiah

Plurality of Gods: Thou shalt not revile

Cry and roar: The like as the young lion the man's name. The doctor said he was roareth on his prey.—Isaiah 31:4, 42:16; Amos 1:2; Joel 3:16; Hosea 11:12. murdered because he knew too much about Tread and trample: I will tread them in anger, and trample in my fury .- Isaiah

A druggist: I took the Lords cup at the Lords hands and made all the nations

Fierce anger: The Lord slew seventy-

Human sacrifices; And did according to

HAVE ANIMALS SPIRITS?

I read with interest the thoughts of

ive Thinker A SCOTCHMAN.

HE SAYS HE TALKS WITH SPIRITS.

body knows.

There is, says the Chicago News, an old gentleman in the abstract office of Handy & Alexander, a Scotchman, who has lived in Prof. Chapman and his amiable companion.

to be dying. He is much esteemed and gentleman was enthusiastic in his faith, and declared it was his religion. He said: "When McGarigle escaped I communi-

Prof. Chapman is a thinker as well as a

told me he was being transferred at that moment from one vessel to another. I told that story the next day, and everybody laughed at me, but it came true, as every-"When the steamer Denmark was supposed by everybody to be lost I said that all would be saved, because I had received a communication from the other world telling me that all the passengers had been landed the sun during a period of twelve years! at the Azores, and subsequent events proved "The greatest experience I had, however, was about a week after Dr. Cronin was murdered. The papers were filled with dispatches to the effect that he was seen here, and there, and everywhere, disguised, and een murdered. I determined to find out decline which continues seven years more whether Cronin was dead or not. I com-

frightened, manifestations hever having been presented that way, but finally managed to compose myself sufficiently to inquire: 'Who are you?' 'I'm Dr. Cronin,' the figure reare you?' 'I'm Dr. Cronin,' the figure you?' 'I'm Dr. Cronin,' the f

didn't you?' 'Yes,' I said. 'Then you its growth in the sixteen years since I was seen. They beat me to death with clubs. declare it. I met a good many old friends audience or not, except on Friday night, "Was P. O. Sullivan in the conspiracy?' at the first meeting at the hall, —among them

Washington, D. C. LYMAN C. HOWE.

Written for The Progressive Thinker. ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.

Our Society, the first ever organized in this little city, celebrated the forty-second Anniversary of modern Spiritualism, Satur-

tical and unwholesome has been attributed to within themselves, of which they are not him ashamed, and the black-coated gentlemen

J. G. JACKSON.

If Dr. Brown, and others that have claimed may well say that they are a dangerous the entire fictitiousness of his character, element-to superstition, to hatred of their and good inspirations. I am greatly pleased shall prove to be correct, it need be a cause kind, and to the thing which they call "the with the Spiritualists here. They give me a of neither surprise nor lamentation; but church." In the end they mostly prove hearty moral support and surround me with rather of rejoicing; and the thinking world dangerous to the preacher. TRAVELER.

There has appeared in London a certain to illustrate mechanically the power of the human will. His apparatus is thus described: 'Upon a reel is wound a length of silver wire, measuring 75,000 metres. Two magnetic needles crossing each other in a contrary direction are fixed upon the reel, and suspended by a slender thread. The apparatus works under glass, like a watch, so that no tampering with the mechanism is possible. It is mounted, moreover, on a The statement has been extensively pub- high stand. The Count takes his hold of

Necessity

THOMAS PAINE ON CREMATION.

He Speaks In Favor of it; A Spiritual and Sanitary Necessity.

A short time ago your correspondent vistrance medium, and is universally esteemed as an earnest worker for the cause. She is endowed with a generous amount of sturdy common sense, which, combined with an afbefore, serves to make her a valuable ac.

On the evening in question her guides desired to expound his views on cremation. Accordingly he commenced:

"It is generally understood by those who have read the life of Thomas Paine that he was never opposed to progression. He always advocated a liberal government by a liberal people, and worked for the propaga-He Doubts the Cordiality of our tion of knowledge in every branch of human life."

Dropping to the first person, he went on:

"Since my transition to the higher life, I have taken up this branch of science-cre-

the Clan-na-Gael funds. I told this story to lots of people long before the body was dis covered, but they simply laughed at me. Written for The Progressive Thinker. THE GREAT QUESTION. "If a Man Die, Shall he Live Again?"

hearty moral support and surround me with rather of rejoicing; and the thinking world dangerous to the preacher. of his sensitiveness, readily enters into the Co., on East Washington, Chicago, who sphere of those with whom he comes in con-claims to have been visited by the spirits of sweet good-will. I have a delightful home perstitious incubus that has so long rested tact. He should be isolated; kept from the Dr. Cronin, J. Young Scammon, and many in the hospitable sphere and intelligent upon it, and being the fruitful cause of so mysterious French Count whose mission is cordiality given me by my host and hostess, much suffering and depression. I am located but a few doors from Hon. Hockessin, Del. Samuel J. Randall, who is to-day supposed

> loved here, and himself and family have been on happy terms of social interchange cated with friends in the Spirit-world, and with my host and hostess.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

I had very good audiences in Washington,

scholar. He was at one time associated with Henry J. Newton, of New York, in the discoveries and application of art, especially photography. For twelve years he took daily photographs of the sun, and is, therefore, quite familiar with the moods and tenses of that wonderful luminary. He has taken copies of all the important grimaces as well as amiable colors, reflected from the face of

before it reaches minimum of quiet. During frightened, manifestations never having been life, and inspires activity among the sleepy

"Yes, he was; but he wasn't in the Col. R. T. Vanhorn and wife, from Kansas room when I was killed; he was watching City, whose genial natures make sunshine wherever they go; Joseph Ingersoll, nephew of Robert G., whose generous and efficient buried them some distance west of the Mrs. Howe to health some nine or ten years ago, when she was prostrated with spinal placed them elsewhere. My body is now in fever; Dr. P. Oscar Jenkins, and Dr. a well in Lake View. There is a cover over Conant and wife (formerly Mrs. Clara Field);

"I asked Dr. Cronin who was the chief does Spiritualism. Success to all honest ual growth and development. conspirator to the crime, and he mentioned workers, in whatever phase or sphere.

For The Progressive Thinker PREACHES WHILE IN A TRANCE. How an Ignorant South Carolina Negro Delivers Eloquent Sermons.

lished that Major Perry, an illiterate and ig- the two conductors, to which are attached norant Edgefield county negro, while in the two ends of the silver thread rolled upon what appears to be a trance sleep, preaches the reel, and bids you order the machine to learned and eloquent sermons. He is attracting a great deal of attention, and Under this power alone, hitherto misunder several enterprising citizens of Edgefield stood or underrated-this, the mightiest county now have the human phenomenon in power in the universe, according to Count charge, and are exhibiting him to large P., the power of the Human Will—the mathe sun during a period of twelve years! The largest form he caught and held is about 68,000 miles in diameter; large enough to the is and here exhibiting that to targe audiences. The modus operandi is as fol-lows: Perry goes to bed, and lies out stretched in full view of the audience, and the sundance of the fancy of the visitor. Without the fancy of the visitor. Without take in and bury out of sight over sixty-four worlds as large as this earth. It is not by the time the spectators have assembled is speech, without touch, by the mere mental safe to get too close when old Sol gapes like fast asleep. After a few moments of ap influence alone, will the machine move in safe to get too close when old Sol gapes like that! He tells me that there are about seven that! He tells me that there are about seven to twitch, his limbs to contract, and his But not in all cases does the machine answer and there, and everywhere, disguised, and searching increasing disturbances in accompanied by a woman, etc., while peo-ple here in Chicago maintained that he had ple between the sun which are clearly discernible and the commences a body becomes distorted in unseemly shapes. This spasm soon passes off, and then he begins to preach. He takes his the takes his to the powerful will alone—the concentrated and fixed determinabegins to preach. He takes his text from alone—the concentrated and fixed determina-tion that it can be made to reply." It is the Bible, naming book, chapter and verse, stated that the Count has been converted whether Cronin was dead or not. I com-municated with departed friends, and asked these periods of alternate activity and repose, all the time lying flat on his back, with his from materialism "to the highest degree of municated with departed friends, and asked these periods of alternate activity and repose, eyes shut, and for half an hour or more religious faith, to conviction of the lofty them to look around and see if a man named Cronin had come among them. They said he had. In a few moments I was terribly startled by a vision that presented itself in front of me. There came down a sort of luminous veil, or curtain, lighted up, and in the middle of this, with its folds clinging in the middle of this, with its folds clinging about it, was the figure of a large and powerfully built man. I was terribly reinformed manifestations having having being of the world, kindles some latent as follows: "Then said Daniel unto the

Well, Washington is a charming city, and positively known that the negro cannot read a word, nor had he ever heard the text in were really murdered?' 'I was,' replied the doctor, 'horribly butchered.' And then vonng giants that rise worn the bors and Four reputable physicians of Edgefield. Four reputable physicians of Edgefielddoctor, horribly butchered. And then the spirit of the martyred doctor went on to boulders, among the forests and hills in the boulders, among the forests and hills in the say how the crime was committed. 'I do not know who the man was who killed me,' not know who the man was who killed me,' of the great West. The spire of Bishop of the great West. The spire of Bishop said the doctor, 'but when I ran up the steps of the Carlson cottage and got into the readers of THE clouds and stars; and Dr. Newman, it is other remarkable thing is that this uncon-widely known in this city as a reliable said, is an avowed believer in the fact of scious preaching goes on every night, no spirit communion, and does not hesitate to matter where he may be, whether before an

when he is dumb. Of course Perry is a medium, and while entranced, a spirit speaks through him. fectionate disposition and a desire to aid Spiritual manifestations are common to all those unfortunates who have not the means classes and phases of society. No tribe or to converse with their loved ones, passed on "They stripped my body of the clothes, of Robert G., whose generous and efficient nation of people is exempt therefrom. Even the immoral and licentious are often found with them. They are as common as quisition to the spiritual ranks. the sunshine and rain. There are no color lines in Spiritualism. The only way to stated that Thomas Paine was present, and the well, but people do not go to it to get P. L. O. A. Keeler, and others too numerous purify Spiritualism-in fact, the only way to name here. The world moves, and so to elevate and purify the world, is by grad-

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Spiritualists.

My business compels me to travel a good day evening, April 5, and continued the deal. I make it a point to visit spiritualistic Sunday following with two services, at 10:30 meetings where possible. I am sorry that I A. M. and 7. P. M. Saturday evening the must say that such visiting strangers meet mation, and have studied it throughout, service was commenced by a few remarks by the president, Dr. W. B. Mills, after which which to me is surprising; and I want to result of my investigations was to commusic, and then Mr. R. H. Knushow, of speak out. There is a sort of "who are pletely reverse all former opinions held on Montreal, gave a fine address. He was you?" stare, and that ends it. No one dreams the earth-plane. followed by Mr. A. S. Peas, of Saratoga, of speaking to such. That is my experience. for fifteen minutes; then a poem by him, To say nothing of principle, our numbers are individual that the gaseous elements which and then a presentation of a rich arm- not so strong that "one" ought to be over- arise from the cemeteries of this and other chair, in behalf of the ladies of the society, looked. You city people who have large countries serve to create a germ of disease to Dr. Mills, in token of his valuable labors societies, enough of them to form social ties, which has repeatedly spread from one end during the last six years for the society. recreations and intercourse within yourselves, of the country to the other, dealing death Dr. Mills was entirely ignorant of what was have no idea of the condition of your and destruction on every hand. to be done, and consequently it was a great country-cousin Spiritualist, when he stands surprise to him and the audience; but the forth the sole representative of our grand body in the ground is an invitation for all Doctor calmy responded, with the cheers of truths among a bigoted, priest-ridden, in- descriptions of loathsome diseases to spring the audience. Then music, after which Mr. tolerant, medieval-idea community. You do forth and devour any unfortunate who is Oscar A. Edgerly was introduced, and gave not realize the slurs, sneers and ostracism in led near it. a fine digest of Spiritualism, and then store at every turn for that "despised" Spir-

pended near together. Why? Approach- tions 2:4.

God's vengeance: In the days of God's ing them suddenly from the windward side, as well as the magnetic emanations of the vengeance the streams shall be turned into body affected them. The common surveyor, pitch, the dust into brimstone, and the land using a delicately balanced compass, need shall become burning pitch.-Isaiah 34:89; not be informed that bodies of iron and 43:28; 53:10; Jeremiah 6:11; 13:13; 66:16; steel affect his needle. The presence of a 19:9; 1 Kings 22:22; Samuel 18:10.

pocket knife sometimes vitiates results. The Lord swears: I swear by myself .-Alpine travelers inform us that in ascend- Jeremiah 22:5.

Fierce anger: And the peaceable habitaing Mount Blanc strata of snow are held in such wonderful poise that a violent excla- tions are cut down because of the fierce mation would precipitate a thousand tons anger of the Lord. -Jeremiah 25:31; 44:27; down the declivity. Returning, a few years 51:27; Lamentations 12:4, 2:6, 5:11; Ezek. since, from Pompeli and Herculaneum to 9:6, 9:10.

the Museum in Naples, I there saw vast Furious: I will gather you in my anger rolls of calcined papyri covered with legible and in my fury melt you. — Ezek. 22:20, writing, though nearly 2,000 years buried; 25:15, 38:22; Hosea 13:7, 13:8; Jonah and a quiet, scholarly gentleman with sup- 2:2, 2:10; Zacharia 9:14, 14:3; Malakai pressed breath and dextrous fingers, identi- 1:4, 2:3.

The Lord's furnace: 'The Lord whose fire fying, lifting, or unrolling these long-interred evidences of literary wealth and his- is in Zion, and whose furnace is in Jerusatoric record. A mere breath might have lem.-Isaiah 31:9. Images: You shall make of your emer-

reduced these charred leaflets to an impalpable powder. Success lay in the most ods images, and images of your mice, and cautious and delicate manipulations. Now give glory to the God of Israel, -1 Samuel then, if compliance with conditions is so 6:5, 6:4, 6:11; Judges 15:15, indispensible with physical bodies-with known phenomena-how much more so when the vow we had made, and it was custom in dealing with and investigating partially un- Israel,-Judges 11:39. I will offer it up known phenomena involving the laws of psychic force and the momentous subject of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, spiritual manifestations!

"Mediums, sensitive and highly impres- Written for The Progressive Thinker. sional, are in seances infinitely more susceptible than Kane's thermometers. A harsh word, a disagreeable odor, the opening of a door, the introduction of a coarse, skeptical Hudson Tuttle in reference to the spirits of person into the scance—these and other dis-turbing causes may destroy all the conditions necessary for the influx of thoughts have life, have a spiritual existence, from the and ideas from the residents of spirit-life. lowest to the highest. I believe in evolution In writing warmly, earnestly, as I do in be- and progression. I see no reason why the half of mediums and the delicately adjusted spirit of the reptile shall not be incarnated laws governing mediumship, charge me not into the next higher order, and so on up to with 'condoning fraud.' Heaven forbid! I bathe, abhor and detest fraud in any de-pariment of life, and especially so where spiritual manifestations and the soul's imnortality are concerned. But men, full. to me that the progress of the embryo from orbed men, and Spiritualists are the proper conception till birth of the human species persons to investigate and expose frauds, sufficiently proves it. The progress of the rather than unprincipled politicians, sensa- foctus from the lower creation of fish, fowl, ional reporters, and secular newspaper and up through the animal creation till at penny-a-liners

birth it comes forth in the human form, Dr. Peebles's views are sound. They are in harmony with those expressed by 'M, speaks pointedly in this direction. I think (Oxon.)," who says: "A medium should it clearly defines that all animal life will be dealt with in the same way as an astrono-mer would deal with one of his most delicate godhood, E. K. Hosrono, ents. He should be isolated from Edinburg, Ind. the rude contact of others, seeing that he absorbs their influence, and becomes charged with their active thoughts. He should be to be merged into the *Better Way*.

Time onward rolls his noiseless wheel, And on all things imprints his seal; The power of his releatless hand No earthly structure can withstand; Beneath his cold and cheerless sway All living things must pass away; And we, with other creatures, must Ere long commingle with the dust.

outside.

"" What occurred after that?'

No man of reason will deny The fact that he must shortly die; But whether he shall live again, Has not been made to him so plain. The fact of man's incessant strife To find the path of endless life, Too plainly shows that he, as yet, Has been with doubts and fears beset.

BY T. G. SHEPARD.

Thro' all these many thousand years No knowledge of that life appears: Man fondly searches, still to him That shadowy land continues dim; Or, through excitement's wildering haze, Or when from him fair Reason strays, Before his mild creative eyes Those mystic realms in grandeur rise.

Each race and sect, the wide world round, Proclaim that they the truth have found— That they above pursue the way That leadeth man to endless day. Self-constituted guides entreat Mankind to follow at their feet, And warn the few who do not yield To turn before their doom is sealed.

They say that we at death must go They say that we at death must go To endless scenes of weal or woe— That we shalf shine in regions fair, Or wall in realms of dark despair. How many doctrines have been fought, How many battles have been fought, To bind on man Tradition's chain, And stupify the human brain !

It matters not what we believe, Or fondly hope we may receive; How oft to us it has been plain That our belief was all in vain; Hope's promised joys of brilliant hue Have vanished like the morning dew; Faith's rich rewards, on golden beams, Have often proved but fruitless dreams.

Will bowing down to human creeds Produce for man the light he needs! Is he imbued with light Divine Hy kneeling at an carthly shrine! It is for *knowledge* man aspires; 'Tis this that meets his soul's desires— 'Tis this that opens wide the gate And points to him his future state.

And whether his career shall close When death's dark current o'er him flows, Or whether on celestial wings His new-horn spirit upward springs, And, pouting, bathes itself above In one eternal sea of love. These things, from us so closely sealed, By knowledge yet may be revealed.

From Nature's great eternal cause We have our perfect code of laws; If we those pages will unfold, Life's deepest truths we may behold; If we will trace those beauteous lines, And by their precepts guide our minds, We hope in time we may attain To know if mass shall live again. Ia. N. Y.

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recognized. Sunday morning, April 6, 10:30 A. M. After him Mr. Edgerly gave a descriptive seance with fine results.

scribing spirits and circumstances, all of every member of such a family. which were recognized.

Dr. Mills then took the platform and held point at the spiritualistic children with the audience for thirty minutes with his scorn. "Your people are Spiritualists." Christian era, the false teachings of both gift of clairvoyance. Some fifty spirits were They close their doors against us socially, no churches have served to retard legitimate described, and every one responded to as matter how intelligent we may be, no matter progress. It has been a bar to civilization correct. No doubt Dr. Mills is one of the how good we may be. They try to hurt our and intellectual progression since first it best test mediums in the United States. business and drive us out. Music, and then closed the most successful Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Written for The Progressive Thinker. JESUS OF NAZARETH.

at hand. That lecture by Dr. Brown on the condition, I know you will strive to fill him and retard its progress. first page is very interesting. Some of it is to repletion in the future. Do so, and you new to me. I have been rather inclined to will be repaid by that seven-by-nine smile so ple, the ground and the spirit-in short it believe that the story of Jesus of Nazareth characteristic of him. Make him feel for is the only way that lifeless clay can be had a historical basis, though very unreli- once that it is good to be a Spiritualist, and successfully obliterated.

able is to its facts, and very mythical and among friends. If you have anything in unreal as to what the Christian world now the medial line in your city which is good, but I have not the time. What I have albuild upon it. I have been gradually grow. invite him to it; let him see it. He is most ready said will, however, serve to show my ing more and more convinced that Christi- generally able to pay for it. Do all you ideas on this important subject. Perhaps unity on an average, has done and is doing can for him. Another thing; all the medi- at some future time I may explain myself at this day more harm to the world than umistic powers are not concentrated in cities, more fully.

good, and that most glorious would it be for spiritualistic phenomena are not bounded by the human race could we now attain to a city limits; they abound in the golden ever-present power of good show you the simple, rational true philosophy of human sunshine, the free air, the green fields, and true light, and guide you to eternal rest and

simple, rational true philosophy of human substitue, the free air, the green helds, and the high, and guide you be ternar rest and the shady woods of the country, and in many instances you may get your pay in the same coin, and of as pure and intellectual themselves quite sufficient to satisfy us that he has been and is a much over-venerated family as above described is found, you may for the friends departed feeling that they had learned something which they knew not be-fore. man, and that much that is erroneous, mys. take my word for it that they have something Nicetown, Pa.

"It appeals to the reason of every sane

" In my opinion, the placing of a human

"Could you but witness the process of stepped down into the audience and gave a number of fine tests of spirit presence—all man does not hesitate to say from the pulpit would not wonder at the stand I have taken. that this spiritualistic family is a dangerous It is something sickening to contemplate. element in the community. The good The burying of bodies is the most barbarous Services in the morning by R. H. Knushow. brothers and especially the better sisters, do custom that ever originated. No such thing not hesitate to let the spiritualistic family was thought of in the ages past. Look at know that they despise them. They bear India, Persia, China, and other Oriental At the evening service, Mr. Edgerly gave down as hard as possible in their brotherly countries. Cremation has been practiced the discourse; then a short seance, de- and sisterly love and Christian charity, on there for thousands of years and yet the so-called Christian people call them The children in school, aping their elders, heathens!

"Ever since the beginning of the was established. The ancients knew more

When chance brings us to a place where thousands of years ago than the very best anniversary ever held in Saratoga. There there are Spiritualists enough to have do at the present time. Hence, it is no was a fine audience at each session, and the meetings, we anticipate a cordial reception, wonder that they throw up their hands in press gave excellent notices of the meetings. and we are not a little disappointed when we holy horror at the thought of cremation.

" I favor cremation because it is the only fail to receive it. I know it is only thoughtlessness. The man who had a good dinner process by and through which the spirit is cannot realize the pangs of hunger, and so freed from earthly environments entirely, you do not realize the hungered condition and which allows it to go forward to the of your spiritualistic country-cousin; but higher spheres unfettered by the conditions

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER of the 12th is now having your attention drawn to his of the earth plane, which dull the perception "It is cleaner by far; better for the peo-

"I would fain go deeper into the subject,

"Good-night, dear friends. May the

The New Thought has suspended, and is

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PREPARING TO LIVE.

Spirit Life.

[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 Deity will be formulated, and a constant incentive given to live a life unspotted be-fore all the world.] veteran had been one of continual winter-

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In the various churches which are dedi- ant with angelic aspirations, and they encated to the worship of God and the pro. circled all humanity in their magnificent mulgation of the Christian religion, we often folds; he gave nothing to the destitute and hear ministers of the Gospel earnestly exhorting their hearers to "prepare to die,' portraying in vivid colors and in terrifying cept the proffered terms of salvation. "It is delightful to die," said a prisoner who had been hanged, but saved through the breaking of a prisoner who

breaking of a rope. "I would tell you how easy it is to die said the celebrated Dr. Hunter."

"My whole life passed before me like a flash of lightning," while I was being drowned, says Dr. Hoffman, of Dixon, Ill.

"The stream was transparent, the day brilliant, and as he stood upright he could see the sun shining through the water, with a dreamy consciousness that his physical eyes were to be closed upon him forever,' says the Quarterly Review, alluding to a man who was drowned, and then recusitated. Shakespeare says that "The sense of prepared for him, surpassing in loveliness

death is most in apprehension."

"Riding along with busy thoughts, a quiet pleasurable drowsiness takes possession of the body and mind, the fences grow indistinct, the thoughts wander, weird fancies came trooping about with fantastic forms, the memory fades, and in a confused dream of wife and home, the soul steps out into oblivion without a pang of regret"those are the sensations that precedes freezing to death, as portrayed by a writer when alluding to those who perished in a storm in Minnesota during the cold winter of 1872-3. "I had a sight of home, and I saw my

Savior," said a dying woman,

"Mother, do you see those beautiful creatures? I never before saw such countenances and such lovely beings," said a dying child.

These statements being true, it is not, of course, an awful thing to die, nor is it necessary to prepare for the great change. The falling of the sear and yellow leaves in the autumn time from their forest homes, or the descent of a ripe apple from an overhanging branch, is no more natural than the near and dear to them passes to spirit life.

II.

appeared in was of the same color, but it Written for The Progressive Thinker. occasionally flashed out lights of red and blue, which illumined her beautifully symmetrical form to such a degree that I involuntarily paused and looked at her in wonder. Such a short time had elapsed for the accomplishment of this (to me) marvelwith the cot on which he reposed. The ous transformation, that I was absolutely

sheets were in tatters, the bed clothes in Poverty-Stricken on Earth; Wealthy in shreds, and the pillow a mere ghost of its wonder-stricken! A rapid transition, indeed! That which had seemed to me so bright had further elucidate the theory of materialismformer self. He was a haggard skeletonbecome, as if by the touch of a magic so wasted by disease. That old man and I wand, still brighter. I ascertained, by in- will further quote (though from memory) had been friends, and I ministered unto him during his last moments, changing him to quiring, that these lights are in consequence the learned Mr. Haeckel. Among his writof the character or nature of the spirit, ings he remarks: "The universe is without more comfortable quarters, and securing for from whom they proceed, having become from whom they proceed, in they emanate process of eternal change and transformation. Such to me seems to be done process any conclusion. Wherein could we perceive any conclusion. Wherein could we perceive any special lasting benefit to be gained in the him the best of treatment. Life to this aged no spring time to him of budding trees and blooming flowers, and no Indian Summer to as "seeing" mediums-say that they see without matter." crown the golden fruitage of his years; yet lights about the spirits, lights proceeding he was a grand old man! His soul was radifrom their foreheads or shoulders. Each spirit, as it rises into higher grades, assumes a bright aura or light, until that light shines with so intense a brightness that it often first thought, that the doctrine of maing as they can be recognized in, for if a spirit with its luminous brightness were to enter a circle without the clothing to conceal it, the clairvoyant would be utterly power-

expression to anthems of exultation. A wife and children who had preceded him, greeted him with loving and tender smiles of recognition, and then he was taken to the home any home of the millionaires of earth, and as he entered there, the scene faded from my view, and I rejoiced that I had ministered to his last wants on earth. By bein away.

ing to a close, I may state I have two spirits here of different temperaments, and I will give you their thoughts through the medium.

"Lonely as I climbed the wild and rocky paths of your earth, dreary was my life, as member that you are but clay, which you if the fierce battle were necessary to existwill be compelled some day to relinquish, ence. No flowers adorned my path, none! when the necessity for your reformation will From my childhood mine was a rough and I would never have any one prepare to die; be forced upon you. You seem to forget in thorny way, and then it seemed so hard that to do so would be foolish. The process of your proud ambition that the existence of I should have been compelled to tarry there dying is beautifully natural; the transforma- your fellow-men is as dear to them as your so long. Whilst I, poor, miserable creature, tion of the chrysalis into a gorgeous butter- own is to yourself; but you cannot always was eking out a precarious subsistence, I fly, rising like a fairy queen in the pure air of a summer morning, is no more natural aspiring pride upon earth is merely to deck God's richest gifts, adorned with flowers, than the change called death. God has or- thy body with the gems and feathers of beauty, wealth and show. At last, groping dained that all must die; just as he or. other lands. Listen! Though great has and crawling in my dreariness along the dained the overhanging clusters of rare been thy sway over many lands and peoples, earth, I met one on whose support I could fruit must ripen; or that the seed must germ- the time is on the wing when thou wilt surely lean, who promised to work for me. He inate, produce a twig, then a tree, then golden fruitage. What God has ordained, man can the wrongs thou hast perpetrated will be the little ones God subsequently gave us.

CREATION. The Three Theories.

THEORY NO. TWO CONTINUED.

EDITOR PROGRESSIVE THINKER:-TO modernly styled the evolution hypothesis-I idea of death or absolute rest, also reorganize, and thus continue to achieve a still more refined and developed mode of being?

ultima was reached in absolute death? But Here is a positive assertion of the cothe learned Mr. Haeckel, founding his hyexistence of matter and mind; not only their pothesis among the atoms, which in their co-existence, but their eternity of origin. invisible primordial state he is unable to This would seem to the ordinary thinker on state whether they are of a physical or a spiritual character, or both; and seeing that terialism in its basic principles, as expressed by Mr. Haeckel, is in no sense they through their countless changes and transformations have at last achieved a different from that of the immaterialist or metaphysician; and that his plain statement joy; seeing that they have brought him, of the co-existence of mind and matter, not with all other human beings, thus far safely only admits the certainty of a future life for on the way of progressive beings, why can he not confide in the same indestructible This forces to carry him further on, and thus exempt his grand and glorious atomic cause contradiction, however, is only apparent, from the disgraceful stigma of having la bored so long in vain? For what point, I ask, is gained, if what he calls death "ends

> view as to what mind is, for with him it voice the truth in its ceaseless efforts, Another sphere thou hast to travel yet, and (mind) is not a real substance, possessing then a change will come o'er you bearing a entitative properties, but merely a force. And let it be here understood that all the leading forces of nature, such, for instance, "Death," but which we designate "The etc., are taught in all our schools as mere what hurriedly, and anxiously asked, "Surely that the very idea of these forces being modes of motion of material particles, and alubtantial entities in any possible sense, is regarded as too absurd to deserve a single moment's consideration. The learned Prof. Hall, in his great work, "Problem of Human Life," remarking on the above stated view of the forces of nature, says: "It is from this universal definition of material molecules that the doetrine of monism or materialism has sprung." For, says he, "It is the reasoning of the materi-alist from analogy, having in view this hypothesis, thus: "If the forces of ransure, stated will, that forces him to the conclusion that death ends all." The learned Mr. Hackel, reasoning analogically upon the hypothesis, thus: "If the forces of rarefed montary, such as heat, light and sound could produce the observed effects on our sensa-tions and upon material loodies as but the motors of matter, why," he asks, "may not mental force, vital force, psychic force and stantial, that force, wital forces of analy with things externally existing, tons and upon material bodies as but the motors of matter, why, "he asks, "may not mental force, vital force, psychic force and stantial form and upon material bodies as but the hypothesis, thus: "If the forces of rarefed matter, such as heat, light and sound could produce the observed effects on our sensa-tions and upon matterial force, wital force, psychic force and montary for the same and upon material force, wital force, psychic force and the subtrantial force, wital force, psychic force and the subtrantial force, wital force, psychic force and the matter, such as heat, light and sound could produce the observed effects on our sensa-tions and upon material force, wital force, psychic force and the matterial force, vital force, psychic force and the matte I have not to pass through death again? I thought eternal day had begun to dawn is regarded as too absurd to deserve a apon my vision." "No, friend," he replied; single moment's consideration. The learned but the transformation is not painful as Prof. Hall, in his great work, "Problem you think, you will not have a severe strug-gle to rise to those spheres. The laws of stated view of the forces of nature, says: Nature are so good and true that to comply "It is from this universal definition of which is unfit for you to take to your new material molecules that the doctrine of together, so that instead of looking upon alist from analogy, having in view this very feelings, may then be centered and stantial, that forces him to the conclusion joined together, and a coronet, not of dia that death ends all." The learned Mr. monds, but of a simple ray of light, will Haeckel, reasoning analogically upon the adorn thy brows, far brighter, far purer than all the gems you have ever seen. In matter such as heat light and sound could motions of matter, why," he asks, " may not which thinks. His senses make him conmental force, vital force, psychic force and versant only with things externally existing. spirit force also be mere modes of motion, without in any sense involving objective or substantial existence?" For instance, "If inferences respecting the actions of these light-force as the mere vibration of material things. An invisible intangible, such as ether, which is so near a nonentity as to be mind is inferred to be, is a highly abstrac-

without the slightest proof of its existence, can produce not only sensuous effects upon our organizations, but even chemical effects upon material bodies, then why may not the complete motions of our brain-particlesmatter that really exists-constitute the various forces of vitality, mentality," etc. And entity or substance-a something possessing yet further reasons Mr. Haeckel: "If sound as a natural force consisting of mere motion, ases to exist as soon as the vibrating airparticles come to rest, then manifestly mind-force and life-force consisting of analogous vibrations of brain-particles must real substantial entities; for those brain-

mate, produce a twig, then a tree, using some first general many first general marks and the mark of the sortic marks and the sortic marks of the sortic marks and the sortic marks of the substantial existence, judging from phe- mind in the primitive man, let us suppose a nomena, than it is to reach the conclusion, skeleton, disjointed in all its parts, is prejudging from effects, that ether is a material sented him for examination, such a one as substance, which substance, he says, "is he had never before seen either in real or picture-form; and suppose his skill in anat. THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER and Spirital Merritt, 323 W. Bith street, or at Brestano's, 5 Usion slightest, proof of its evidence if the picture-form; and suppose his skill in anat. The other spirit says: "I am one who to live amid scenes of ineffable grandeur, where even the flowing river is a source of unutterable melody, and where all things glisten with a divine radiance; or you can prepare your spirit for a sphere of dark. ness, wretchedness and unhappiness. You can adapt yourself to live in the "gardens of God," by banishing all selfishness. There say just exactly (mathematically consid substantial existence of said skeleton? Cerered), how near to being absolutely nothing ether comes. He couldn't even say, proba-the comes is own mental being,

The brain-molecules come to rest at the learned Mr. Spencer is endeavoring to death," he means absolute rest, and if so, disprove. It is the same kind of a process by what means is motion to be restarted? that he himself utilizes in his efforts to For in such an occurrence, the very atoms prove that brain-molecules and not the themselves-whatever they may be-would mind is the real thinker. Nor was it the necessarily be devoid of motion. But if he senses alone he utilized, for he neither saw. means not absolute rest, but merely a heard, felt, tasted nor smelt the process of change in their order of movements in action. The only difficulty in the way of search of reorganization has taken place (in the learned gentleman is, he has taken the which case there would positively be no effect for the cause, and like the cart before death), then why not mind, spirit or life- the horse, the movements won't gibe. force, the very name of which precludes all

whole modus operandi of Nature, if the

all?" The whole universe, if it could but

The learned Mr. Spencer, whose brain

by materialists is looked upon as being the

coronation of thinking substance, joins the

materialistic phalanx and gives his half-

doubting and half-believing, hence neutral

influence, to the doctrine of the Dirt Phi-

losophy. He, in his Synthetic Philosophy,

p. 147, speaking of mind with the view of

tion, unthinkable by him, and inexpressible

Truly the learned gentleman has spoken

fluently of the early stages of mental un-

foldment, but I fail to see that his argu-

ments disprove the existence ot mind as an

thinking capacity with proper degree of de-

velopment, any more than the same, if ap-

by his vocabulary."

would respond, " None.'

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Oh! monarchs, as you sit upon your will mourn and shed bitter tears when one gilded thrones and dictate to those whom you have been called upon to govern, re-

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THE GRAND REALITY!

ohn Mances

prepared to live, he was prepared to die.

[Continued from last week.]

forlorn, for he had nothing to give; but his heart was full of love, and had he been an Astor, he would have reformed and remodeled the world! But we knew positively

dazzles the clairvoyant's powers of vision. This is the reason why those spirits who return to earth generally appear in such cloth-

Beside my wife I beheld another spirit as is also his seemingly admission of man's who belonged to a very high sphere. He future existence; and with a single breath spoke to me in these words: "Thou has traveled far, the time has come when into he shall have learned the materialist's farther lands and scenes thou wilt roam. slight resemblance to the one you experienced when passing away from earth. I allude to the change which is there termed New Birth." I here interrupted him some-I have not to pass through death again? I with her precepts you must throw off all abode, when you will become like your wife in every sense. We will then place you you as two, your souls, your nerves, your

a short time I will return and take you both

Before drawing the lecture for this even-

ummer! And when he breathed his last, his spirit rising from its physical casket, what a grand reception he received in the celestial regions. He was greeted with shouts of joy and songs of gladness! The very atmosphere of the Spirit-world seemed to vibrate and give

on the object you had in view.

we exhort all TO PREPARE TO LIVE! To their own inordinate and wicked ambition, live forever-to advance through endless and do not risk their lives for love of counages and cycles of time! You can prepare try, but that they may be called heroes, to live amid scenes of ineffable grandeur, warriors and conquerors! Let us here pause of God," by banishing all selfishness. There lying dormant and useless; when man no dazzled me, and I deemed myself a conare "millions in it," in kind words; they longer takes the sword and perpetrates foul queror ere I went to battle. I fought. I are jewels that will scintillate in your future crimes for vengeance or ambition; when he heard the crashing sound of musketry and Deeds of charity are like sunbeams; can say, "I know the laws which govern the wild roar of the artillery. We were bly one-sixteenth something and fifteen sixtheir effects are never lost! The deeds of my being; "then will the world understand your life are woven into your future home, "their world understand itself better, then will the inbabitants be and are dark or bright, depending altogether more spiritual, then the universal passion slept.

ad are dark or bright, depending altogether more spiritual, then the universal passion of trying to be rulers will disappear, and man will take his stand upon his own merits. I awoke in a scene I ne er can forget, for some portion of the panoply of war had accompanied me from the battleworking early and late, bends over the hum- All things, however, were not made in one field, and it was with indescribable horror ble cots of her sleeping children, and the minute, and are not brought to perfection in that I saw a figure, the counterpart of myprayer that she utters in the solemn stillness of her own heart, to God and to the Angels, to give her strength to do good and be good with her brightest colors, shall float out to

yon, if blessed with a commanding position, to remember that "power, unless managed with gentleness and discretion, does but make a man the more hated. No intervals make a man the more nated. No intervals as a manage and appear and her very soul of good humor, no starts of love will atone ladder of brightness, and her very soul seemed to sparkle from her eyes. She

IV. Many years ago I stood by the bed side of a very old man; his long silvery beard and locks of hair presented a strange contrast

grander sphere of existence! No! do not so fast bound to earthly clay! prepare to die! That is not necessary; but Many seek in wars to indulge merely and strange to say, I cannot tell how I passed through death to life. Good night.' fought for my country's name, and served upon the battle-field my king. I was young

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ence. It is a pity that his great genins did not allow him to advance one step further in search of the one great substantial invisible realm of causation or source of all visi-ble effects. Had he been free to continue tion: Should he deny his complicated

 In present to do not all the provide and to all their brightest colors, shall float out to try and best participants, by influence that is provide and to all their brightest colors, shall float out to try and best participants, and to all their brightest colors, shall float out to try and best participants, and to all their brightest colors, shall float out to try and best participants, and to all their brightest colors, shall float out to the provable to him, yet manifesting is reprovable to him reprove to active agents in procuring the happiness of mankind, that it is but reasonable to con-clude that mind even in its primordial state, though said state be bordering close onto the unknowable, constitutes the all.

commanding power standing at the helm of from the meaning of our language, that to THE BLIND MEDIUM, Mr. Fred A flee

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the moving, living universe. But I would here ask the learned materi-alist, Mr. Haeckel, if by his expression, proof of mental or internal entity, which