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# A GOD OF MERCY A CHRIS-TIAN CONCEPTION

# The Magi and the Coming Light.

# A Lecture by PROF. OLNEY H. RICHMOND.

when the whole thing was settled once for friend, "that is just about my definition of antice for all by Moses? Yes, God made the heavens all by Moses? Yes, God made the heavens and the earth. Yes, "And the stars also." Inothing, or empty space; so what authority have you for calling this thing a Universal the former of Deity. The Work that was highly satisfactory in old times, Intelligence?" I can only answer this question to the the work of the the stars also. What is Infinity? A Hard Question to Answ

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:-The question has often been asked of me, what do you understand by the term Infinity, so often used by you in your lectures? I will endeavor this evening to give an answer to that question, as well as I am able. At first sight it seems an easy question to answer; but on Man with his finite understanding cannot only applied to physical elements; therefore, how much greater the difficulty becomes when he undertakes the comprehension of the Infinite Intelligence.

In all ages of the world and in all lands, whether civilized or uncivilized, men have attempted to reach outward and upward to that great and grand embodiment of power called by some the " Soul of the Universe;'

How they have most lamentably failed, can be seen when we take a glance at the time to produce what is. various conceptions of God, as set forth in the so-called, "holy books" of various nations and religions. It is obvious that, as have not answered the question, -Col Ingersoll justly observes, each nation makes its own God, to suit its own narrow

oned thus: Here are men; there must have been a first man to start the race. Now, who made him? "Why, God did of course. That settled it! No use to look any further No use of a Humboldt or a Darwin study- Therefore I conclude that Infinity consists ing and delving into nature's laws. No use of a universal intelligence that has no up or leaves of countless stratifications of rock! No use of geology or astronomy! Why tions to an infinite distance, and comprises should Darwin study out the "descent of all there is and all there ever will be.

own enlightened nineteenth century.

That kind of pap may do for weak-minded intelligence, that enables them to adapt men, women and children, but thinking certain means to certain ends. We look people have long since outgrown such absurdities.

The fact slowly dawned upon the minds of thinking men, that "nothing" was a second thought, it is not so easy as it seems. poor quality of timber for even a God to make a world from. They realized that no the theory that there is a higher intelligence, comprehend infinity, even when the term is person had ever seen a "creation" of any- of which man has always been dimly cogniz- we reach to the very highest plane of being thing, however small, and therefore reason-ing from analogy, they concluded that there had never been a creation, but always account of which man has always been during cogniz-ant, but has greatly erred in giving this manifestly Infinite Intelligence crude finite higher the mind goes, to heavens above had never been a creation, but always a constant round of transformation.

That was the key-note of knowledge. The great principle of evolution once discovered, or jealous. He never had to send his only man was in a condition to investigate the laws of the Infinite. The geologist with his his own wrath. He never ordered innocent hammer; the astronomer with his telescope; by others God, the great I am, and hundreds the chemist with his retort, and scientists in horde of men called soldiers. He never of most exalted and omnipotent Gods of other names that I need not particular- all the co-ordinate branches of knowledge, could step to the front and find the underlying laws that have been acting through all

They could be no longer stopped by the childish answer-"God made it."

WHAT IS INFINITY?

It is far easier to tell what it is not, than

#### get the series two, four, eight, sixteen, etc. TWO IDEAS OF GOD. up to infinity. We now have infinity in two lirections from unity in one plane only. Depart from this plane, and our figures become finite. For instance, take our last THE FINITE AND THE IN-

FINITE. ber. Therefore this kind of infinity is not A Continual Struggle to Reach the Ultimate.

> AN ADDRESS BY J. BURNS AT HIS WEEKLY RECEPTION.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Burns said a reader of The Medium and Daybreak had written pointing out an inconsistency in language sometimes used in reference to the Deity. "He" and "His" were often emout and ahead would extend the vast ployed, which he thought savored of the anthropomorphic idea.

To this Mr. Burns replied that there was of suns and nebula. Still would he find the no word more variously used than "God." reign of law and order; still would vibrate It had been so in all ages. Popularly, all and palpitate the wonderful forces that conthat is spiritually superior to man is called stitute the manifestation of the Infinite. divine," as if it were a special act of Deity. In ancient Egypt the immortal of digging into the earth, examining the down, no in or out, no beginning or end, no spirit was called "the Osiris," and the Deity was also called "Osiris." The parts or passions, but extends in all direc-"Gods" and "men" in classical literature represented what would be called "spirits'

man, or Proctor the formation of worlds, when the whole thing was settled once for all by Moses? Yes, God made the heavens isted. In Oriental language, the exalted, spiritually-minded man is called a "God." have you for calling this thing a Universal The term "God-like" applied to certain and has continued to be taught down to our tion in one way: We know that man and types of humanity to-day, affords a similar other animals have an attribute that we call intelligence, that enables them to adapt "God" as a spiritually exalted being, however much or little it may be above our own around us and we see that over and above plane. But this general idea naturally dethis finite intelligence of ours there is an velops itself to an extension of the altitude intelligence, that adapts certain means to of being to an infinite degree. The spiritual certain ends, independent of man's intelli. idea of a class of beings superior to man, gence. Reasoning from this fact, we deduce infers a still higher class, superior to these, and so on, higher and still higher. Thus heavens without end, and still the concep-This God needs no army of priests to in- tion of yet greater possibilities remains for

attainment. terpret his will. He does not become angry In all this there is a grand distinction between the finite and the infinite. However begotten son to die on the cross to appease much we may expand the former, it can never maidens sacrificed to the lust of a rabble include the latter. However many millions cared how Moses cut his clothes, or how there might be, the Infinite would still be Aaron cut his beard, or whether Lot's poor able to include them all, and leave as much wife was "looking backward" or not. 1 scope for further development as at the befirmly believe that men have invented these ginning. Thus two distinct ideas are intales out of their own crude, finite under- volved, which are almost universally con-But I standing and have palmed them off upon founded in the human mind. God is spoken the ignorant and credulous masses as gospel of as a volitional being, with the faculties

Thousands and tens of thousands of at the same time he is supposed to be "Inwhat it is. It cannot be a man or a woman, Some nations evidently lacked imagina-some nations evidently lacked imagina-what it is. It cannot be a man or a woman, or any being like unto a mixture of the two, why? Be-trines to their dupes. They will continue

with infinite attributes. Imagine a mind, historical statement cannot supply male or female, god or goddess, the su-preme being of this planet, whose grandeur Then again we have in these considerations and power are such that its mind-force can an explanation of the statement respecting be felt throughout all the heavens and hem- Kapila, given in Babu Chakravarti's lecture ispheres of this earth! In a household, in a factory, in a country, in an age, some-was said that Kapila did not entertain the times one man or woman becomes a positive idea of God, but handed over the destinies power, the existence of which all acknowl- of the universe to angels. These Gods are edge insofar as they take the trouble to come into contact with that great mind's attributes. messengers of the Infinite on a planetary And so our little world, and all the spiritual scale. They are the "planetary angels states in relation thereto, is simply a of a certain class of writers. Kapila could household, a factory, a country, an age in see no God higher than the Infinite, but time, on a larger scale, and one mind may only "angels" to administer His law. But be felt alike in the one case as in the other it is more than possible that the views of if mankind will only make the effort to enter Kapila were misunderstood and misrepinto sympathy therewith. It is wholly a resented by those who attempted to record

question of developement. All mankind have within them the possibilities of this God-like power and state. It is a state in which the former earth-individu-We can all begin here and now by being ality becomes translated into the Deific representatives of the Infinite. We can all state; not lost or swallowed up in something do the God-like act to those around us, else, but transmuted or promoted from one beneath us, above us: for even the highest state into another, as is the case with man Gods, seated on the throne of majesty on at the death of the body. high, must in loving adoration blend their thoughts and efforts with the unchangeable and enternal attributes of the Infinite. And so there is no haughty despotism in the Deific spheres: the higher the God, the more lovingly submissive to that which is eternally ist," who rejects the gods of human clainepjust, and wise, and merciful, as we under- tion, but is eager to know the truth and do stand things by these words, which are the right, is far nearer to the Deific state adapted to our relative state, but may be than the loud-tongued theological caviller. without application in the higher states. In All our thoughts on these lofty themes the heavens to obey is to rule. It is he who most strictly obeys, and knows how to obey the mind of the Infinite, that is His Son, and placed highest in position and in power. So amongst us as Spiritualists, as human beings, it is the one who knows most, loves most and makes the greatest number the better for it, that is the greatest amongst Official position and mundane popularity, whereby our dictators and professionals domineer over and trade upon one another, are all "filthy rags," and rubbish in the spiritual sense. You need none of those things to be of the true spiritual tone and quality. What matters it to the God of our planet whether men honor him or not? Does his greatness consist in the adulation and appreciation of ignorant men? Is he not that which he is because of his innate goodness, wisdom, and greatness, whether men acknowledge it not? Yea! truly so. And the same is true of all of us. We must not measure ourselves by public opinion, or at once we sink down to the diminutive altitude of spiritual dwarfs. The more we are flouted by the short-sighted He Comes With Silver in His Hands. mob, the nearer we are to the God-like standard of truth and perfection.

In OAHSPE it is taught that with every of humanity on an extended scale, and yet 2,000 years a change of Gods takes place, and there is a new dispensation of spiritual medium, with three or four exceptions,

Then again we have in these considerations

only a higher order of angels-Deific angels, them. The state of Nirvana is also involved

Unlike the sectarian gods, who are usurpers, the Supreme Being of our planet requires no self-praise. His loving labors are to bring mankind in harmony with the laws of the Infinite. The so-called "Atheshould be simply to lead man to higher aspirations, and not to subject him to any slavish allegiance to tyrannical spiritual potentates.

These things are difficult of comprehension by many minds, and these words will in many points be misunderstood. But sacred science must not be neglected on that account, but the rather more assiduously cultivated. In these modes of inquiry we have a noble spiritual gymnasium for the elevation and higher culture of the human spirit. It endows us with a grandeur of conception which opens the mind to ever new and soul-nourishing aspects of truth. It gives reverence, humility, yet true dignity to man, and enables him to see clearly, as he goes along, the road his immortal being is traveling; and the Hand that leads is so palpably defined as to be ever gratefully appreciated.

# A CELESTIAL BANKER.

I will relate briefly what has taken place in my library during a series of sittings attended only by my wife, myself and the

are forced to conclude that part of the char- sands and millions of directions. ater was borrowed from the earlier astrodespot would be.

nomical religions, part from Grecian myth- ticular system as a residence from among universe has a soul, and that they, too, physical science. It is a plane of thought dogy and part conceived from the Jewish the millions and billions of brilliant orbs have a soul. Yes, a soul to save. To save idea of what a great all-powerful king and that hold sway over countless inhabitable from what? From darkness, from the outer little attention; they have been involved globes in this and other clusters of suns? darkness of ignorance.

attributes

truth

Thus Jehovah becomes a "consuming Why should an infinite and all-powerful It is in vain that the "old serpent" says fre" and a "shining light," who burns up man, or a God of the same pattern, concern of the Tree of Knowledge: "In the day and atterly consumes his enemies. (Astro- himself so very particularly over the affairs that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely Oahspe, a book given through Dr. Newand sun worship.) He is also Lord of this particular little mustard seed of a die." They cannot be frightened by that of Lords and ruling God over all other gods, globe, that is, after all, nothing but a grain bugaboo any longer. They have outgrown of whom he is jealous, however, for fear of sand on the shores of eternity? it. They are no longer children, but full the distinction between the Gods and the Inthese other gods may attract some of the ad- If he ever made one earth, he must have grown, thinking men and women.

the antion belonging properly to him. Of made all. If he ever constructed a *first* is a part of the work of the Ancient The universe is self-existent and eternal. It is a part of the work of the Ancient It had no beginning, it can have no end. was also "Lord of Hosts," or a great lead- do during countless billions of ages that of representing in this age, to teach man- By "universe" is herein meant, not only a in battle and carnage. Clearly a Grecian constituted a small fraction of the eternity kind the true conception of the Infinite. all created things, in all planes of being, conception. He also becomes a being of time that preceded that first globe-bring and infinite mercy, who would not un-istly punish any one. This idea evidently "Oh, but," said my clerical friend the

amid sparkling lakes and on the banks of our inability to conceive of an end to it. habbling brooks and rushing rivers; there- From the very nature of time, it could have brehis conceptions of the Deity differed in no beginning or end. In the same way we many respects from that of more civilized reason that matter, and therefore worlds lations. In fact, many scientific men agree and suns, always existed, because we cannot in thinking that the Aborigines, through conceive of a time when the same causes their nearness to "Nature's heart," so to that now operate to produce worlds were brothers.

Where man has failed in his conception of from our total inability of conceiving the the Infinite, is in attributing such finite qual- starting or creation of such a being. ities to such a power.

Think of learned men, in all seriousness, negative reasoning that we arrive at our teaching such utter nonsense as that God theories of the Infinite. Mathematics reach made the world out of nothing, or spake it into arrive at the end, for there is no end to arrive at the end, for there is no end to arrive at the end, for there is no end to arrive at the end, for there is no end to arrive at the singular spectacle, and according to the man, but he took no notice of the been graduating from planet to a rib of the same man! What childish directions. Take the unit one, the emblem thoughts these are, worthy of the barbarians of the universe. Divide this by two, and who originated them. of the fraction one-half. Keep on di-

Tou see, these ignorant men could make the nave the fraction one-half, one-fourth, one-eighth, one-series one-half, one-fourth, one-eighth, one-the was brought to consciousness by the ap-plication of a stone, by patient labor. They assist in the labors of forming worlds, redeeming spirits from lower states, and otherwise ad-the labors of states and the fourth one-spirits from lower states, and otherwise ad-the labors of states and the states and the states and the states and the second to such beings. They assist in the labors of forming worlds, redeeming spirits from lower states, and otherwise ad-So, when they saw things existing which sixteenth, etc., to infinity, as the denom-intor gets larger and larger. Multiply the batter influences, and his singular ex-ber there evidently formed in an intelligent man-intor gets larger and larger. Multiply the batter influences, and his singular ex-perience may open the and solution in a grant discovery in a grant

forced to borrow their conceptions of Deity cause the moment we set up such a being to do so for a long time to come. But here nally causative BEING is absolute. It is no mostly from surrounding peoples; hence we anywhere in space, say within our solar and there have arisen thinkers who cannot doubt difficult to find terms to set forth see, as in the case of the Jewish conception system, for instance, we are confronted with be kept in the old leading-strings. They ideas so abstract as are involved in these d Infinite Power, a being of mixed quali-ties, of so conglomerate a nature, that we finite distance from all other points in thou-ties, of so conglomerate a nature, that we finite distance from all other points in thou-ties, of so conglomerate a nature, that we finite distance from all other points in thouderstanding, and look upward toward the embrace a range of thought that is as high Why should such a being choose this par- sparkling dawn. They realize that the above spiritual science as that is above to which Spiritualists have given far too

> very deeply in considerations on a much lower plane; though the most exalted themes have not been neglected. In borough (whose letter appeared in last Medium and Daybreak), on a type-writer, finite is very clearly set forth.

"Oh, but," said my clerical friend the errors of the dark ages, and to give them a a mischievous error to divorce cause from adits rise among the early Christians, who, other day, "Perhaps God did not live true understanding of the laws that govern effect. The one is involved in the other; marting under the fires of persecution and during all that long time." All right, then, men and things. Our aim is to give men a they cannot be separated in fact, and they injustice, very naturally concluded that their but who made him? That is the question. true conception of infinite love, harmony should ever be united in thought. Every-Bod was the very opposite of the tyranni- If he ever had a starting-point, some intelli- and life, and to restore a portion of that where in nature or in spirit-life, the mind of al and oppressive Roman Emperors under gent being must have created him, according to your theory,—if all organized things from Atlantis. In doing this work, we Infinite, whose presence, through universal The Red Man's conception of the Infinite must have a creator. No, my friend, there hope and trust that we are raising men law, obtains everywhere, and is ever the "a "Great Spirit" residing in the beauti- is no half-way to this business. We cannot higher and higher, nearer and nearer toward same and unchangeable. All our knowltal hunting grounds of the hereafter. The comprehend the Infinite, but we can use the "Great White Throne," eternal on high, edge, all our powers, all our progressive wild Indian had no idea of kings, tyrants, thrones and kneeling courtiers. His life was spent in the grand isles of the forest, We can reason that space is infinite, from the universe the ever-existing indgment, the Soul of the Universe, the ever-existing, omni-present, over-ruling Intelligence that we call Infinite; the lower forms of life, as well as

men, and angels, and gods, all in their place, state and degree, setting forth the attributes of that in which they "live and move and have their being." The supreme being in the heavens of the planet is God, It would seem from an incident reported the highest representative, or "Son" of ble decrees for the benefit alike of angels, spirits, men, and the inferior forms of life. Thus the idea of God is essentially an-So it is almost wholly as a species of cathedral in Milan, looked upward to the Infinite is decidedly not so. All Gods, electric light, and became instantly spell- however exalted, it may be supposed once bound, remaining standing with his gaze originated on some planet, in a form of

were evidently formed in an intelligent man-inator gets larger and larger. Multiply the perience may open the way to a great dis-of being. To our conceptions, these divine beings, though "finite," become endowed and the whole of the sect that believe in the

itualism is the outcome. At these times having inside shutters with paper curtains there are great commotions and new adapta- inside of them; the doors closed, and the sittions of truth amongst mankind. The ters are the only occupants of the house. human mind, illuminated with a new light, The medium is a poor hardworking woman makes startling discoveries, and renovates having an invalid husband to support, yet the former order of things. "All things she refuses to take any compensation for her become new:" There is "a new heaven and a new earth." The old order of things is thrown on the table.

passes away. Even the modes of working We commenced these sittings in March and living are superseded; new governments last, the object being to develop occult telegand religions arise. Much that is new and raphy, which has so far been only a partial inspired becomes depreciated and degraded success. The trance medium being of a by the vulgar mind. Hence there are great nervous disposition, her guide advised that changes and tribulations. Millions are swept we hold a short seance to get her into a more away by the combined force of their own passive condition before sitting with the misdeeds. The human wheat having been telegraph box. We complied with this inweeded of tares, the remainder begin in struction, and among those who came and humility and trial the new order in proper spoke through the medium was one who form, and the world enters in earnest upon called himself hunchback, and he said he fresh stages of civilization. was formerly a bootblack in Philadelphia. When the Supreme Being, who has He took possession, as he always has since,

attended to the spiritual needs of mankind in a boisterous manner, and threw a silver during a dispensation, reaches the end of half-dollar on the table, saying he was no the reign, he leaves the heavens of the earth for the more interior Deific states, taking went. This was on March 23d, and he has with him all those who have been redeemed appeared and brought money to our subseduring the dispensational regime. Much of this can be found somewhat dimly put in dollar; April 5, silver dollar; April 9, two the idea of 144,000 beings caught up into dimes and one nickel; April 19, silver dolthe heaven with their savior. This typical number represents those who have been rescued from the probationary state of contact with earth-life, as all spirits in the heavens of our planets are in some degree quarters, two dimes and one nickel; June 25, partakers of earth's influences. silver dollar: June 28, two silver half-dollars,

In these ideas we see much that explains At this time our seances were discontinued the theological systems of various people. as I was taken violently sick. We resumed This form of knowledge has been known then on Oct. 4, when hunchback appeared amongst mankind in pre-historic ages, and as usual and paid his entrance by throwing a in being transmitted through periods of silver dollar on the table. These pieces of spiritual darkness it has become degraded and misunderstood. Even in the Christian as to leave their imprint on the white wood system of Father and Son, we have two ideas of the Infinite, and the Finite God in floor, where we would pick them up after our form of an exalted human spirit, who knows our mortal sufferings and failings. Only brought by others, such as pieces of wire, the Christian errs in making his God a flowers, pieces of ribbon, etc. And by the request of our little daughters (who passed hand of the majesty on high," but not into bodily life; only into the heavens of the earth. If the God way a variety of really descend to earth from the "right rivited upon the light. Passers-by were which humanity is a type. Through millions his Divine power and position would be earth. If the God were to become a man bows of ribbon, etc. All of which have been taken, and they say they have them lost amidst the gloom of the flesh. But he and will keep them to show us when we come what took place before him. At length po-lice officers led him away in an unconscious till the earth becomes as it were, a mere till the earth becomes as it were, a mere till the earth becomes as it were, a mere till the earth becomes as it were a mere till the earth becomes as it were a mere till the earth becomes as it were a mere till the earth becomes as it were a mere till the earth becomes as it were a mere till the earth becomes as it were a mere till the earth becomes as it were a mere till the earth becomes as it were a mere till the earth becomes as it were a mere till the earth becomes as it were as the till the earth becomes as it were a mere till the earth becomes as it were as the till the earth becomes as it were as the till the earth becomes as it were as the till the earth becomes as it were as the till the earth becomes as it were as the till the earth becomes as it were as the till the earth becomes as it were as the till the earth becomes as the till the til over. We expect now to continue our sit-tings for developing the telegraph, and no doubt hunchback will visit us regularly with can be far better administered from the his entrance fee.

Oil City, Pa. H. S. Hanson, of Snohoimsh, Wash., writes: " ike THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER very much; thin t is one of the best educating papers that I have eve read, and I have read a good many. It is also th expression made by several readers in this place."

W. J. INNIS.



# Hypnotized by Electrical Light.

in a Berlin paper that the electrical light pos- the Father, knowing most of the "Infinite meak, have arrived at a more rational theory not operating and producing. We further sesses the power to throw human beings in- Mind," and able to administer its immuta-I Divinity than have their pale faced reason that the Infinite Intelligence, or the the hypnotic trance. It is said that a cer-Spirit of the Universe, always existed, tain Justus Falqui, a man 32 years of age, while passing over the Piazza del Duomo, a thropomorphic, whereas the idea of the

condition to the nearest apothecary's where footstool to such beings. They assist in

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# THE INDIANS. INTERESTING PHENOMENA AMONG THEM.

# Almost Miraculous Powers Exhibited.

During my recent visit to Vancouvers Island I made the acquaintance of a gentleman who for several years has spent much time with the Indians for the purpose of studying their language and traditions. He had had but little experience with mystic phenomena, and was skeptical as to much now called "occult." He had not even heard recent article in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. But in a letter, just received he tells me he has seen the chief of the Siwash tribe that performed in Quamichan. The chief told give public exhibitions of their dances if formers. arrangements are made that will be as fair enterprising capitalist will do well to corre-

Duncan, P. O., Vancouvers Island, B. C.

My friend S. is evidently predestined to A WORD TO SPIRITUALISTS. Light." He says: "I wish to give the wri-regret lost opportunities. Here was the squaw-yonder was the ocean. Why, oh! why did he not bring them together and as-

tonish the psychical society and Madam Blavatsky? What he did do was to put a \$1.00 It is that excursion out on the "wild, wild

\$7.50 skeptic and glorify the worshipper of phe paper will be furnished to those who wish eternal hell fire will be needed to reform Remit by Postoffice Money Order, Registered Letter, tive, and only recalled it to life when I was furnish names and address,

scribed in a recent article for readers of THE

their race to a grand but secret ceremony from which all whites were to be excluded. He soon found a halfbreed Judas Iscariot tion. ready to sell the mystery for a suitable consideration. There was a log building in the village used sometimes as a general store house, and sometimes as a town hall by Lo and his brethren. It had a garret, and there truders with their four unhallowed eyes looking down through a crack upon the weird ghost worshippers below.

Early in the morning a number of bucks mind-refreshing reading matter, equivalent to a and squaws wearing horrid masks had gone out into the woods, remaining there all day. CLUBS! AN IMPORTANT SUGGESTION! These were the performers who now entered As there are thousands who will at first venture only the hall. There were wide doors that were open, and a curtain was hung across that could be swung aside. The audience was seated outside where a large camp fire threw even more than the latter sum. A large number of a fitful glare that penetrated the curtain, little amounts will make a large sum total, and thus lighting the hall so that the two "peeping Toms" in the garret could watch the ceremony.

On entering the hall the performers dropped the curtain that they might remain un seen till they were ready to astonish the week wind at the price of only a trifle over one cent ber vik extended arms and closed eyes. Five bucks now-formed a circle round the woman, and commenced turning in the opposite direction. Another circle was then formed outside that of the men by seven women whose movements were the same as their sister in the center. And last of all was a ring composed of eleven bucks, again reversing the movement. All alike were revolving around the central figure, and each spinning like an inebriated tetotum, or the plate on a stick which the street conjuror balances on his remained outside the circles were playing on musical instruments, and the dancers often shouted as they grew more and more

frenzied. Suddenly the commotion ceased and all was still. The curtain was thrown open, and one of the performers told the audience of the "feather dance" described in my that for some unknown cause their effort was a failure. S. understood that their object had been to have the woman in the centre float up and out over the heads of the him they were ready and even anxious to had repeatedly happened with the same per-

I don't think S. would have felt very hap-

# A Philanthropic Work

Five hundred copies of THE PROGRES. gone. But Prof. Kellar, Madam Dis de among those badly organized beings who in the future. I can see how the mother Bar, and the Seybert commissioner can are languishing in reformatory institutions, could and should be forgiven. The drunken do that any morning before breakfast. Of course this number will not be fully adewaves," that was wanted to squelch the quate to answer the purpose intended. The

nomena. But S, being a wise man from to send it on this class of missionary work them. I sometimes feel a little impatience the East, pooh-poohed the truthful narra- at 50 cents per year. They must in all cases because the truth makes apparently so little

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER'S mission is to do good. It must seek that class to a

Take Notice. Take Notice. When subscriptions will begin with number current when subscriptions are received, unless back num-bers are desired. Take Notice. Up to the head of his class, but this time the fates were against him. He discovered that one of the tribe, had invited with the discovered that one of the tribe, had invited with the discovered that one of the tribe, had invited with the discovered that one of the tribe, had invited with the discovered that one of the tribe, had invited with the discovered that one of the tribe, had invited with the discovered with the discovered with the discovered with the discovered with the the discovered with the discover certain extent who need its illuminating whole. should lend it their pecuniary aid, their encouragement, their constant care and atten-Hence we insist that every Spiritualist in the United States should join with us, heart and hand, and contribute from 14 to 2 cents per week to carry on this much weekly, thereby strengthening our hands minds. To a certain extent old paths must to that extent. If you withdraw that little amount, to that degree you weaken us in our efforts to do a philanthropic work, and to that extent some poor unfortunate person, who desires the light, and is unable to pay

burden entirely alone. 11 or 2 cents per week is comparatively Spiritualists; but when it runs up into the to how the paper should be conducted. We

ry on a missionary work of great value to right. humanity without seeking contributions.

Remember, Spiritualists, we have not bothered you with the endless ding dong of trying to foist upon you a lot of stock. If we had tried to sell you stock, it would have been an inherent admission of our own weakness, and would have been worthless. Ever bear that thought in mind when some nose to draw an admiring crowd. Some who in any way, should co-operate with us in almost dead, and during a thunder storm its very steadfast. undertaken to illuminate the darkened pla- protected by shelter. Birds and insects

can be greatly increased. During the past resident in the plant itself. month, in order to meet demands from various sources we have issued on an average 8,000 weekly, which may be safely set down audience, which the halfbreed assured him as the largest edition issued by any Spiritual ist paper in the world!

In order to do the philanthropic work in tended by the advanced spirits in charge of

The Spheres of Light. William Farmer writes that he is delightfather, alas! for him, and all others who thoughtlessly and recklessly assume parental blessings this coming winter.

relations. I do not believe, however, an progress; and then again I think and hope Spiritualism is like leaven, working in a noisless quiet way, and perhaps sooner and

more beautifully than we hope will leaven the

## Bear This Thought in Mind.

That among Spiritualists there is a great variety of minds. Some believe Jesus was accessions to our ranks, that are constantly Infidels, Christians, Spiritualists, Lovers of

## An Electric Plant.

remarkable plant in East India, which possesses an astonishing magnetic power. It is said that if one plucks a leaf from the plant he receives an electric shock; also that pretentious paper flaunts a lot of stock in the magnetic needle is affected within a certion on the trial terms, costing you only stormy weather the intensity of the power this great philanthropic work which we have head droops and it loses its power although

ces of earth. The principal burden rests on never alight upon it, instinct protecting them praise for his heroic action in the case of Hagan is engaged intends to continue to us, and we will gladly and cheerfully apparently from sudden death. It is also the Bangs Sisters, who are genuine me- provide able speakers and desires the co bear it, realizing the great good that can be to be noted that where the plant grows there accomplished. By a united effort on the is no magnetic metal of any kind to be part of Spiritualists, our list of subscribers found, showing that the electrical power is

# The Arena for October.

The October Arena is a credit to Boston, progressive, wide awake, and scholarly. The S. S. Jones. It was written independently tablet of contents embraces the names of on a slate, C. W. Peters, medium. The many leading thinkers, among them are Dr. handwriting closely resembles that which to the performers as to the manager. Any py if he had been discovered by those disappointed bucks and squaws. They would imate way, without begging, or any of the entertainingly and forcibly against the death spond with Indian Agent, W. H. Lomas, surely have attributed their failure to his questionable methods so frequently adopted, penalty; Prof. James T. Bixby, who dis-surely have attributed their failure to his questionable methods so frequently adopted, penalty; Prof. James T. Bixby, who dis-THINKER. It is in every sense a spiritual Aurora, III. "A friend to day gave me a uncan, P. O., Vancouvers Island, B. C. My friend S., though not in search of the evident, and they seemed heart-broken over tion of Spiritualists everywhere. Every trial Reaction in his interesting and scholarly occult had two experiences that are worthy the failure. Had there been intentional subscription is thankfully received, though way. The No-Name paper is on the "Postthe dollar subscription is of course more master-General and the Censorship of Mor-Jones. strengthening to us. You must remember als," and deals with the recent attempt on of a squaw whose reputation as a healer was in his wise ignorance once again counted that your subscription in support of this the part of the postal department to suppaper, reaches far beyond you; there radi- press Count Tolstoi's latest work, in a manher neighborhood, and on one occasion he was fortunate enough to see her play the the "feather dance," cannot be exhibited paper among those where it will do great the "feather dance," cannot be exhibited paper among those where it will do great liberty-loving Americans. W. H. H. Mur-A tall fine looking young Indian came to e cured of pain in his back, the result of a alist, or as a MAN, you are dumb to the a scholarly colored man, whose portrait great work we are doing, and will not con- adorns a page in this issue, ably argues the tribute even 11 cents to the general fund cause of his people. Prof. Sheriden P. which will enable us to send the light in the Wait, Gen. Marcus J. Wright, Rev. Edward dark places, then you are a *poor stick* in-deed, and may God and the angels pity you. Add the charm of their pens. Taken as a Understand us, we do not solicit donations whole, the October Arena surpasses in exor gifts, nor do we want them. We only cellence any issue of this able review that medium of this city, writes: "I have just and lectured and gave tests." insist that you subscribe for THE PROGRES- has yet appeared.

in time organize a society, so that in this Kimball Hall, 247 State Street, at 3 P. M. ed with the story "From the Spheres of lovely city, when any of our speakers every Sunday during October. Subject for lovely city, when any or come to. I arrive they will have a place to come to. I next Sunday: "The Invisible Forces of Na-started the Lyceum the first Sunday in ture." Tests and improvised poems at the ter pleasure and encouragement by express- October. How well it will succeed, reing my interest, especially in the chapter detober. How well it will succeed, it close of each lecture are given. Sufficient for October 4th. I can readily believe the improved since I came on the coast, and funds have been raised to pay the expenses narrative in regard to the idiot child. I be the longer I remain here the better I like it. of these meetings, and hereafter the admis. In compliance with a plan long maturing, and be lieve it is an all-consoling and glorious truth for Spiritualism, Liberalism and Free Thought, and the fingers closed, then opened, and it was I wish all the friends in the East could be sion and seats will be free. very pleasantly located at 722 South Grand Ave., Los Angeles. I trust that all of our societies may enjoy the richest of spiritual

G. H. BROOKS. Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 1890. A General Survey. The Spiritualistic Field-its Workers

Doings, etc.

### One who was present writes: " The People's Spiritual Society held their

regular Sunday meeting 2:30 p. M., at 93 Peoria St. President, Mr. G. L. F. Jenifer, a myth; others that he was the son of God; in the chair, introduced Dr. Martin, who others that he was simply a medium; others delivered an address on Spiritualism, ancient that he was only a man. THE PROGRESSIVE and modern. Then Dr. Ferris, the in-THINKER allows the fullest expression of spirational lecturer and healer, formerly of varied views on all conceivable subjects, so Cleveland, Ohio, now located at President needed work; that, is each one should sub. far as its space will allow, hence is not Jenifer's home, 220 W. Monroe St., followed scribe for the paper and have it visit them made up for any one mind, but for many with a few brief but interesting remarks. Then the large audience inspected a number be traversed somewhat on account of new of beautiful portrait oil paintings of spirits as they appear in spirit life, executed by stepping to the front. The Spiritualist Mr. Gilson Bortmess, spirit artist, now at however, who has any critical discernment 1218 Michigan Ave. Psychometric readings whatever will always find in THE PROGRESS- from articles were given by Mrs. L. J. for it, may be deprived of THE PROGRESSIVE IVE THINKER something worth far more Oviatt. Mrs. DeWolf followed with her THINKER. Thus far we have assumed this than the mere pittance which the paper independent slate writing. Also the Sunday costs. We receive advice daily from evening lecture, Mrs. DeWolf rendered to move, upon which two of the brothers of the a good appreciative audience at same hall family, one weighing about 180 lbs, the nothing for each one of the great mass of Jesus, Atheists, Investigators, etc., etc., as with President Jenifer in chair. Mrs. Dr. Snell with her controls interested the thousands, then it amounts to a considera- always receive their suggestions in a kindly andience, followed by a number of good ble in the aggregate, and enables us to car. spirit. Each one from his standpoint is tests received with applause through Mrs. DeWolf's independent slate writing. Dr. Ferris closed the meeting with a few interesting remarks. Music by Lora Holton. A Berlin paper reports the discovery of a Dr. Carpenter, Mrs. DeWolf, and Dr. Ferris, will hold forth next Sunday at usual hours, 2:30 P. M. and 7:30 P. M., with regular prosperity, and that he may return to us lectures, tests, independent slate writing." E. O. Thiel, of Chicago, writes: "Your success in business is the outcome of good

intentions, and can be compared to an echo your face, and entreats you to buy. THE tain distance of the plant and that the dis- or answer in material life to the question put PROGRESSIVE THINKER, like an evangel of turbancs increases as the needle is brought in mental life. Our intention is like a queslight, has in that respect been a Godsend to nearer to the plant. The electrical power of tion there, because we don't know anything Spiritualists. We only ask of each Spiritu- the plant fluctuates with different hours about what we should do to make success, alist a mere pittance. If you so insist, or of the day; for instance, it exerts itself the because it stands before us. Therefore are and it seems as though each lecture was are cramped in the least financially, you strongest about two o'clock in the afternoon, your good intentions the cause of your better than the last. The poems are full of will be permitted to continue your subscrip- and during the night it sinks to zero. In success; and I would advise you to watch thought and deep meaning. The audience your mind so you keep that direction, beabout 11 cents per week. All Spiritualists, increases in remarkable proportion, but un- cause selfishness is like a snake hidden in interest is being manifested. If these who believe in being good and in doing good der the influence of rain the plant appears all things; it will change you if you are not lectures could be sustained from year to

> A. Fischer, of Cleveland, Ohio, writes: "Hon. A. B. Richmond deserves great and teaches. The society by whom Miss diums.

Rev. Dr. Martin will answer calls to lecture. He will officiate at funerals when de-He can be addressed at No. 561 sired. W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Jerry Bricker, of Belding, Mich., has received a message purporting to come from he employed on earth. The message is as follows: "I am glad to see you taking so much interest in THE PROGRESSIVE the following from Mrs. S. W. Munn of paper, and endorsed by high intelligences copy of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. It is

I shall endeavor to build up a Lyceum and Miss Emma J. Nickerson will speak at

The Fort Dodge, Iowa, Spiritualists, under the direction of Prof. J. H. Randall, on Sunday, Oct. 12, organized a Young Peoples' Lyceum Society. The following officers were elected: Mr. William Chiquet, Conductor; Mrs. Laura Nelson, Guardian; Mrs. Goldsworthy, Assistant Guardian; Miss Millie Goldsworthy, Musical Director; Mrs. Seuf, Secretary-Treasurer. The Society has about thirty-five children and twenty adults, and has a good foundation on which to build successfully. Prof. J. H. Randall will be in Butte, Montana, Oct. 26 to November 6, to lecture on Nationalism, and if the friends in that locality would like to hear from him on Spiritualism, they can secure him by addressing him at Butte, Montana, immediately.

Timothy D. Rayson, of Mount Lebanon, N. Y., writes: "Several witnesses are still in the form who could testify to the fact I am about to relate. Some forty or fifty men and women were gathered in the hall commonly used for religious services in the North family, Mount Lebanon, N. Y. The audience were seated in a circle about the room. After having sat for ten or fifteen minutes in this way, the medium, Henry C. Gorden, selected about twelve of the number and placed them around a table, the legs of which had been spliced out about two inches. Pretty soon it began to other from 125 to 130 lbs, seated themselves on the table, and notwithstanding which it made the circuit of the hall, which is about 25x42 feet."

Mrs. M. A. Clayton, Albany N. Y., writes: 'Mr. Fletcher closed his engagement here last night with the Spiritual Union. He has done a good work here, and leaves with the best wishes of all for his continual again and give comfort to the sorrowing and light to those who sit in darkness, is the wish of his many faithful friends.'

· Effie F. Jossyln of Grand Rapids, Mich., writes: "We have had the pleasure of having that grand speaker Jennie B. Hagan with us during this month. Two Sundays she has given us words of love and wisdom has increased every service and much year in this city we think that the people would soon learn what Spiritualism means operation of liberal thinkers to this end Miss Hagan would make a few more weekday engagemegts in this vicinity.

Lena I. Gifford of Seattle, Wash., writes I like THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. I like Hudson Tuttle, Olney H. Richmond and a score of other bright intellects that we come in contact with week after week through your paper. Long may you live to contnue yonr noble work.'

It is difficult to reach all the Spiritualists. We are constantly receiving such letters as spirit life. It will go marching on to a the first copy I have seen. You will find one year's subscription enclosed. May God speed you is the prayer of one whose intense longings have at last found a response, in the columns of your paper. Florence Sanderson, of Hyde Park, Ill., writes: "Several months ago I began to buy a weekly copy of your valuable paper at McDonald's news agency on Washington St., and having carefully read each copy I

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acknowledged by both Red Men and white in his experience as of little value. doctor.

be cured of pain in his back, the result of a ence, and we can believe that in all probastrip to the waist. She then placed her essary conditions. But for readers of THE finger on the spot where he said he felt the PROGRESSIVE THINKER the lesson was there pain, and immediately blood began to flow all the same. almost as freely as if an artery had been severed. Presently the squaw doctor warned those around to catch the man, saying he would fall when she removed her finger. It was well they did so for the poor fellow had ered.

The fakir of the East has long exhibited the stronger by the fact that both she and a similar power, but only when he has the photographer are skeptics of Spiritu- you and your family get the benefit of the whirled himself into frenzy. But here was alism. She took her position in the gallery, paper, you are assisting us to send it free a woman in a little Pacific Isle performing and the photographer threw his cloth over to reformatory institutions and to God's a similar marvel without any appearance of his head to arrange the focus, when with an poor, and God's poor are often the very excitement. He suspects trickery, but exclamation of fright his head bobbed best of his children. By discontinuing could not discover any trace of it. Whether suddenly out from beneath its covering and your subscriptions, to that extent you weakthe man was cured, he never investigated; he stared at the lady.

and like many another traveler in foreign "Did any one pass behind you just and may possibly compel us to withdraw lands he concluded that for the sake of his then?"

own reputation as a truth teller he had bet-"Why, certainly not," she answered. ter say nothing about it. The same squaw He took the picture, and went into the played the Dr. Newton that morning upon dark room with it. He came bounding out a white woman who came to be cured of dys- in a few minutes, and with a white face pepsia. She breathed on the patient's stom- and strange manner said she must sit ach and told her it was all gone. But in again. She complied, and again when he this case as in the former, Mr. S., knows proceeded to adjust the lenses, he could not nothing of the result. But he learned some- restrain his terror. His face became beaded be located the first of November in a had very good audiences morning and opportunities to improve every moment in thing of the squaw's history from those of with cold perspiritation, his hands trembled very fine residence on the South side, evening. There is a large Spanish element doing giant service for humanity. Go on the tribe then with her, that seemed to him so he could hardly proceed with his work. We have had some ocular demonstrations who are mostly Catholics; and where that in your good work, and your friends (both a little ahead of "Aladdin and his wonder- Five times did he take the lady's picture, of his remarkable powers, and of which we ful lamp" and the other authentic stories of refusing to give her any explanation of his shall speak in a future number. He will lahis childhood. At any rate it was very in- strange behavior, teresting as told to him by her husband and At last he told her that she would have Magi. confirmed by those present.

After a happy married life of several take her picture satisfactorily. Then she

years the squaw was taken very sick and insisted on an explanation. He refused for presently died. The Indians of Vancouver a long time, but at last he brought her five usually bury their dead on the third day, but for some special reason the funeral was postponed for two days more. The body was kept warmly wrapped in blankets as is their custom. On the morning of the fifth day those present were astonished to see the died. The lady nearly fainted, and de-vately in personal communication to him. dead woman come to life. They positively assert that she left her couch and with eyes assert that she left her couch and with eyes assert that she left her couch and with eyes convinced if there was fraud the photographer of the fourth series of the independent, secured the best hall in the independent, secured the best hall in the developed the plates, and the portraits of the independent, secured the best hall in the developed the plates, and the portraits of the independent, secured the best hall in the independent, secured the independent, secured the public at there still room for preaching, or is the poor old thing dead and gone?"

of record, although he had passed them by fraud there would have been no giving up as of no special value. He had often heard in despair after half an hour's trial. So S.

strain or fall. The woman ordered him to bility the presence of S. destroyed the nec-CHARLES DAWBARN. San Leandro, Cal.

# Spirit Photography.

It appears from the Globe Democrat that SIVE THINKER and have it visit your own evidently become too weak to stand, though society circles in Los Angeles, Cal., are home. The profit arising from a very large in a few minutes he recovered his strength. excited over the strange case of spirit list of subscribers, though exceedingly small Mr. S. was of course much interested, and photography that occurred there a few days on one subscription, amounts in the aggre-watched while the blood was washed from ago in a leading gallery. The lady who gate to a considerable sum when the list of watched while the blood was washed from ago in a leading gallery. The lady who gate to a considerable sum when the list of the patients back, when to his astonishment the chief actor will not consent to the subscribers is large, enabling us to carry on furnished at one dollar a year, and is most the patients back at one dollar a year, and is most the bands of one of my list. there was no wound that could be discov- use of her name, but there is no question of a reformatory work, without receiving volthe reality of the event, and it is made all untary contributions.

Let each subscriber remember that while

en us in the great work we have in hand,

is badly needed.

### The Infinite.

Prof. Olney H. Richmond gives this week " Infinite." He is now in the city and will bor here in the interest of the Order of the

#### Is Preaching Out of Date?

Dr. Parker, the eminent preacher of Lon-

# American Spectator.

American Spectator is the title of a family paper issued monthly by the Arena pubexcellent throughout.

# Notes from G. H. Brooks.

tura, where we have a few friends, but no cerely trust he may find many anxious and society. Mr. Cook, who was instrumental earnest souls willing to co-operate with him in getting me there, I met a number of in this grand work. With such men and eyes are closed the inner ones are not. I our unseen friends will find excellent element prevails it is next to an impossibility to do anything. I then went to Summer- and sustain you. There is still a stronger land, which has attracted the attention of power gathering around you, and will I came to Los Angeles nearly three you have not already."

weeks ago. I found the spiritual element

complete and overwhelming victory.

John Brown, Sen., medium of the Rockies, writes: "We hold that free schools and equal rights are the text-books upon which free government can survive the encroachment of its enemies-with such views we should cast our votes knowingly. Spiritualists! lay the cornerstone in the temple of human rights with am prepared to pronounce it a 'right and your votes that will mete out equal justice happy journal, intelligently absorbed in to all-speak as with the voice of God with occult phenomena, and overflowing with your votes, that will banish the would-be vital interest, which makes it valuable," Czar from your fair land.

F. B. Geoghegan, a most excellent read your last issue and find that not a single word in the paper can well be skipped Angeles, Cal. He is doing a good work by the earnest seeker and lover of truth. there.' I have been heartily pleased with all the past issues, but this one far excels them, THINKER having Oahspe for sale can find a and although I regret to let any of these purchasser by addressing Dr. H. H. Eldthis copy in the hands of one of my Utah. young friends (although not a Spiritualist). I am convinced he will appreciate it, and I trust he will not only become a regular about 80 years of age, says she likes the subscriber, but will induce others to. Those tone of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER VERY TO THE EDITOR:-Early in the spring I chapters on Jesuitism will strike a strong much. wrote to you from San Bernardino. I re- and responsive cord in their soul. I am mained there four months. I found a good glad to read the announcement that Prof. deal to do there in various ways. The audi- Olney H. Richmond is to locate with us, ences were good all of the time I was there. and I would be glad to have the pleasure of I organized a Children's Progressive Ly meeting him early upon his arrival. There read it. If they would, I do not doubt the the light from some humble home where it ceum, which did a most effective work. is a great work for him here, and this is a I left San Bernardino and went to Ven- great and glorious field for his labors. I sinsome suggestive views in reference to the He is a firm Spiritualist. Though the outer and good work will be accomplished, and our people for some time back, and remained two Sundays. I had good audiences. and you will very soon see and realize it if

> Dr. G. G. W. Van Horn left here a few very much scattered, and no meetings held days ago and went to Indianapolis, Ind. these other movements; but I started one ther, Edgar W. Emmerson, Mrs. Helen with."

Wm. Snelson of Peoria, writes: "C. W. Peters came to our city on last Saturday

Geo. H. Brooks is now lecturing at Los

Any reader of THE PROGRESSIVE

Julia Eastman of Ayer, Mass., who has been a medium from childhood, and is now

William Henry, of Farmersville Station, N. Y., writes: "I was specially pleased with Mrs. Brigham's lecture in a late number. I wish everybody everywhere would influence would be most potent in dispelling clouds ' from the atmosphere of the mind.'

Mrs. Matilda Joslyn-Gage, of Fayetteville, N. Y., is stopping temporarily at Aberdeen, South Dakota. She is eminent as a leader in reform movements.

S. P. Stone, of Holly, Mich., writes: Here is one more subscriber who never took a spiritual paper. If only people can be induced to read the best paper published I am willing to do the writing and pay postage. 'Our Baby,' in the Oct. 4 number pleased us very much. We think it a wonderful baby.'

Bishop A. Beals is having good success in speaking at Battle Creek, Mich. During November he lectures at Detroit, Mich., and during December at Indianapolis, Ind. C. B. Rice, of East Oakland, Cal., has our thanks for the interest he takes in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

George W. Carpenter, M. D., of South

# THE VOICES.

# they Come With no Uncertain Sound-

L Gillingham, of Woodstock, Vt., writes: "You ril find enclosed post office order for new subscriber is your valuable paper, which I think is destined to wing about a better result for the progress and ame-ionation of suffering humanity than any other paper r book in the known world."

E Gregory, of Lockport, N. Y., writes: "We like our paper and will not do without it."

Margaper and with not do without it." M Pflinner, of Muncle, Ind., writes: "I have bathepaper on trial sixteen weeks, and I am so se to it now, that I could not get along without it. Jarays look with pleasure for its coming; and for the restriction of the second second second second the second s

L.H. Austin, of Grand Rapids, Mich., writes: "Jour paper is good. I admire the boldness of it. Golates a coward. You request names, and I will set few on the slip enclosed."

E K. Green, of Los Angeles, Cal., writes: "Some bas been kind enough to send me a few copies dyour paper, THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. I like it

"at much." N.A. Lu'l, of Washington, N. H., writes: "Your pper is liked very much here " Annie L. Hansen, of Wenham, Mass., writes: "I have tried to help out a little on your paper. I think raver nice paper, and one every body can have, be-mess it is so cheap."

Mrs. L. R. Van Dusen, of Canastota, N. Y., writes: "Ithink your paper the best spiritual paper I ever real Icould not think of being without it. I am doing missionary work with the papers. I shall do all can to help the grand and glorious cause you providing for."

perceiling for." W.E. Leonard, of Port Huron, Mich., writes: 'four paper grows better each week as the time rolls log. Thope every Spiritualist will take it." Mrs. Charles Dikeman, of Stow, N. Y., writes: 'fur PROGRESSIVE THINKER is a grand good paper. Is a paper that sets any one to thinking; it is in het a progressive thinker. The 'Narrative of the Sumer-Land' deserves mention." Wrs C.E. Wheeler. of Clinton Lova writes: "I

Mrs C. E. Wheeler, of Clinton, Iowa, writes: "I guld not keep house without THE PROGRESSIVE

Taske. H.N. Hamilton, of Port Huron, Mich., writes: "I is The PROGRESSIVE THINKER, and hope you will grays be enabled to make your readers think."

Mrs. D. B. Prince, of Pompell, Mich., writes: "I stem The PROGRESSIVE THINKER very highly. I hink you are doing a great work in putting before the people such grand thoughts. They suit me ex-

ady." L.W.Adams, of Glens Falls, N. Y., writes: "I sai the effective dollar for THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, which I greatly enjoy for its purity. Truth aver conflicts, and is valuable to me from whatever

Mrs. L. A. Adams, of Modesto, Cal., writes: "I

Mrs. R. Webber, of Virginia City, Nevada, writes: "Im rety much pleased with the paper, and proph-sy for it unbounded success. It is filling a required want of the progressive thinker."

N. P. Bradish, of Kansas City, Mo., writes: "Af-ter a trial of a few weeks of your paper, I like it ex-

J.B. Stansell, of Denver, Colo., writes: "There sens to be a growing interest in THE PROGRESSIVE INVERT throughout the country among spiritual

R. W. Ostrander, of Kalamazoo, Mich., writes: Teanot see how to get along without THE PROGRES

J.W. Fletcher, the lecturer writes: "I am de-lighted with your paper." boundary of the universe. But harder yet

# ON THE SUMMIT OF THE NOW. BY EMMA TRAIN.

Gazing through the clouds and shadows That the sky have over cast, 'Long the river in the valley O'er whose bridges we have passed, Lo! the future looms before us With its ever holy vow And its light is streaming o'er us On the summit of the now.

High above the roaring breakers, High above the roaring breakers, High above the rocky shoals, Where the false has little power Over weary struggling souls, Read we all the wondrous story As to wisdom's voice we bow-In the future's dawning glory On the summit of the now.

Truth is softly downward bending From the radiant skies above, As the darksome clouds are rifted By the tender Father's yove. And we throw aside the crutches Walking forth with radiant brow, As the coming glory tonches As the coming glory touches On the summit of the now.

Angel helpers are around us; Hahds unseen are grasping ours, Leading us still up and onward, Toward the land of fadeless flowers. Let us walk forth brave and fearless, Studying the why and how, Streaming eyes grow bright and tearless On the summit of the now.

Pulsing forces are around us, Purier airs about us play, Grand electric currents shining, Throw their light along the way. Inspirations grand ideal Touches with its dew our brow, And the mystic is the real On the summit of the now.

O, the heights that loom above us While the shadows sink from sight; Side by side with those who love us Step we out into the light Where eternal laws are twining At the shrine of truth we bow, And the sun of joy is shining On the summit of the now.

# SPIRITUALISM.

# Is Spiritualism a Religion?

CHAPTER V.

Be that as it may I would have it investigated just as dispassionately as we have been perusing your paper, which was kindly band me by a friend, and I find it such as I have been looking for for a long time." would examine the claims of astronomy, geology, physiology, and with just as little geology, physiology, and with just as little and the same kind of religious reverence as we attach to the investigation of science and the arts.

In my humble opinion it must be presented to the world in this manner before it will A.H. Risdon, of Huron, S. D., writes: "I think Islallike the paper very much indeed. I like the round The PROGRESSIVE THINKER takes on the Tatholic question."

A large majority of people have no greater conception of Spiritualism and its mission, than it is a "calling up the dead." "Vat," said a German to me, "you call up Mrs. Retta 8. Anderson, of Concordia, Kan., prom-material one, pointing to the North, and never discover the sun (their soul) and make "Notwithstanding my silence, I have enjoyed every copy of your paper, which grows better each week."

and work with a will in the direction of their decision. The battle should be no longer delayed. As a class, this element pos sesses the intellectual talent of the world, and let them no longer cease to use it. Make its influence felt and respected. This can be done by showing to the world the divine rights of Spiritualism as herein defined to rule, by being the basic principle of all rule. O. W. TENNANT. Capac, Mich.

# MIND READING.

# Dr. Charles W. Hidden Expresses His Views.

The rule in hotly-contested elections is to claim everything, regardless of consequences, and Spiritualists seem inclined to follow suit and "claim everything" not clearly understood to be the work of spirits, regardless of the effect which may be produced. Notably is this the case with regard to the exhibitions of mind reading by the late Mr. Bishop, and the newer applicant for public favor, Paul Johnstone, all their wonderful control.

Stripped of verbiage, what is a spirit? Simply a mortal divested of flesh. We are we enter spirit life with the same degree of in the sense of the general who occupies an elevated position, which commands a wider and more extended sweep of the field before and women in spirit life are able to happens out of the common to spirits

seems a trifle nonsensical. Mind reading is as old as history. There is no need to impute its exercise to the work of spirits. Sensitives in all the ages have been able to absorb and to give expression to the thoughts of others, and

doubtless there has never been a time when men and women have not been able not only to receive but to also transmit mental messages. We belittle ourselves as thinking men and women, bring into disrepute the great cause we represent and invite opportunities for the perpetration of gross abuses, when we begin to attribute the performance of such every-day occurrences as mind reading to the agency of spirits. The dead. You fix it so I can talk mit mine and as easily taught as any ordinary study. The dead as to bold out spoken sheet, in behalf of the spectrate wells, or here the easine tail liber taught and the second of the spectrate wells, or here the easine tail the dead as the second of the spectrate wells, or here the easine tail the spectrate of the dead out spoken sheet, in behalf of true spectrate wells, or here the easine tail the spectrate of the dead out spoken sheet, in behalf of true spectrate wells, or here the easine tail liber taught as the spectrate wells, or here the easine tail the spectrate spectrate tail the taught as the life to come. The spectrate tail the taught as the life to come. The spectrate tail the taught as the life to come. The spectrate tail the taught as the life to come, the whole of this section of the lovely val. The spectrate tail the taught as the life to come, the whole of this section of the lovely val. The spectrate tail the taught as the life to come, the whole of this section of the lovely val. The spectrate tail the taught as the life to come, the whole of this section of the lovely val. The spectrate tail the taught as the life to come, the whole of this section of the lovely val. The spectrate tail the taught as the life to come, the whole of this section of the lovely val. The spectrate tail the taught as the life to come, the whole of this section of the lovely val. The spectrate tail the tail the tail the words that the proceed tail the spectrate tail the spectrate tail the spectrate tail. The spectrate tail the tail the spectrate tail the tail the tail the tail the spectrate Mind reading is as natural as breathing,

# CREATION.

The Three Theories Considered.

# THEORY NO. THREE CONTINUED.

For further elucidation of the principles few, if any of the many students in immaarticle alluded to, remarks:

expressed into sense forms or mind representations of spiritual ideas. They are not matter, because they are formed of spirit. They are temporary forms or expressions, and from this fact it is absurd to call them

nothing. It would seem that the reverend gentleman, judging from his easy, fluent style of diction, was master of the situation he occupies-a teacher in mental or spiritual

The alter of the properties of the prop situation and correct the mistakes and find is simply that which perceives, thinks, ance of the tract is adobe mixed with sand, any Dentons). Miss Leys lectured at Riverrors of Spiritualism, instead of depending upon the outside world to do it. Spiritu-liste same thing then these two in the most list of all sort growing errors of all sort growing errors of spiritualism, instead of depending upon the outside world to do it. Spiritu-liste and the same thing then these two in the most list of all sort growing errors of all sort growing errors of all sort growing errors of the data above referred to; and in be overcome, who does not see and feel the alists alone should purify Spiritualism. The point to the next anticipated Mrs. L. D. Sprague, of Cherry Valley, O., writes: "I blak it the best spiritual paper I ever read, and fall cannot do without it."
be overcome, who does not see and feel the necessity of presenting Spiritualism in the attitude of principles that underlie the thing considered independently of corporeal and apples, as fine in flavor as ever grew in assume human form; but that this might be Again Mr. S. refers to material science (German and French), plums of all varie-(so-called) as admitting but one substance, ties, pears, quinces, siberian crabs, nic-tors within the house, and residing only Spiritualism is the voice of Nature, and will enable us to win the chaff from the of forms so when we align that a spiritualism that a spiritualism is the voice of Nature, and with a devoted friend of her own sex. She of forms, so when we claim that mind is a lish walnuts, almonds, etc., flourish in great found the requisite conditions in Los Angemode of spirit, the best thinkers, says he, perfection. All the small fruits, such as les; and there I saw her last in August 1878, 'admits our position, etc." Does he mean blackberries, of all varieties, raspberries, after she had been thus immured some in referring to this materialistic claim, that currants, goose-berries, strawberries, etc.; three years as a hermit. She was then, as because Tyndall has said, "Soul is but a all vegetables of every sort that can be grown is probably still, eagerly interested in humode of motion," that, therefore, the in the best of soil, with an abundance of man progress, bright and beautiful as ever, physical man is but a mode of spirit? water, can be grown there in great quanti- but fragile and sensitive even to the slight-What proof has he that such is the ties and in rare perfection. fact? True, he shows that snow is a mode of ice, and ice is a mode of water, etc., dance of land suitable for the cultivation of In 1885 Mrs. Abbie L. Holton, having which rendered invisible, he declares to the cranberry and peppermint, valuable in- occasion to visit Los Angeles on business, have become "essential spirit," that they dustries. The mulberry flourishes abund- went to call on her, not knowing the house, can again be expressed into sense, forms antly, and the silk industry will be one of which she passed, and apparently under etc., and therefore they are not matter, great profit to colonists in addition to im- spirit influence, found the right house, and because they are formed of spirit. What mense agricultural, dairy and fruit interests. saw Miss Leys, conversing with her on the proof has he that they (snow, ice and I found a barn and 200 tons of hay, this outside. Mrs. Holton (being when there water) are essential spirit? in the mere fact year's cutting, in and about it, and hun- clairvoyant) saw in the house a number of that they had been made to take on, dreds of acres of the best pasture land in priestly and Jesuit spiritis, apparently guardalternately, modes of invisibility and the State. Though there are over 200 head ing the house and the hermitess so that she, visibility? Spirit is that substance which of stock grazing upon the hills, there are Mrs. H., could not enter and did not much thinks, reasons, remembers, etc. Will be acres upon acres where the grass in nearly desire to. She urged Jennie to flee with dare assert that snow, ice and water, when knee high, though it is the last of Septem- her then and there telling her what she saw, gas, air etc., is capable of thinking, reason- ber. attenuated into a mode of invisibility, into The truth is, there is but a very small clesiastical jailers. Jennie was much ining, and remembering their former state of fraction of land on the entire estate, but clined to come; but saw it was her hour for existence? I think not, Then how is it what is tillable land of the best soil, and the seance, "they call me, and I must go." that they are "essential spirit?" seeing that what little there is that is not tillable is She asked Mrs. H. to call after the said functions belong to spirit. This one more valuable than any of the rest, for there seance was over, and perhaps she, Miss L., fact alone negates the claim that they is found the best sort of building stone. I would then leave with her. Mrs. H. called become essential spirit, and hence it can-not be true that, "When they are again with many locations for other kinds of fish. Other mediums in Southern California saw expressed into sense forms, they are formed of spirit and are not matter," as the gentleman asserts. The fish industry can be made one of profit an important branch of business in this

and tenets involved in the "all-spirit" theory or under the old title, to hold on to its ev- than Mrs. Olive M. Washburn, late president I will here introduce a somewhat lengthy erlasting material nature. Where is the of the Board of Silk Culture, a lady of ma-extract from an editorial by the Rev. A. J. wisdom, then, in changing the name from ture years, wise discretion, great experience, swartz, P. H. D., found in *Mental Science Magazine*, Vol. IV., No. 6, p. 122. It is widely known that Mr. S. filled the editorial turned inside out, why should it lose its in-known that Mr. S. filled the editorial chair to the Mental Science Magazine, and trinsic nature by the change of mode only, Spiritualists will be a matter of great interterislism or Mental Science, as Mr. S. de-nominates it, handles the subject more ably velopment? In other words, if the substance women from the celestial sphere, who have than he. This scholarly gentleman, in his composing the sense form is really spirit, been with her from childhood, and hence

claim that there is but one substance, and that this one is spirit. As material science into sense form? Or, if the temple, the ex-and financial inducements to this noble pur-(so-called) admits of but one substance and ternal man-the body now called mind by pose to which she now dedicates the balance calls it matter, yet admits varying modes or Mr. Swartz, is "spirit" still, because of her earthly life. She makes a donation forms, so our true position is to know that "formed of spirit," and is only "expressed of the estate, worth nearly \$100,000, to the essential substance is spirit, and invisible, into sense form," susceptible of resuming great cause of Integral Co-operation. She favor, Paul Johnstone, all their wonderful and to know that all manifested objects are (as is snow, water and ice) its native state will be supported in her noble work by able mind. When we claim that mind is a mode of "essential spirit," why not the deserted coajutors of men and women; but let it be of spirit, the best thinkers admit the po- temple at the point called death, take up remembered that this is emphatically a wosition, therefore, to hold that there are visi- again its essential spirit nature, and thus man's movement. She wishes it to be unsimply a mortal divested of lesn. We are ble objects, but that such are grades or continue its manifestation of active intelli- derstood that this colonly will be distinctchange called death. It is fair to presume that modes of spirit is scientific and reasonable. gence? I repeat it, why not? Has some ively, a Spiritualists colony, yet all will be From the fact that sense objects are all pro- thing died? If so, what? Can mind, which welcomed who come with sympathy, and intelligence which we possess here. It is possible that we may rise superior to mortals which invisible ideas and there are least: If it is an eternal truth that man as a terested and wishing further information, modes of the invisible ideas, and then the spirit does lose his essential nature-con- will receive full particulars by writing to manifestation of these ideas, it will do to call sciousness—simply by becoming external-the two modes spirit and mind. While, then, ized, stepping out of the temple (for this is San Francisco, Cul. him. By reason of such elevation it may mind is spirit, we do not surrender the po- externalization) what is there to prevent be surmised that shrewd, far sighted men sition of but one substance. Snow is a mode him from losing his entire consciousness at of ice, and is a mode of water. We the change called death, as he will then be reason more closely from cause to effect, evaporate these to their invisible source or clear out of the temple, and will be, accordand thus aid us in doing many wonderful state, ethereal gases or air, and we have at ing to Bro. Swartz, all "expressed sense things. But to charge everything which tenated visible modes to invisible modes. form, or externalized mind." Alas! then, Now that they are in this latter state, sub- for our immortality! Is there not a great stance, or essential spirit, they can again be mistake somewhere, Brother Swartz? J. H. MENDENHALL.

BELLAMY'S DREAM.

# California.

science; especially if we read him only to the Integral Co-operative Colony, lying in a very powerful and brim full of matured believe him; but if we read to learn what beautiful valley midway between San Jose thought, perfectly wonderful in one so young. he has said, then a new aspect presents and Mount Hamilton, in the county of San-itself. Let us look, then, more closely ta Clara, California, the Banner county of When I heard her in Washington in the into his sayings, and see what he has in of the Golden State. This colony will be winter of 1874-5, I had long passed any distruth said. First he asserts, "There is but known in future history as the first realiza- position to swallow, open-mouthed the won-

spirits. While it is interesting to know something of spirits and of spirit life, it will pay us to know more than we now do of physical organization or embodiment; vital lelogram. In my tours of investigation I hypothesis), the edict went forth from the essence, force, or energy, as distinct from found, strange to relate, nearly thirty, living Romish church organization in the spirit Bright investigators are busy demolishing structure which we have the back is the back is

Michigan, flourish abundantly. Prunes accomplished, she must go into extreme est breath of the summer zephyrs of that and assuring her of protection from her ec-

form, none will dispute. By calling that a health institute, located as it is 2000 feet body mind does not change its natural above sea level, above the fog and malaria. properties; it does not add to it any new The scenery is beyond description by pen; property that it did not possess before only the brush in the hands of the skilled calling it mind; it gives to it none of the artist can do the subject justice. It must described functions of mind, such for be seen to be realized. In closing I must instance, as the power to think, reason or add a word concerning the royal inaugurawill. But it does continue under the new tor of the movement. She is none other seeing that the said change-the externaliz- est is the fact that she is guided, sustained ticle alluded to, remarks: "We intend to stand with you in the whose nature is pure consciousness, why her success in business, and victory in all social conflicts. Led on by her guides, she

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> > JESUITISM.

# Its Slimy Coils Around Miss Jennie Leys.

Early in the seventies, (says Alfred Cridge, in Lucifer), Miss Jenny Leys-born, I believe, in or near Boston, of Scotch parents, and raised in the Presbyterian church-was It is to Be Realized in Lower entranced, as she believed, by spirits, and as a result suddenly brought on the pub-

lic platform in all the bloom of her youth-I have just returned from a flying visit to ful beauty. Her discourses were certainly

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The base has the privilege of reading."
Chas Hniest, of Lansingburg, N. Y., writes: "In symplicity, the world and turn the car of progress back the world and turn the car of progress back toward barbarian night? Shall not "the blood of the martyr become the seed of the church," be made effectual here? Will same to get a living. The latter paper is showing the ave to get a living. The latter paper is showing the world in my opinion is the world in my opinion.
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"Take me, send my soul where e're thou wilt, Where there is redemption for my guilt." Quoth the Cherub, "Repentant soul, thou art no

worse, Than she who was sent to Jesus for his curse. But, instead of cursing, He gave the soul release, With words like balm of Gilead, 'go thy way in

white words "the balls of the difference," And the holy admonition, 'go and sin no more' Is echoed, even now, from that stainless shore. So, if repented sin this world will not forgive, Come with me where forgiving is divine, and live." "I will," she cried, "since repentance is thy price." In holy class they went away to realms of Paradise Muncie, Ind. R. Inwith PATTERSON.

a subscriber, and if an extra number comes by our address, do missionary work with it. Any one can afford to send for the paper 16 weeks, as the cost is only 25 cents. They cannot occupy the same brain, or the same world. One or the other must go to the wall. Which shall it be? Let Spiritual-ists and Free Thinkers answer the question of the paper visit you regularly.

Let us see what matter is. Webster de-fines it thus: "Matter, that of which the gold and silver mining on four different sensible universe and all existent bodies are places on this estate, and also a valuable composed; any thing which has extension, mineral spring of soda, iron and sulpher.

composed; any thing which has extension, occupies space, or is perceptible by the senses; body; substance." Now, the human body is composed of just such substances as the word matter represents; it is per-ceptible by the senses; while that which the word mind defines is not. By what rule, then, in etymology, is Mr. Swartz author-ized to assert that the corporeal body of man is mind and not matter? That man has a body—a corporeal, external sense

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# BY HUDSON TUTTLE

Science ; etc.

# CHAPTER X.

# A VISIT TO THE CIRCLES OF EARTH.

Sincerity is that whereby self-completion is effected.-Confucius

its, opened wide the fields of spirit life for investigation. As the with the messengers. How bright they appear! To gaze on them more earthly spirits are nearest the earth and eager to gain recog. fills me with pleasure. nition, it is not strange that wild theories are promulgated or ludicrous facts attested. Each spirit wishes to hold communion with just. Such an exaltation fills me now that I find words inadequate its friends, and hence strives to impress those friends to grant the to express it. Here is an Eden of delight, with gorgeous groves conditions necessary for them to communicate. The awful subject, and fragrant flowers, beautiful trees and crystal streams. bringing on its wings so much joy, has been perverted and brought colors are resplendently clear and vivid, the light is soft and brillaws, and a blind real in the infalibility of spirit communications. out the groves bright beings appear, engaged in their various pur-A dense mass of crude spiritual elements directly surround the suits, meditating or conversing, all joyous and happy. I wish to earth. everything appears distorted.

while, witness the errors and mistakes of our brothers, inform our- desolate. selves in their present ideas, and then endeavor to teach them So saying, the Society departed for their bright aright. home. It was evening when they arrived, and such a beautiful this vision that you might become impressed with the opposite conevening! The silvery-orbed moon had just arose from beneath the ditions of spirit life. In the first part you recognize what will be eastern curtain of trees, and poured its flood of mellow light over your position if you indulge the baser faculties at the expense of the scene. The blue sky, with its lofty arch above, was redolent the moral. If you are miserly-grind down the poor-speculate in tunes by putting your trust in God. Don't with gems and glittering diamonds.

and seem an inhabitant of the lower sphere."

not true to that nature;" spoke the Philosopher in sorrowful abode last described, you must be good, truthful, philanthropicaccents.

Near by a "circle" had convened to witness the manifestations right so to be. made by those who dwelt on the other side of Jordan's terrible stream. A miscellaneous crowd had collected, with curiosity on ancient seers and clairvoyants, which they supposed to be a lake tip-toe, and all in a fever of expectation. Two or three "medi- of fire. You also here find heaven-happiness. The mind carries ums" were there, with minds as cloudy as a stormy night, unculti- with it the capabilities of heaven or hell, and you need not look be vated and not well formed by nature. Through these channels the yond the grave for these; you are all the time surrounded by them. crowd expected to receive wisdom worthy of a god.

chief, though they had no bad intentions. Questions were asked, make the present as happy as the future. It were better to give and answered by the moving of the table. Such questions! The all your attention to the perfection of mortal life, than to neglect ignorant group of spirits, it was supposed, knew all the secrets of its opportunities in expectation of greater enjoyments in the future, heaven and earth, and were wiser than the Deity himself. To those Man's birthright is to enjoy and garner the benefits of life, and he the spirits answered as best they could, and generally, after re-should fulfill the destiny which is his heritage. Be pure and unpeated blunderings, succeeded in stumbling upon the truth. In selfish in all things that you may enter this life prepared to particishort, they were questioned like prisoners at the bar; and oh, such ipate in its joys." questions! An idnot might well laugh at their silliness! This very much pleased the spirits. They were having a gala time. They loved fun, and could not help giving mirth-provoking answers impossible for us to leave the surface of the earth as for you. This sometimes. One of the "circle" was determined that they should space is pervaded by an ether, which is slightly denser than the tell him where his pocket-knife was. Another how many dollars substance comprising our forms, highly attenuated as that may be, he had in his pocket. And, most wonderful of all, a decrepid old and thus the force of gravitation is suspended, and we can move man said, "If they'll tell me how many children my great-grand- with the rapidity of light wherever we will. The more elevated father had, I'll believe!!" This greatly astonished and amused the the spirit the greater the ease and rapidity with which this is per-Society. A whining fellow drawled out, "If this is my father's formed. The lowest cannot rise into space at all, and are comspirit, won't you tell me who stole my oxen?"

and kept the money.

" D-d lie," said John.

father's spirit was far from there. John was condemned unexpect-physical more readily than the higher classes. As the spirit advanedly, and the company had great merriment over his discomfiture, ces and becomes exalted it loses the power to control physical matin which the communicating spirits heartily joined.

ceive or impart much useful instruction."

the Philosopher, "composed of excited elements, and hence gain- Hence you receive crude answers from their ignorance and deceping nothing but disgust. O earth! is this thy boasted wisdom?- tion of this lower class, ever ready to communicate, while the eleis this the use of the intellect thou extollest so highly? Wretched. vated have duties to perform, and cannot, or will not, come at any indeed, the taste which promps such gatherings, such ques- hour they may be called on."

at the spectacle, and keeps me gazing at the scene, fascinated with its changing hues. There is no rest, no quiet, no tranquility thought or peace of mind here. All is animal excitement and its Viewed by a Prominent Minister. attendant suffering. They wander about without purpose or de-Their errors keep them from the light; so they cannot prosign. nor raise themselves above the level of the surface of the earth. They group about in a loathsome atmosphere, from which it is almost impossible to rise. No, not impossible, for those su-It is almost impossible to rise. No, not impossible to rise. No, not impossible to rise. The wonders of the Reformed Church perior to themselves descend into this lower abode as missionaries, to teich them the ways of goodness and truth. These messengers, have of which we are now ignorant. The at Fairfield, while insane last night made a to teach them the ways of goodness and truth. These messengers, endoved with exalted philanthropy, make the great self-sacrifice with hearts overflowing for their erring brothers. They teach them the path of righteonsness. I can beloid many descend, and their shining robes become more brilliant by the contrast with those be nighted minds. They are speaking on reform. The haggard fea-tures around them become more ghastly in expression, and some approach them, scorning and cursing them in rage, as the Jews of old did Jesus the Namerene. They cannot enter the sphere which surrounds, like an impenetrable wall these shining ones, or ap proach them unless bidden. They are chained, and stand listening to the words of the angels, who paint the errors of each in turn, holding the mirror to each one's heart. By turns they are enraged to the dagrined. Now the angel finishes, and, unloosed by the last Author of Arcans of Nature; Origin and Development of Man; Career of Religi-ous Ideas and Ethics of Science; Studies in the Outlying Fields of Psychic proach them unless bidden. They are chained, and stand listening and chagrined. Now the angel finishes, and, unloosed by the last sentence, that dark audience move away, shouting and cursing in their bitterness. Ah! a few have staved. There they stand, weeping in agony; their hearts have been touched; they see their errors, and wish for the truth. They have resolved to reform, and do not The possibility of holding communication with departed spir- wish to remain with this dark group. They now are going away God to give his revelations through such ac-

"I have arisen to a higher plane-the sphere of the good and The There prevails an almost total ignorance of spiritual liant, partaking of the othereality I everywhere observe. Through-Perverted reason looks through imperfect mediums, and remain here forever, and mingle with these intelligences; the atmosphere exalts my soul. But I must come back to "We will go to earth," exclaimed the Sage, "and, for a earth; how I dislike these words! Earth looks dark, dreary and

#### The Sage then controlled the sensitive and wrote:

"I came here this evening to instruct you. I have given you about the hereafter, and how dare you pry blood and tears-are revengeful and cruel; if you make gourmands "Oh, how beautiful!" exclaimed Hero; "I am on earth again, and drunkards of yourselves, you must expect to find a home in this dark sphere until your grossness and crudities have passed "Yes, nature is beautiful; but man is corrupt, because he is away. If you would become angels of light, and dwell in the bright tory, one visit may blow your immortal soul not from a regard to your own happiness merely, but because it is

"This is the hell so vividly impressed on the minds of the No one should desire to leave the earth life until its tasks are done. Over these assembled a group of spirits, full of fun and mis- The most distant day will find none too well prepared. You should

# It was queried: "How do you pass through space?"

"If the space between the planets was void, it would be as pelled to remain amidst the scenes of earth life. These are around

"Yes," was the prompt reply, "your brother John sold them you all the time, their homes are with you, and they have more power to make themselves felt, because their thoughts are in keep-

ing with the earthly with whom they associate. They have leisure. This was true-the spirit reading his thoughts, thought his and can await favorable opportunities. They can also control ter, and ultimately it becomes impossible for it to do so directly. "Enough of this circle," said Leon; "neither wishes to re- But to pass thus from earthly influences, it must become so perfected that the truths it would communicate would so far transcend "There are thousands of such circles now on earth," answered man's ability to receive that they would be valueless to him.

> Then one in the circle asked: "If they have such boundless love and philanthrophy for us, they would delight in spending their

# SPIRITUALISM

Church Members as Exposed by the Press.

"The wonders of our day, if not all felt sure her boy was in heaven. tricks employed in Spiritualism are so cun- at Fairfield, while insane last night made a ningly devised and so cleverly executed as horrible attempt to burn up his family. The

Who are 99 out itualism is silly. of 100 of the professional mediums? Would those who visit them receive them into their homes on terms of social equality?

Would it be consistent with the character of knowledged disreputable characters, by sending his spirits under a table or into a cabinet

to peep and mutter at men? . Spiritualism is demoralizing. The story is too him. vile to tell. Sometimes the civil law has been invoked against it. It has dethroned intellects, duped men into poverty, weakened domestic ties by its free-loveism, broken up families, pushed young women into profligacy. For the sake of man's honor and woman's purity, I would like to gather up all the raps from spirits blessed and damned, and pile them on its own head in thundering raps of everlasting damnation. The bible tells you all you need to know into that which is none of your business? Going to a medium is going through a moral, social and spiritual nitroglycerine facinto shapless ruin,

The above is a portion of a sermon on "Mediums and their Dupes," delivered by a certain Rev. Madison C. Peters, of the Presbyterian faith, in this city, and we have sopied it in order to contradict it as a series of falsehoods, and uttered by one who has no personal knowledge of what he was say ing, and also to show that the bible (which he quotes as authority about the hereafter) is very poor authority. Nowhere between the two covers of the bible can immortality be proven; the apparitions, spokes, miraculous and mysterious doings of the prophets, seers. Jesus or his apostles, do not prove that man is immortal, but on the contrary in Ecclesiastes, iii. chap. and 19th, 20th, 21st and 22d verse, it declares that "All go to one place; all are of the dust, and turn to dust again." The bible has truly been called a book of contradictions and easy construct tions, which fact is proven by the 253 different Christian sects which are now in exstence, and who can easily prove their different authorities for existence from that same book. Until the advent of Spiritualism-either ancient or modern-man had no direct proof of immortality, and the few passages in the bible regarding Spiritualism only go to prove the truth of Spiritualism, and not all the thunderings of bigoted vi tuperation from the pulpit will ever change that fact, or injure Spiritualism in the least. We do not say that all who pretend to be

upheld free-loveism, or depraved anybody. The teachings and mandates of the bible, with its protege, the church, is responsible for the greatest part of the ills, misery and crimes committed in Christendom, Priests and parsons keep the masses in ignorance, making kingdoms and empires, and such institutions as the Inquisition and Siberia a possibility. In a free thought country such things could not exist for ten minutes. The most degrading and filthy reading that our eyes ever rested on, we have found in the bible, and it may well be called a moral, social and spiritual nitro-glycerine storehouse. The priests and parsons charge all the wonders of Spiritualism to the devil and to evil spirits, thereby admitting that good spirits pleadings, buried it in the woods near Campknow nothing of morality, honor, love, art or science. They are so terribly afraid of the so-called devil, that anything mysterious in Spiritualism is attributed to his agency, which we think is rather a poor compliment to pay to their God, as they claim that

them rising in the air with the smoke of the furnace, attended by angels, and said that they would revisit the earth next Sunday. please send in as many names of Spiritnal. The negroes propose to meet at church next ists as you can bring to mind, to whom we Sunday and pray while awaiting the descent can send sample copies of THE PROGRESS. of the three children of Israel.

PATERSON, N. J., Jan. 21.-Rev. Mr. ing. and who desire to learn the truth.

made an unsuccessful effort to turn water into wine at a big religious meeting near Springfield, Ill., on Sunday. Her audience tried to assist her by continuous praying

While laboring under religious excitement the 70-year-old widow of Richard C. Allen, of Washington, Ind., who was thought to have committed suicide last November, confessed a few days ago that she murdered

A California clergyman lately went crazy while preaching, and descending from the pulpit threw books and chairs among the congregation.

Abbott Harvey, crazed by religion, jumped from a New York ferry boat. He was rescued.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—Sarah Garvey, a servant in a Spring street family, came down late Thursday morning, saying she was going to see a doctor. She did not return, and an examination of her room showed that she had during the night given birth to into that which is none of your business? Don't be so idiotic as to go to mediums to have your fortune told. Tell your own for tunes by putting your trust in God. Don't run after mediums for sport or curiosity. Going to a medium is going through a mor-BALTIMORE, Md. - David Bernhardt, alias

David Daywalt, fainted to-day in the Police Court, when a neat-looking little woman, who claimed to be his first wife, confronted him and preferred charges of bigamy. He soon revived, however, and the hearing of the case proceeded.

When arrested the alleged bigamist was leading a gospel meeting. The first wife claims that he did not support his family, and remained away from home for weeks at a time. Owing to the second wife being ill and unable to appear the case was continued.

for stealing a horse in Oneida last winter, for stealing a horse in Oneida last winter, was convicted at Pulaski on second trial and sentenced to the Elmira Reformatory. On the first trial the jury disagreed, Mr. Bloom 48 the first trial the jury disagreed. Mr. Bloom

the first trial the jury disagreed. Mr. Bloom conducted his own case. CHICAGO, III.—Rev. A. Strechfus, a Lu-theran minister of this city, was arrested yesterday for insulting women on the street. At the hearing Mr. Strechfus admitted that he had been drinking wine, and Rev. John Winder the prestreet the area and Rev. John Winder the prestreet the secured The Million for the secured Winder thought the actions of the accused were due to mental aberration.

superintendent, and a deputy post-master MRS. STODDARD-GRAY AND SON, DeWin C since 1863-such is the record of Rev. R. T. Burns, of Kingston, Ont., who is a defaulter for over \$3000 to the Depositor's b Savings Department of the post-office.

LAUREL, Del.-Rev. C. B. Gruber, of the Methodist Protestant Churches of Harring-ton and Greenwood, has created a sensation by attempting to elope from Greenwood with fact we know different; but we do emphati-cally deny that *all* mediums are such vile, disreputable characters as this Rev. Divine has asserted; nor has Spiritualism ever de-throned intellects, duped men into poverty, upheld free-loveism, or deprayed anybody. Miss May Porter, a buxom member of his flock and the leader of the church choir. He has a wife and several children, and was formerly from Anneville, Pa., and came to his present charge six months ago. PLYMOUTH, N. H., Sept. 26.—Sylvanus W. Hill, of Dorehester, a well to do farmer

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and unable to appear the case was continued. OswEGO, Sept. 23.—Joseph Bloom, the young English clergyman who was arrested for stealing a horse in Oneida last winter. 48

FAMOUS in sealed letters! Mrs. Elanor Martin, 73 Lane Ave., Columbus, Ohio, Test and Busi-ness medium. Satisfaction guaranteed \$2.00. 53

III Hough, hold materializing scances every Sun-day, Wednesday and Friday evenings, at S o'clock; Tuesday and Saturday, 2 o'clock, 323 W. 34th street. Tuesday and Saturday, 2 o'clock, 323 W. 34th street New York. Daily sittings for communication and

### AN ASTONISHING OFFER.

55 years old, deacon of the Orthodox Church and married, is in jail at Canaan, on the and married, is in jail at Canaan, on the charge of murder. The story is that he had bound to him Alice Shaw, a 14 year old Boston orphan, who gave birth to a child by him last month at a house in Groton, to which he had removed her in July; that on which he had removed her in July; that on August 10 he started from Groton with Alice and her baby, but when they reached home"the baby was missing.

tions, such curiosity! I almost blush to think that I was once of earth."

The next circle they visited was composed of believers who time in instructing us. were allestrong in preconceived errors. They met, not to abandon, but strengthen their old position. They had attracted a spirit for your benefit, how much would you surrender to them? What who wished to instruct, but who was passive not to desire to in- farmer would leave his plow? What mechanic his bench? What fringe on their feelings. A Methodist asked questions, and from merchant his place of trade? Ah! you answer; these are our em-the answers drew the honest inference that Methodism was all ployments, and we cannot leave them. We have our employments, right. A Baptist, from the answers he received, concluded that more essential than yours. We save a minute while you waste an hour his creed was the thing the world demanded. The two conclusions every moment of time is precious to us, and, if our philanthrophy disagreed, and the Methodist and Baptist revolved in their minds send us to earth, it is at great sacrifice. The spirit advances by whether they were holding communication with Satan! This grieved study. The more we learn the more expansive our minds become the spirit very much, for he was not, like the others, given to make we have our aspirations, our hopes and expectations. We ardently mirth out of the ridiculous in human nature, and he took the desire to become elevated into the brilliant circles above us. How accusation as an affront personal, as though he were living in we desire to sit down in the groves of the sphere above us-one the body.

us." As he spake thus, the Sage extended his hand, and all de- sion. parted. He led the way to a circle composed of ten members, all

having the highest aspirations for truth and a deep understanding single hour. What can be done in the hours? There is rothing of spiritual laws. A large concourse of the highest order of minds, so ruinous as the waste of time. Though life is an eternity, the had been attracted, who were disposed to reveal all they possibly could. Joy sat on every countenance, and inexpressible harmony wastes or preserves them. pervaded every mind. There was not even a wish to enquire after stolen goods, or earthly affairs of any/kind, for the circle were sufficiently developed to understand that man's business on earth is to should be allowed to fill but not exceed. The moral faculties are Indeed so bigoted are their minds that they look after things of the earth, and exert his own facilities and that monitors over the lower, while the latter give strength to the the business of the departed is in relation to their own sphere; and former. The mind is composed of antagonisms, which mutually that if they undertook to reveal all crimes, and give certain premo- compensate each other and prevent excessive action. It is wrong selves they look for nothing but evil in nitions of all coming danger, man would resign all his affairs into for any faculty to absorb the whole energies of its nature from the their charge, and sink into indolence and idiotism; there would be a others. The social faculties and affections should be drawn out spirit pilot to every vessel and steamer-a spirit engineer, conduc by the intercourse with friends, but their cultivation should not

is harmony. I would instruct this circle, that its members may etc. It is as wrong to destroy or neglect as it is to improperly exdepart wiser than they came." his magnetic force on the medium, and proceeded through him to is as right as the exercise of benevolence or friendship. The docspeak on the coming of the spiritual age, and the means whereby trine which teaches the contrary has descended from the ages of will show: its harvest of ideas and truths might be harvested for the greatest ignorance. All faculties, functions and powers of the entire being benefit of humanity. Ceasing to speak he continued to convey his should be maintained in unity and in harmonical activity. thoughts by means of a vision impressed on the mind of the sub-ject, allowing the latter to describe what he saw in his own words;

#### THE VISION.

"Glorious and grand the prospect breaks around me as though a magicians wand had dispelled the deep darkness which before encompassed my senses. My spirit revels with the infinite hosts of heaven. In a sphere of ugliness, I see beings in a most degraded state of filth and corruption. I cannot picture its miseries, bright lecture, or a popular opera. Imagine such a condition of for I never before saw such misery. I stand on an elevation in things that, at the time for the great inauguration ball, simultanethe center of a boundless plain, covered with human beings freed ous balls should be held in Washington, New York, Philadelphia, from earthly life, but not from its cares, strifes, miseries and woes. Boston, Buffalo, Baltimore, and Chicago, each ballroom being They are divided into groups. There a band of robbers; here of murderers, or sensualists. All the passions, desires, propensities appetites are represented by groups, their various colors and dis-gusting forms. Avaunt, bloated sensualist and gourmand! Stand not so near, you suffocate me with your loathsome breath. Your at banquets or to immence party gatherings in all the important their new prophet, deliberately entered the

day's jonrney nearer the omnipotent God! The visions from "Care nothing for this affront, but leave them and go with above arise in our expanding souls-beautiful surpassing expres-

" I would that I could impress you fully with the value of a moments count, and wield a potent influence on the character who

# "Would you have all faculties employed?"

"Yes; every faculty has its appropriate function, which it spirit pilot to every vessel and steamer—a spirit engineer, conduct by the intercourse with "Brothers, rest now," exclaimed the Sage, "for here there ties; their ultimate effect will be to form associations, communities, Throwing aside his robe he threw cite the basal organs. Their exercise within their prescribed limits

To be Continued.

# THE WONDERS OF THE TELEPHONE.

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"God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."

are surprised to have an Infidel do anything that is good. Being evil-minded them others.

We are aware that human nature is the same throughout the earth, and that without the restraints of reason and self-respect (not religion, nor the fear of an angry God) all mankind are prone to do evil, no matter whether clad in the vestments of sanctity or in the garb of a common laborer. Spiritualism is not alone responsible for the many crimes committed within the past year as the few following clippings from various papers

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 13 .- The most remarkable religious craze has seized the this special edition. Orders will be filled negroes near Bessemer and the country intermediate between that place and Birmingham. For some time past Tobias Jackson, an old regro, has been proclaiming himself as "Daniel the Prophet," and doing all kinds and facilitate remittances for this edition, of wild and queer things.

On Saturday last he persuaded three young claimed that a furnace where iron is melted subscriber from Maine to Texas, from the and cast into all kinds of forms was the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, should send furnace of Nebuchadnezzar, and that they in orders for from 10 to 500 copies each. should enter it and pass through without Let wealthy men order a supply that will

The three negroes, under the influence of eit new prophet deliberately entered the orders commence at once to come in.

not so near, you suffocate me with your loathsome breath. Your at banquets or to immence party gatherings in all the important presence fills me with disgust. I cannot gaze on the bloodshot eyes and ulcerously-inflamed face without a shudder. "Here are beings clothed in rags, hanging in tattered shreds around their forms. All, all as black as night! My pity is moved wonders. The science of the telephone is making giant strides.

The girl says he killed the child while on the way from Groton to Dorchester, making sands rejoice over health restored. Send for circuher hold it while he forced a green liquid lar. DR. E. K. MYERS, Clinton, Iowa. her hold it while he forced a green input from a bottle down its throat. He then wrapped it in a newspaper, and despite her pleadings, buried it in the woods near Camp ton on a spot she described. There later the body was found. Public sympathy is with the child-mother, and she will not be prosecuted.

How beautifully has the poet Shelley expressed it in these few lines:

"Religion! but for thee, prolific fiend, who peoples earth with demons, hell with men and heaven with slaves!"

E. M. JONES. Philadelphia, Pa.

# JESUITSM.

# Announcement Extraordinary!

In No. 50 of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER we propose to publish an elaborate article we propose to publish an elaborate article in reference to the part that the Jesuits claimed to have taken in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. It will contain an of Abraham Lincoln. It will contain an aggregation of all the facts of the case aggregation of all the facts of the case that have been for years floating around in the secular press and elsewhere. It will be work to Spiritual Science University, Chicago, II. published as a matter of history, with which every Spiritualist should be familiar. We desire to open our books at once for orders for this special edition. Orders will be filled at One Cent per copy. Five hundred copies will be sent to one address for 22 75 cents. 315 W. Van Vuren St. Chicago, II. will be sent to one address for \$3.75. No order will be received for less than five cop-

ies. In order to accommodate our readers and facilitate remittances for this edition, two-cent postage stamps will be received for any order not exceeding 75 cents. For On Saturday last he persuaded three young negro men that they were representatives of Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego. He want to issue an edition of 50,000. Every

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