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# THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

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## DEFENSE OF THE BIBLE.

## THE WITNESSES.

## PETTY MUNICIPAL ACTS

### Persecution of a Medium

e wish to inform our Spiritualists

ds, and in general, their co-work along the lines of liberal thought. One of our most prominent and able teachers, Mrs. Lole Prior, has been arrested by the authorities of Seattle, Washington, while in the discharge of her duties as teacher and explainer of the phenomena of Spiritualism.

attle has an ordinance requiring  
see from fortune-tellers, astro-  
logers, palmists, etc., together with  
the fees of "Black Jack," roulette, shel-  
l-games, fake mediumship, and so on a  
team, all blending together for pur-  
pose to revenue to this Queen City of  
the West. Northwest. Mr. Prior is  
on trial on Sept. 17, 1903. The  
Socialists and Liberals of the city ar-  
range to the rescue, and 't is pro-  
posed to make a broad-gauge, open fight  
against this system of petty perjury  
and fraud. The city has been retained  
and funds are forthcoming in sufficiency. We propose to  
draw the line sharp and positive be-  
tween legitimate mediumship and the  
dishonest and counterfeiterous  
of our city, in common with so  
of our centers of civilizations, in-  
cluded.

s. Prior has a definite engagement to the Seattle Spiritual Association broken only by a month's visit from another indefatigable worker, W. J. McElle, who will be with us through the month of October.

s. Prior is continuing her very effective work with undiminished zeal, but little attention to this child attempt to stifle human thought and n along progressive lines. "The of the gods grind slowly, but the exceeding fine."

the coming time, ordinances to  
merciful purposes may be retained  
made to do effective work, but  
which fail to discriminate be-  
tween true mediumship and shell game.  
be-ground to powder and scatter  
the elements, and their originator  
from human sight for very shame  
believe in the universal triumph of  
R. F. LITTLE.

**Prominent Lecturer Out on Bail.**—According to an ordinance in this city requiring card-readers, fortune tellers, mediums, and clairvoyants to be licensed, it was used to pay, claiming that it is a religion, and that it'll not be closed with the above-mentioned, I am under arrest. The Spiritualists of Chicago, especially the First Society, are so valiantly by my assistance. I am out on bail. A test case will be heard on Tuesday before the American Supreme Court of the state, so that I cannot go to the South and engagements made, but must remain in this state until all is settled. However, I will be here now. The work seems to be here now, and I understand for the truth.

ATTLE, WASH. LOIE F. PRIOR.

understand why a line should be drawn on my profession. Our good people of the Peoples objects to this line, and I, with a great deal ofunction than a doctor." O, consistency! I object, objection is urged against the line of any kind in Spiritualism, and the matter is often overdone by secret orders, to which many of our doctors pay most reverent homage. I say some time, I believe that he who assumes that he is a doctor, and that he should be a pattern of virtue and morality. A man who goes through the streets with an old pipe or a cigar in his mouth, or using coarse or vulgar language, is hardly the person to expect to be a pattern of his language for the public may be, and should not be, prized as a public lecturer.

that there is wrong in setting such a part apart, as fit representatives of our faith? In all our public schools we have ceremonies for the graduates which say to the public that that have first their course of instruction, and then their course of religious instruction, are to be educated in their school-room. It is hoped that those who graduate in the Pratt School, which is to inspire so many Spiritualists, will be a holy terror, as a sacrifice that will cause cows to give bloody milk and that will vermin if permitted to grow back as many do who will not do so.

It is to our schools that we can see no wrong in ordering the laying on of hands to those who aspire to be teachers. Profits it is because as a teacher, I trust, laying hands on the sick, that the impostor is the cause of the imposture.

thus of ornamentation. We  
 also believe in consecration. We  
 consecrate a house by our united  
 effort as a Spiritualist church, or we  
 consecrate a dwelling to our ideal  
 "house warming," and a child mar-  
 ried and offered is consecrated to a certain  
 purpose before the world. We are  
 in sympathy with this bigotry that fears to  
 put a word or an institution just be-  
 cause somebody we have formed a pre-  
 judice against, has been in the habit of  
 doing it. Let us get out of this petty  
 sectarianism, and broaden in our mar-  
 shal to accept of the good wherever  
 it is found.  
 DANIEL W. HULL,  
 Elum, Wash.

arity is the effort to feel kindly  
posed; sympathy the same feeling  
manifesting involuntarily.

to understand a truth is to live it  
its philosophy is found in the a  
S.

rather than denouncing passion  
control over a fellow-being, everyone  
should be thankful to have escaped  
misfortune. The most certain sign of being born  
with great qualities is to be born with  
envy.—Rochefoucauld.















**An Address Delivered through the Lips of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.**

1885. Price 4 cents.



# GENERAL SURVEY.

## THE SPIRITUALIST FIELD—ITS WORKERS, DOINGS, ETC., THE WORLD OVER.

**CONTRIBUTORS.**—Each contributor is alone responsible for any assertions or statements he may make. The editor assumes no responsibility for the views expressed, believing that the cause of truth can be best served thereby. Many of the sentiments uttered in an article may be diametrically opposed to his belief, yet that is no reason why they should be suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly understood that our space is inadequate to publish everything that comes to hand, however much we might desire to do so. That must account for the non-appearance of YOUR article.

**WRITE PLAINLY.**—We would like to impress upon the minds of our correspondents that The Progressive Thinker is set up on a Linotype machine and must make speed equal to about four compositors. And it is essential that all copy, to insure insertion in the paper, all other requirements being favorable, should be written plainly with ink on white paper, or with a typewriter, and only on one side of the paper.

**ITEMS.**—Bear in mind that items for the General Survey will in all cases be adjusted to the space we have to occupy, and in order to do that we will generally have to be abridged more or less; otherwise many items would be crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line item is cut down to ten lines, and ten lines to two lines, as occasion may require.

Take due notice that all items for this page must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer. It will not do to say that Secretary or Correspondent writes so and so, without giving the full name and address of the writer. The items of those who do not comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

Keep copies of your poems sent to this office, for they will not be returned if we have not space to use them.

The Marysville (Ohio) Tribune says: "The lectures on Spiritualism by E. W. Sprague, of Jamestown, N. Y., on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, in the Partridge Building, were fairly well attended by local believers and a goodly sprinkling of outsiders who were attracted through curiosity to learn what this prominent missionary of Spiritualism has to say on the subject. Mr. Sprague is thoroughly posted on his weird belief and was assisted in his explanation by his wife who is alleged to have special gifts in clairvoyance."

Wm. Cardwell writes from St. Joseph, Mo.: "Mrs. Hattie Tiffany has been holding some very interesting seances at my home in St. Joseph, Mo. We have had some of the finest manifestations ever produced in this section. Her address is 2906 Patee street, St. Joseph, Mo."

Mrs. Colleen writes: "You are doing a grander work than you think, and remember that Spiritualism is truth and will never down, but will come to the top every time, like oil on the surface of water, and why? Because the spirit world holds the reins."

N. P. Nelson writes from Canada: "Your paper is very interesting indeed, and it seems as if it could not do without it. I often wish that I could get the people to take hold of Spiritualism here, but they seem to have no use for anything spiritual; even preachers do not want to follow the truth even if they see it."

E. R. Kidd writes from Canton, Ohio: "Mrs. Hattie Tiffany, the noted trumpet medium, has recently moved from Alliance to Saint Joseph, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates are holding a series of meetings in Burd's Opera House, Canton, Mass. On Wednesday, September 27, Sunday evening lectures in Red Men's hall and on Sunday last she spoke to a large and appreciative audience. As a result of a written proposition made by Judge J. W. Underhill, veteran Spiritualist, to A. B. Miller and Charles Brown and their associates in Canton, to donate \$3,000 with which to build a church, provided a suitable lot is purchased, and the foundation put down, has aroused quite an interest among the Spiritualists of Canton, and it is to be hoped the necessary funds with which to purchase the lot and put down the foundation will soon be raised. At a meeting recently held by the members of the Church of Psychic Research, of which the writer is a member and Mrs. Briggs pastor, a unanimous vote was taken to assist in every possible way to bring about the desired result, and if the Occult Society, of which Messrs. Miller and Brown are members, will affiliate with the Church of Psychic Research, success is assured."

E. W. Sprague and wife, the N. S. A. missionaries are making engagements for the camp-meetings of next season. They are both speakers and platform test mediums, and their services may be secured to work separately or together as desired. Address them at 618 Newland avenue, Jamestown, N. Y.

W. A. Wilson writes from Elwood, Ind.: "The Spiritualists of Elwood are progressing nicely. There are about 40 different developing circles in the city. We have Mr. Frank T. Ripley with us. He gave a lecture on last Sunday evening; also the Sunday before. He gave splendid spirit messages after each lecture. He will be with us the rest of the month. Mr. W. C. Jessup, the trumpet medium, is with us also. His circles are large, and his work is very convincing."

R. P. Hanson, M. D. writes: "The Progressive Thinker is a feast every week. It is to my mind the greatest journal for development of new ideas, both in the social, religious and occult lines of thought, as its pages are open (so far as space will permit) to all sides of belief and argument on these subjects."

Dr. Noyes writes from Utica, N. Y.: "Mrs. Noyes and myself will open spiritual services at Cornwell Hall, Sharp Building, Washington and Columbia streets; the first meeting, 2:45 on Sunday, Sept. 20, night; thereafter Sundays at 7:45 p. m. We are located at 4 West street, Utica, N. Y."

Mrs. C. C. Bacon writes: "We are not pessimists, for we are certain that the truth goes marching on steadily and surely, because we have seen it. We depend wholly on mortals for its success. The good angels are our invisible workers, with the honest and true on this side of the line, which makes a host. I can name many in this life who make it a study to find ways and means of their individual selves to help on the good work, without money or price. I think J. C. Montgomery is one of these. He has originated a new method of spiritualism, before the reading and thinking people. He has secured a place in the Free Library of Akron, O., for Spiritualist and Liberal literature, through the kindness of the management, and any one who has books of that kind will find them to good use."

### UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE THIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS.

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By sending them to him, The world moves on progressive lines in religion and literature, as well as in other matters that are a benefit to the mortals here. Perhaps there are other free libraries that will, if asked, give a corner space services were held at each week, with enthusiasm prevailing. The first began at 10:30 a. m., when Mrs. Lily M. Thibault invoked the divine blessing. An address of welcome was then given by the president of the society, C. A. Buss. Mrs. Dr. Longshore of National City, responded to the welcome, after which short addresses were given by J. L. Dryden, Mrs. Jane Muller, of National City, and Will C. Hodge of Chicago. Mrs. Thibault delivered the closing address, taking for her subject, "God's First Temples." The musical programme of the morning was excellent. Master Bernard Lydick, aged nine, who plays like a master, gave a violin solo, the first instrumental music in the new temple. The quartette and congregation sang, and the evening session was characterized by the largeness and attentiveness of the audience, the fine instrumental music by the Misses Beck and the Messrs. Duncan, a vocal solo by Mrs. Mabel Woodward, an accomplished singer, and an aggressively frank and able address by Mrs. Thibault. The subject was in the nature of an inquiry, "Who are these Spiritualists?" Her style was decisive, incisive and impressive. She undertook to prove that the morality and intellectuality of the cult are above reproach. She sought to show that those who had come into the ranks—no inconsiderable number—were progressive and law-abiding people, striving to follow the teachings of the man of Nazareth. The opening was pronounced a complete success. The temple is ready for occupancy so far as the lower floor is concerned, only the trimmings being necessary. The upper floor is unfinished, but will be ready for the dedication next March."

E. W. Sprague and wife, the N. S. A. missionaries, are working in Illinois. They will soon be making their way toward Washington, D. C., where they will attend the N. S. A. convention from October 20 to 24 inclusive. Parties wishing their services along the route, please address them at, once at 618 Newland avenue, Jamestown, N. Y.

Maggie Waite writes: "I will open my meetings, September 27, at St. George's Hall, 3337 State street, to be continued every Sunday evening, at 8 p. m., until next June. This is a lovely new hall. I am its first occupant. Everything is provided for the comfort of guests. The Progressive Thinker will be on sale at the door each evening and for the month of June. The hall is reached by both elevated and surface cars. Good lectures and music, followed by platform tests by myself and others. In the future as in the past my aim will be to present both the philosophy and phenomena in a manner that may lead skeptics to investigation and the upbuilding of the cause of Spiritualism."

Mrs. A. E. Wood writes from San Francisco, Cal.: "It is not necessary for me to write a word of commendation for that grand paper, The Progressive Thinker, yet my simple expression of its balm to me may be as much to you as some beautifully written article from an able pen. You ought to be a very happy man, as the love-thoughts of your readers for you and the grand work you are accomplishing must be a power unto yourself. May the best spirit of truth can bestow be thine now and evermore."

Alexander Macy writes: "The Progressive Thinker and the condensed thoughts of its contributors, as testimony and the philosophy of life on this planet and its continuance when we leave here in the broad illimitable universe our spirit home. They are the only source of clear intelligent light in our country. For several years my path has been illumined by their rays."

Dr. Beverly writes: "At Lakeside Hall we have a treat in store for our people. Mrs. Dr. See has been engaged to give a series of lessons every Sunday (except on the line of the 'Higher Thought'). She is co-editor of this magazine; is a refined lady and as a teacher has no superior. Spiritual science is the highest teaching revealed to man to-day. Come out and hear this able exponent and demonstrator of the new life."

Mrs. Harry J. Moore writes from No. 323 Willamette avenue, Colorado Springs, Col.: "I am improving in health each day. I have been sick since April 1, with walking typhoid fever, but in July I was taken down sick (I have bronchitis and throat trouble), and never walked (only through the house) until I came here. I had to be carried and wheeled to the trains and cars when I came here. Now I can walk a square and have been here only two weeks. I will be so thankful when I am well again. I would like for some of the friends to write me. It seems lonely here, not knowing anyone. I would like to have the friends of this city call on me. My mother, Mrs. Alice Gehring, who has cared for me through all my sickness, is with me, and her health has greatly improved also."

J. M. Kennedy writes from Marysville, Ohio: "We had with us on the 8th and 9th of the month, the Rev. E. W. Sprague and wife. Mr. Sprague gave us two very fine lectures, and Mrs. Sprague gave some very good readings. Our people are just beginning to peep through the shell of superstition, bigotry and ignorance that surrounds them. Our audiences were fairly good. Those who were there went away well pleased. One of our newspapers published the notice of our meeting, and took special pains to inject into the notice that there would be a small collection at the door which was wholly unauthorized, evidently to keep people away. But the seed has been sown and will demonstrate what the harvest will be. All who heard the speakers,

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## TAKE NOTICE.

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praised them, and admit that they were well qualified for their work. I entered them while here, and was pleased with their work. I found them to be educated and refined, and I believe them to be doing a good work for the cause."

Miss Eugenia Balfour writes from Sturgis, Mich.: "Allow me a brief space in your valuable paper to express a few words in commendation of a very worthy medium, Dr. E. H. Denslow, of Sturgis, Mich. He commenced his work over thirty years ago, a thorough and true Spiritualist. He has been a Spiritualist, and has stood bravely in the forefront of the fact that death is but the gateway to a broader and grander sphere of existence, and that this life is one stage of existence preparatory to that which awaits us farther on. He has ever been the friend of true Spiritualism, and has been for many years a resting-place for tired mediums who ever found in him a true friend and wise counselor and many, some now the foremost speakers in our ranks, can point to him as the one who first encouraged and directed the unfoldment of their psychic powers. Ever since entering the work he has held true circles in his home, free of charge, to which the public is cordially invited, and the inspired teachings there given through his organism from the unseen side of life, would fill volumes. The doctor is a living demonstration of the truthfulness of the assertion that spiritualized humanity never grow old, for although now past the middle of life he is as buoyant in spirit and sturdy in body as when young. It is the prayer of his many friends that he may remain on this earth plane for many years to carry on the grand work which nature and the spirit world have so well adapted him to do."

Vine H. Hickox writes from Niagara Falls, N. Y.: "I had the pleasure of listening to an able discourse delivered in the Spiritual Temple, September 13, in Buffalo, N. Y., by B. P. Merrifield, of Toronto, Canada. He was formerly a Methodist minister. The temple was filled with a large and appreciative audience to hear him tell the story of his life, and why he became a Spiritualist. In the crowd I saw three ministers; one sat behind me, with a friend. Just before the meeting commenced I overheard this minister say to his friend, 'This is an intelligent looking audience—a good compliment to the cause.' He replied to his friend, 'I thought, yes, I expected to see. No doubt he expected to see a crowd of lunatics. I wish all the ministers and priests in the Methodist church, and in all the churches, to hear him tell the story of his life, and why he became a Spiritualist. In the crowd I saw three ministers; one sat behind me, with a friend. 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