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THE BIBLE.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

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State schools shall be conducted on strictly

of the Kings are no more worthy of credit parts allegorical. Plato said that he would than the books of the Chronicles. Job spake not have the poems of Homer read in the not therefore as it stands written in his schools of his republic, because the children SHALL IT BE READ IN THE book, but hath had such cogitations; it is could not properly judge between history sheer allegory. . . This book Ecclesi-astes, ought to have been more full: there is that the Bible is to be read in our State An Exhaustive Argument Given. too much broken matter in it; it has neither schools "without note or comment." is like a Talmud compiled from many books, second chapters of Genesis. Here we have Facts for Every Patriot to Consider. perhaps in Egypt. . . So have also the two distinct accounts of creation, contradict-Proverbs of Solomon been collected by oth-ing each other in six particulars, and each Substance of a Discourse Delivered Be-fore the American Secular Union at the Elbe. I am such an enemy of the book with what science teaches in our schoolof Esther that I wish it did not exist, for it books. Suppose we read of the *fall* of Judaizes too much and hath a great deal of Adam and Eve and inquire, is that a fact heathen naughtiness. . . Isaiah hath bor- or a fiction? Philo and Maimonides, cele-

rowed his art and knowledge from the Psal- brated Jewish writers, say fiction-while the The reading of the Bible as a religious ex-ter. The history of Jonah is so monstrous early Christian fathers say the same. mise in our common schools is exciting uni- that it is absolutely incredible. That the Origen ridicules the idea that the accounts that it is absolutely incredible. That the origen interest and has become one of the Epistle to the Hebrews is not by St. Paul or any apostie at all is shown by chapter ii., are to be understood literally, and pronounces are to be understood literally, and pronounces the literal interpretations mere "falsities" the literal interpretations mere "falsities" the literal interpretations mere "falsities" the literal interpretations mere that it is absolutely incredible. anest rengious people are deeply concerned verse 3. The Episte of James Faccourt interpretations interpretation interpretation sech a proposition as little less than religi-have no place in scripture." Luther reject- phemies." St. Augustine, Tertullian, Cleas treason. Other multitudes are equally strong in the conviction that such reading of mus, Calvin, and Zuinglius. Belsham, in held the narratives in Genesis to be purely the Bible is highly improper, and they in-this Evidences, says of the law of Moses, allegorical. Orthodox Christians say Adam "That which is genuine bears but a small and Eve were real persons, and that proportion to that which is spurious." the account of the *fall* in Genesis is wular principles, without any religious ex- Bishop Usher said, "Our present Septuagint literal history, while Unitarians and other

 $\frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1}$ applied exclusively to a religious book, sup-lously, by seventy learned Hebrews, by ence, —and intended by the figures to in from a supernatural Power. All nations years B. C., hence called the Septuagint, has embarrass with these perplexing questions nothing but tradition to support it, and its the young and tender minds of children, who history is regarded by eminent scholars as a come to our State schools to study " reading, myth. writing, and arithmetic?" I think the

listen to these dogmas? How must they member the obscenity that is contained be-feel when their ancestors are denounced as tween its costly lids. When I see maiden the Mount would upset every industry and deicides, God-killers and Christ-murderers? purity tripping along our streets, Bible in turn the people into a crowd of tramps and Shall the children of Hicksite Quakers, Uni-hand, I wonder if she knows that she car-vagabonds. tarians, Universalists, and other liberal ries more obscenity than Byron ever wrote,

to respect? Is it not just to assume that made familiar with all forms of licentious- the New Testament. We want higher and the great majority of non-religionists who ness and uncleanliness? send their children to the State schools do But it is said that teachers will skip these the parable of the "Unjust Judge," and not desire to have their plastic minds dis-turbed with perplexing religious questions? them, and will laugh at their guides when taught in the parable of the "Unjust It may be said that the majority should rule. This is very well in some things, but not in regard to religious matters. In some school districts of California and other fact read from the bible in our schools. If the school districts of California and other the school districts of Californi States, the Chinese are in the majority. it is infallible inspiration why not read it all of property held up as a crime, and poverty Shall the writings of Confucius be read right out? What right has a teacher to represented as a virtue, entitling one to a there? If the Hindoos should come in such suppress God's word? Are not Solomon's seat in the future kingdom. We want good there? If the Hindoos should come in such numbers as to give them the majority in certain school districts, should the State in-troduce the Vedas in the public schools? Where the Catholics are in the majority, shall we have holy water and the mass? All experience shows that the majority is most likely to be in the wrong; but whether they likely to be in the wrong; but whether they the Pagan sacred books, in which many Corinthians. I repeat that we want a higher are or not, the majority is always bound to things are found as good and pure as morality than the morality of the New respect the rights of the minority, otherwise in the Hebrew and Christian Bible, and let Testament. there is no such thing as "rights of con- us thus have a Sacred Anthology, which science." It is said that this is a Christian government, and the Christian Bible should be read in its schools. This is not true. State schools because the moral is so mixed free State schools to thoroughly instruct

Justice Story of the United States Supreme Ruth is only fit for a dime novel. Solomon's Coart held in the Girard Will Case that "this claim is materially modified by the Bill of Rights." He says, "It must have to worship at all.

IV. But we object to reading the Bible in small cords men engaged in legitimate dogmas. our State schools because it contains so much business, upsets their tables, and uses the So nur

We want something for our State schools Christians be compelled to listen to what than Shelley ever dreamed of, -- than the that is more practical, and better adapted to they regard as blasphemy? Have Agnostics vilest French novelist ever dared to print? this commercial age. We want a higher no rights that the State schools are bound Shall the children in our State schools be morality than is taught in the parables of

more noble conceptions than are given in

The American Secular Union, more than a

The treaty with Tripoli, signed by George up with the immoral that there is great children and youth in the purest principles Washington as president, expressly declared danger of contamination by contact. Some of morality without inculcating religious that "the government of the United States portions of the Old Testament contain doctrines; thus recognizing the legal right is not in any sense founded on the Christian beautiful stories and sound moral maxims, under our Federal Constitution of all our religion." The word God, or Christ, or but right in the same connection we have citizens, Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Christian, or Bible, does not occur in the (without condemnation) stories of uncleanli Protestants, Liberals and Agnostics, and all constitution of the United States, and the ness, fornications, adulteries, and incests other classes, whether believers or disname of God is not even mentioned in that that the Police Gazette would not dare believers, to have their children instructed most solemn obligation of office taken by publish. Jael meanly murders Sisera, and in all the branches of a common secular edthe president on assuming his official duties. is praised for it, while the deceit and ucation in our State schools, without having Moreover, it is not true that Christianity treachery of Rahab is commended in the their tender minds biased for or against any is the common law of our country. Chief New Testament. The story of Boaz and sect or party whatever,

We suggested that this essay should contain a comprehensive and suggestive exhibit, with familiar and practical illustrations of those universal foundation principles and been intended to extend equally to all sects, and a trickster, -and so on to the end. axiomatic truths which underlie all sound whether they believe in Christianity or not, Polygamy is shown to have been the rule, morality and rightfulness, thus developing and whether they are Jews or infidels." and not the exception, among Jehovah's and educating that inherent moral sense While this country is not anti-Christian, it favorites. War is everywhere tacitly justified which is more or less common to all rational is an Christian. It tolerates all forms of and slavery is practiced, and not an human beings. In short, that it should belief and disbelief, whether Jew, Christian abolitionist opens his mouth. We go to show how to teach children the natural and or Agnostic, and insures all citizens perfect the New Testament, and he who is called essential difference between right and freedom to worship whom they will, or not the "perfect one," curses a fig-tree for not wrong, and the reasons therefor, without bearing fruit out of season, drives out with reference to sacerdotal creeds and sectarian

So numerous have been the responses to that is cruel and obscene. The Bible begins with a cruel murder and a bitter curse,— towards them. He shows want of respect are yet busily engaged in examining these Cain and Abel. The flood of Noah, involv- for his mother, and is ambiguous and MSS., who will shortly be able to award

have had such a book or books. The Hin-Indarestas, the Chinese their Maxims of Confucius, and numerous other sacred books; the Egyptians their books of Hermas and Back of the Dead : the Mohammedans have their Koran, while Jews have their Old Testment, and Christians cling mainly to the New Testament.

More than twenty different Bibles are found among the nations, all claiming to be avinely inspired, and each claims to be a faility from which there is no appeal. We lave nothing to do with any of these Bibles "the present time, except the Hebrew and Unistian. And right here we should remember that the Jewish and Christian Scriptres do not consist of two complete books, but that the two books, the Old and New letaments, are made up, the one of thirty-Tolumes.

Now let us formulate our objections to the ading of these sixty-six little tracts in our Sate schools. We object:

1. Because there is no common agree lent as to what constitutes the Bible.

The Jews come forward with their thirtythe little leaflets, mostly written by nobody nows whom and nobody knows when or there, and say that these, bound together to one book, are the Bible. Orthodox aristians respond in chorus, -Not so; these the pamphlets are only part of the Bible, while they contain the substance and maise of holy things, we have the fulfiland realization in the New Testament. log must accept our twenty-seven little leaf-(mostly anonymous and without date) fore you claim to have the whole Bible. Then comes the Catholics, and with a tone " suthority exclaim, "You are both mag. You have omitted fourteen other the books, and have dubbed them 'apocry-The never intended to be read by the comnon people, as it cannot be understood with-Such an interpreter, and the Church the Church, and you, the people, only be-the Church. You must bring in the writings of the Church. You must bring in the writings of the Church. You must bring in the writings of the Father's of the Church, and also tradition; and then it will do to beta to talk about the Bible. We do not record. No intelligent man dare assert that the canon of either the Old or New Testawhools without giving the Church a chance is laternet it." 16 interpret it.'

Many Protestant Christians increase the were either ignorant, prejudiced, or superup with the Bible, which, nevertheless, are to be no part of the Bible. Martin schools:

Modern critics make sad havoc with the deliberate answer of thoughtful men will be canon (which means list) of both the Old No.

and New Testament books. Only four of We could pass through the whole of the the fourteen Epistles ascribed to Paul are Old and New Testaments and show that now admitted to have been certainly written many of the stories, such as Samson, Jonah, by him, and several of the Epistles (the Joshua and Elijah yield to the allegorical in-

Acts, Revelations and all of the Gospels) are terpretation, while the literal or historical asregarded as anonymous. Now, we respect-sumption necessarily suggests problems fully submit that, until we certainly know which are absurd and incomprehensible. what constitutes the Bible, we should cease But we object to the reading of the Bible to clamor for its reading in the public in our State schools:

schools. The canon (list) of neither the III. Because there is no common agree-Old nor the New Testament books was ment as to what doctrines are taught in the generally accepted, according to Dr. Lard- Bible. For about 1400 years we have had ner, until about 556 years after the Christian these little tracts called the Bible, and men era. The Epistle to the Hebrews, the Acts, are more uncertain as to what to believe the Epistle of James, the Second Epistle of than ever. We have about two hundred the Epistie of James, the Second Epistie of James, the Second Episte of James that its in little pamphlets bound together in two John, the Epistle of Jude and Revelation, particular doctrines are drawn from the have all been doubted as canonical Scrip- Bible, and each quotes pages of proof-texts

ture, and by many eminent Christian schol- in support of its dogmas. At the same time Calvinists denounce Arminians as ars have been entirely rejected.

The fact should not be overlooked that holding doctrines that are "delusive, danwhat is now called the canon of Scripture is gerous and destructive," of human souls. defective, in that it does not contain many Arminians retort that the Calvinist's God is books which at one time were deemed worse than the devil, and say that they sacred. The late Professor Moses Stuart would rather be Atheists than Calvinists. furnished a list of sixteen books which are An English archbishop says that, "Unitarimentioned in the Old Testament as sacred anism embraces the most daring impiety among the Jews, which are now not extant. that ever disgraced the name of Christianity, gospels and nearly one hundred other epistles voted to the devil, and separated from that claimed to be inspired. Beside the Christ." Dissenters reply that the church canonical and apocryphal books now extant of England "is an obstacle to truth and hothere are sixty-eight New Testament books liness and destroys more souls than it saves." mentioned or quoted by the Christian Fathers of the first four centuries, which are ment by coolly consigning every other sect now not known to be in existence. More to "Eternal damnation as heretics and than fifty other books written by twenty schismatics, and their clergy as desecrating suplete without these. Moreover, the Bible different authors in the second century have thieves and ministers of the devil." In the mysteriously disappeared. Now, we re- meantime, Protestants unite in calling the spectfully submit that if only one inspired Church of Rome "the scarlet whore of book is lost, or only one is added without Babylon," and "a combination of idolatry, blasphemy and devilism!" Now, we submit that a book which pro-

duces such a medley of opinions should not be read as a religious authority in our State These books might have changed matters

ing of fire and brimstone on Sodom was a he is going to the feast at Jerusalem or not, most despotic act, involving the innocent then straightway sets out for the Holy City, experienced teachers of both sexes. Authors med to be derived in a supernatural man-order of the second Ptolemy, about 260 account for the existence of evil. Shall we with the guilty, and no wonder that the and makes believe by his actions that he is of every grade have earnestly entered into patriarch expostulated with Jehovah against going to one place when he is actually friendly competition for this prize, and not it. The fate of Lot's wife, when she cast a going to another.

lingering look at her home, was cruel in the extreme. Achan and his sons and daughters further and say that we object to the reading holding the most diversified and extreme (and all his dumb animals) were com- of the Bible in our State schools because of views in religion. There is no difference of manded by Jehovah to be stoned because its defective morality. We are asked, is opinion in regard to morality. Jews and Achan had stolen the wedge of gold. Je-hovah is made to sanction the hanging of morality of the Sermon on the Mount? I lics and Protestants, Agnostics and Athe-Saul's seven sons and grandsons because admit the excellence of the "golden rule," ists, are all agreed in commending what is Saul, a long while before, had done wrong but that was not new or original in that good and right, and in condemning what is to the Gibeonites, after which Jehovah discourse. In Leviticus xix., 18, we read, bad and wrong, and one and all agree in stopped the pestilence! God approved "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," the reasons therefor. Let us therefore teach of the cutting off of the heads (by Jehu) of which implies the same principle, and was morality in our State schools, but let us not the seventy sons of Ahab. He destroyed doubtless learned by the Jews, in Babylon, attempt to introduce religion, concerning 70,000 by pestilence because David did Rabbi Hillel habitually used the maxims which scarcely any two persons agree.

what Jehovah told him to do. He directed quoted in the Sermon on the Mount a genera-Moses to exterminate the Midianites, men, tion before Jesus is said to have lived, and the Hebrew and Christian Bibles in State women and children, -except the 32,000 Isocrates said, 338 years before, "Act schools, "without note or comment." virgins kept for the purpose of gratifying towards others as you would have them act Catholic teachers will read those chapters their lusts. He slew 20,000 Israelites for towards yon," and Aristotle, 380 years be- which speak of Peter as the rock upon firting with the daughters of Moab, and fore the Christian era, used almost precisely which the church is founded, and of priests mercilessly killed 50,000 men because they the same words, and so did Sextus, a Greek of whom it is said, "whatsoever ye shall peeped in a little wooden box called the ark poet. Everybody ought to know that Con- bind on earth shall be bound in heaven,' of the covenant. But time would fail us to fucius, nearly 500 years B. C., in his 24th and many similar passages which seem to tell of all the cruel and barbarous acts as- Maxim, gave the "golden rule" in both favor the claims of the Romish hierarchy. cribed to Jehovah in the Old Testament. its positive and negative form. Pittacus, a Calvinistic teachers will give prominence to We have not time to speak of the savage Greek philosopher, used almost precisely the Sth and 9th chapters of the Epistle to wars, and the merciless murder of thousands the same words 600 years B. C., and Thales, the Romans, and many other passages upon thousands of men by their brothers. his countryman, said 640 years n. c., which teach election and reprobation, and It is enough to say that the Bible contains "Avoid doing what you would blame others eternal damnation for a majority of mandisgustingly detailed accounts of the most cruel and atrocious crimes of any book ex-ing of children. It is difficult to speak to ears polite in a remulticed at the character of the character

The canon of the New Testament is equally defective. The councils that ac-cepted four gospels and seventeen epistles as the balk of dissenters as traccursed, dedescription. To print these in a book and send it through the United States mails would put a man in the penitentiary. There are entire chapters that reek with obscenity in the Heavens'' is used in all pagan re-ligions. We have reason for thinking that the man in the penitentiary. There is the Heavens'' is used in all pagan re-tractional difficulty in finding passages going to show that Jesus was a mere man, and not a God. The Bible is very accommodating. You can find authority for anything in it! I from beginning to end. I will not specify them, lest I assist the young and vicious in finding them. Leaves of Grass, by Walt Whitman, and the Kreutzer Sonata of the sun.

Tolstoi, are immaculate purity by the side could not give up its nastiness. I cannot

The Sermon on the Mount, in its com- in heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Shakespeare have been revised and purified, but though Noah Webster undertook to ex-purgate the Bible, Christians were so preju-diced in favor of the *old* book that they could not give up its nastiness. Leannot

could not give up its nastiness. I cannot tell you about Onan, and Tamar, and Lot and his two daughters, and scores of other baseney matters. There are preserved and has never been practised. "Take no thought transmission of the strong leaning the strong leaning that the strong leaning baseney matters." schools. But it may be said that Roman Catholics and orthodox Protestants agree as to the doctrines of total depravity, the miraculous in charnation of God, the crucifixion of christ, vicarious atonement, and eternal punishment, and that the Bible distinctly repersons, should innocent childhood— mere boys and girls in our State schools. The start protestant Christians increase the difference in the extreme. We object further punishment, and that the Bible distinctly ture persons, should innocent childhood— non-resistance, is about as foolish as indistributed in the extreme. We object further punishment, and that the Bible distinctly mere boys and girls in our State schools— in the extreme of the bible in our State schools as indistributed in the extreme. The bible in our State schools are going to help mere boys and girls in our State schools— in the extreme. The bible in our State schools are going to help mere boys and girls in our State schools as indistributed in the school only be use the bible in our State schools are going to help use the boys and girls in our State schools are going to help use the boys and girls in our State schools are going to help use the boys and girls in our State schools are going to help use the boys and girls in our State schools are going to help use the boys and girls in our State schools are going to help use the boys and girls in our State schools are going to help use the boys and girls in our State schools are going to help use the boys and girls in our State schools are going to help use the boys are boys are going to help use the boys are going to help use the boys are boys are going to help use the boys are going to help use the boys are going to help use the boys are boys are going to help use the boys are boys are boys are going to help use the boys are boys are going to help use the boys are b therefore be read in our State schools out of be polluted by them? When I enter a uttered by one who believed that the end of divine in New York, says we might as well

Lather for instance, the father of the Prodestant Reformation writes thus: "The books ment as to what parts are historical and what the children of Jews being compelled to upon the centre-table, I shudder when I re- come with that generation. Only a partial Continued on third page

one has found any difficulty in showing how VI. We might just as well go one step to teach morality without offence to persons

Now suppose we submit to the reading of

words-" There are three that bear record

of these passages! Early editions of position and construction, shows that it is Holy Ghost, and these three are one." This

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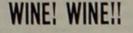
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It Washes Down the Choicest an intelligent understanding of the real character of this church of Rome, the mightiest power for evil which ever existed on this struggling suffering earth. GEO. A. SCHUFELDT.

Mrs. A. Leah Fox Underhill. The funeral obsequies of Mrs. A. Leah Fox Underhill (the eldest of the famous

The world is tolerably familiar with the Fox Sisters), took place the 4th inst., at life, habits and character of the modest, her late residence No. 232 West 37th St., unpretentious man of Nazareth, upon whose New York, where she had made her home name and teachings the modern Christian for more than thirty years. Mrs. Nellie T. church is founded. He was a man of love- J. Brigham's touching invocation and heartly desires, without personal ambition or felt discourse, was listened to by an assem- THINKER was first handed to me by Mr. thoughts of social distinction. His disciples were taken from the common ranks, and he associated with the common people; his food was of the simplest and plainest quality; his raiment of the coarset cotton cloth and rein discourse, was instended to by an assent. Thinkker was inst handed to me by Mr. Taylor, a genuine philanthropist and have been a regular soul wisher, and have of the casket which contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and rein discourse, was instended to by an assent. Thinkker was inst handed to me by Mr. Taylor, a genuine philanthropist and hiled the spacious parlors and adjoining rooms. Emblematic of her life, at the head of the casket which contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the casket which contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the casket which contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large and beautiful cross and to the contained her earthly remains, was a large to the departed a rich ring mounted to the contained her earthly remains, was a large to the departed a rich ring mounted to the contained her earthly to the contained her e was a large and beantiful cross and account of its many contributions, that tell here, which we think has come to stay, raiment of the coarsest cotton cloth, and crown of flowers, from her husband. Mrs. us so many things worth reading and worth to help to liberate the minds of the many upon his feet he wore the ordinary sandals Underhill's long pilgrimage through life has knowing; leave all to peruse, and silently of the time. There were not attached to his been continually marked by the most gener- make their own comments, pro and con. name any enigmatical symbols; no D. D., no ous and kindly acts toward the weary and have not as yet found anything to quarrel LL. D., no Excellency, no Pope, Arch- friendless. To make others happy seemed about, or make decided exceptions. No. 48 bishop, Bishop, Cardinal or Priest, but by to be her greatest aim. The poor and needy were never turned from her hospita-intelligent matter." the grace of God-plain Jesus of Nazareth. ble door empty handed, and her great sym-Mrs. S. M. Bartholmes, of Denver, Colo., There are recorded in the history we have pathetic heart constantly went out toward writes: "Denver is being blessed with a of his life and career, several instances of feasts and feast of good things from the Spirit-world. Spiritualist, she remained steadfast and Dr. Wood, of Minneapolis, is located here, or in which he took part. In one of those the table was spread with five loaves of bread in the table was spread with five loaves of bread ten to the small voice within," "Worship people from all parts of Colorado. He is and two small fishes, with which Jesus sat-where your conscience (pot pride) leads you soon to begin a course of lectures here. isfied the hunger of himself and the attend- and you need not fear to meet your God." He is an honest and upright man. Mrs. ing guests; another, when he sat at the sim- Mrs. Underhill in her many labors of love Ada Foye is still continuing her good work ple board with the twelve disciples and was heartily seconded by her noble and for the Spirit-land, and is making converts feasted upon the coarse bread and simple rine of the country Cemetery by the side of her sainted mother It is crowded every meeting. Denver is whom she loved so well. Many friends and fast coming to the front with the banner history of the world. The scene is two relatives of the family accompanied the re- of true thought. Every other person I thousand years later. It is not in the huts mains to Greenwood. She will be greatly meet has something to say about Spiritualof the lowly fishermen or in the mountains missed in her home, and by a large circle ism. I find in my office every day one or or fields about Jerusalem. It is a gorgeous of devoted friends. J. JAY WATSON. more who have had some communication, in some way from their loved ones.'

As the Chicago Tribuae well says, the public school question ought not to be a party question. That it most openly is so in Wisconsin and but little less so in Illi-nois, is not due to be temper of the masses of the track and Dr. Chark, each adding strength with their fitting remarks. Mrs. DeWolf gave independent slate-writing. Many present received messages, and tests from their loved ones. President Jenifer an-nounced a spiritual revival meeting, to be of the track adding strength mounced a spiritual revival meeting, to be avowed opponents of the law, here or in Wisconsin, were of different type from the machine politicians. The foreign bishops who availed it because there in the same hall every Sunday at 1:30 r. M. sharp. Thurs-who availed mathematical it because there is and in the same hall every Sunday at 1:30 r. M. sharp. Thurs-who availed mathematical it because there is a structure of human mathematical it because there is a structure of human mathematical it because there is a structure of human mathematical it because there is a structure of human mathematical it because there is a structure of human mathematical it because there is a structure of human mathematical it because there is a structure of human mathematical it because the structure of human mathematical it because there is a structure of human mathematical it because the structure of human mathematical it saw in its operations a liberalizing tendency.

Rev. E. J. Dunne acted as toastmaster docility. It therefore was promptly aban-of the occasion, the toasts being as follows: doned, and the "right of the parent" cunall 1. "The Silver Jubilee." Response by ningly was substituted for the "right of the church," which was the point at first solely

The Progressive Thinker.

Last week we issued an edition of 18,000 instead of 17,000, as previously announced. For once at least in our life we were mistak-

Dr. E. B. Westbrook.

and a cup of red wine in Jerusalem; "eat His address this week is most excellent it and drink it in memory of me." Green It scintillates throughout with facts! Docturtle soup with sherry, fillet of beef with tor, in behalf of the readers of this paper, mushrooms, with claret; asparagus, with we thank you 1,000 times! We take par Jubilee punch, roquefort cheese, coffee and ticular pleasure in welcoming you to the sample copy, to solicit several others to unite with CIGARS in Chicago! Bumpers of punch "to columns of our paper. The good seeds you sample copy, to solicit several others to unite with them, and thus be able to remit from \$1 to \$10, or even more than the latter sum. A large number of little amounts will make a large sum total, and thus A Good Citizen." Washed down with

The Temple.

Prof. Olney H. Richmond receives every day at the Temple, No. 17 Thirty-third St., from 1 P. M., to 6 P. M., for Astral Readings. Applications will soon be ready to send out. giving good satisfaction. Mr. Matthews

Willis F. Whitehead.

Mr. Whitehead is worthy of great praise drink His health in gallons of "Jubilee for his article last week, in reference to the punch?" Can it be possible that there are assassination of Lincoln. We could have block and the exercises are reported as disposed of 100,000 copies.

The Shakers.

among the Shakers, gives an interesting history of the spirit manifestations that have occurred among his people.

A General Survey.

The Spiritualistic Field-its Workers York. Doings, etc

Solomon W. Jewett, a venerable Spiritufrom Bakersfield, Cal.: "THE PROGRESSIVE

Miss Emma J. Nickerson's Sunday

afternoon service at Kimball hall, Nov. 2,

was a success. There was present a large

and attentive audience, not only of old

Spiritualists, but of investigators. The

olding of a stronger selfpoise and the

D. Edson Smith, of Santa Anna, Cal,

A. G. Figley would like to learn the address of F. B. Dowd, author of the

"Temple of the Rosy Cross."

As the Chicago Tribune well says, the Martin, and Dr. Clark, each adding strength thanks for the interest he takes in THE

of the two great political parties. The first held Wednesday evening, the 12th, at his destined to be a long and bitter fight beavowed opponents of the law, here or in residence, 220 W. Monroe St. They also tween Spiritualism and Christianity, both

who are the matized it, hated it because they day evening a large number of the Society charter on the 10th of September, under the society, and the right generation of the and Lyceum workers with friends of name of the First Society of Spiritualists of They asserted that they, as hierarchs of a church, had a right superior to that of either the State or the parent in the direction of the education of the goung. This was the first position taken by the opponents of the the future welfare and more readered, and much interest for the state or the parent is the future welfare and more readered, and much interest for the state or the parent is the future welfare and more readered, and much interest for the state or the parent is the future welfare and more readered, and much interest for the state or the parent is the future welfare and more readered and more readered to a manner. the education of the young. This was the his services rendered, and progress of their first position taken by the opponents of the future welfare and progress of their faithful leader, and the good worker at faithful leader, and the good worker at the future bers at every meeting. Her lectures are charms, but upon spiritual blending and heart. The society presented a purse, and each one added their gifts, and their grand expressions of thought were enjoyed by signed to instruct and lead us to a pure and

SPOKE FROM HIS COFFIN.

An Excellent Test Given.

country, and became an eccentric miser.

asleep, he would arise, and with an old can-

dle-stick, in which burned a tallow candle,

Torela, of Denver, Colo., writes: "In- markable. Very many of the names of present conception and practice is low, en terest in Spiritualism is constantly growing spirits described are given in full, and I ceedingly low, because man has not yet in this city, if the crowds which are found think so far all have been recognized. Sis- risen, -except in special instances, -into in the different places of meeting on Sun- ter Van Duzee has also organized a Wednes- a recognition of his spiritual capacities. day is any indication. In a former letter I day night developing circle. At these meet-You say the book is bold, and some call it stated that Mrs. Ada Foye was to go East, ings her guides give a short lecture on but shortly after she was engaged for a "Mediumship and Development," after bad. When an ulcer exists, it must be year by one of the societies and will there- which we form a circle and wait for the in- probed. It is a severe task, and the er en. We deeply regret the fact. We should fore minister to them for that length of time. fluence of our spirit guides. Many are be- tremely sensitive will shrink. Tolstoi has have issued 100,000, and we could have Mrs. Foye is not only improving as a ing developed as a result. Dayton has done well what was necessary to be done, Good Catholic, a Good Citizen." Response easily disposed of every copy. We did not speaker, but is growing stronger and many fine mediums. Mrs. Seary is a splen- in order to pave the way for a clearer concorrectly estimate the demand. THE PRO. stronger as a public test medium as time did trampet medium; Mr. Hughey Moore, ception of conjugal compacts, albeit he GRESSIVE THINKER is not only taking the goes on. Her tests are remarkable and at present in New York, trumpet and mater. himself is startled at his own conclusions, She Has Kept Pace with the Unrivaled lead in circulation, but it is doing a grand striking, and mostly independent of all ializing medium; Miss Cora Denney is truly and the reactive tendency causes him in ballots. Invitations are extended to pre- a wonderful musical medium. Our parlor his preface, to declare against all marriage pare closely folded ballots which are gathered lectures during the week among the mem. Nothing could be more natural than that a

> paid to them, however, and the most sur-prising tests are given without regard to the guide Sunrise come to the delight of those doubt the purity of all sex relations. Yet, hatful of ballots on the table before her. who know her, and the astonishment of the on this and other material planes, faint These tests are given so rapidly that only a skeptics. In all our progress made our lady glimmerings of a new order of union be short-hand reporter can give an idea of members have done fully their share of the tween men and women are dawning. Other them and their excellence. Mrs. Foye work. In conclusion, allow me to say that brave writers and heroic lives, daring to as occupies Coliseum hall, the largest in the Sister Van Duzee is truly an eloquent lec- alyze and experiment with the marriage city, and even at twenty-five cents a head turer, and grand organizer, and those who question, have paved the way for the her audiences are very large, and composed secure her services will not be disappointed."

of the best of Denver's population. Odd Fellow's Hall is crowded to repletion every Sunday evening, very many turning away from lack of even standing room. Admission is free, the expenses being paid by contribution. Mrs. Parnell, late of Boston, is the speaker and medium, and seems to be holds forth in Warren's hall, and has quite a large attendance. He is spoken of as a very excellent test medium. The admission to his meetings is fifteen cents. A society

being of interest."

Edgerly has filled engagements in Rockland, Giles B. Avery, one or the leading lights Me.; Haverhill, Mass., and Salem, Mass. Sunday, Nov. 9, he will again be in Salem. Nov. 16 he will be in Amesbury, Mass. Dec. 1, in New York; last two Sundays of and a bunch of keys, proceed through a good old age. Death is not simply disso December, in Bridgeport, Conn. He has a the house, open the strong boxes and lution of structure, but the total or partial few open dates for the spring months. see that his jewels and money were safe. Address 52 Washington St., Newburyport, He would also go down cellar and examine Mass.

same relation to our spiritual wants and soon died. During his short illness he was tions are born of the body environment and alist, and one who has done a great deal needs that silver mining does to our tem- tormented with the false idea that his serv. appetite. No man or woman, sufficiently of good for Spiritualism, writes as follows poral, -both give the best returns for the ants were robbing him, and had a particular investment.

Geo. Y. Nickerson, of New Bedford,

Mrs. Dr. Morrell, Dr. A. Ferris, Rev. Dr. Mr. S. E. W. Martin has our heart-felt Tolstoi's Contribution to the Marriage Question

No subject is more important to the ha man race than that upon which we are to holy life. Her platform tests are truly re- provement, like any other institution. The up at every meeting. But little attention is bers are doing much good. On these occa- spiritualized being should shrink from the Kreutzer Sonata, which, in its turn, will light the pathway of other travelers, who

will declare still higher truths. If, at any time, there is within either in. dividual concerned in the conjugal relation a feeling of settled inharmony, the continuation of that association is not simply reprehensible, it is diabolical. No union which is not vivified by the spiritual forces, can be other than demoralizing to all concerned. You say that youth will be rendered depraved by a perusal of this book; they are already depraved by their inheritance; doomed to unworthy conceptions of sexual life because of the atmosphere in which they have been generated. entirely and retired to his estate in the

As Tolstoi truly says; Man is not merely He became so sordid and erratic that, at an animal, but a being of spirit, who should midnight when the household were all evidence this in his marriage relations, as in everything else. Many a wi e is spiriteally murdered, although living in a body to paralysis of the spiritual possibilities of love.

The dream of mateship, of conjugal completeness, is born of a vagne recognition, is every thing there to see that nothing was Lyman C. Howe is now lecturing in New missing. His avarice so increased that he the spirit, of the associations which obtain denied himself almost the necessaries of in more celestial spheres. The base inter-J. E. Freeman, of Aspen, Colo., writes: life, and went about clothed in rags. One ests and instincts which too generally animate men and women in the present relation of the set of the se developed to dream of love and home, willingly relinquishes the aspiration therefor; animosity toward an old faithful servant. Seventeen hours after his death, when his but, disappointed, he tries to render the body was cold and rigid, and as it lay in the sentiment callous, and to distribute his es-The book which reveals the hideousness of relationships of this character, which unhesitatingly presents the picture of animal marriage, as it is, to men and women, is a book to be read, to be studied and to be discussed; and not until you are ready to and then to follow that thinking and that speaking with thoroughly true living, have you arrived at that point where there is hopes of sexual purity among mankind Celibacy is not the panacea for the domestic evils which afflict society; but the complete domination of amativeness by the faculties of spirituality and conjugality will from the bosom of the race, heralding the the way to more exalted and enduring The address was listened to by a large audience, who freqently applauded.

TRANSLATED BY Z, T. GRIFFEN. M. Horace Pellitier, in La Revue Spirite for October, gives the following strange resuscitation of the dead: "M. de X. -was a rich gentleman who in but at the age of forty-five reformed

holds meetings every Sunday in Charles his youth was profligate and intemperate, For the last four Sundays. Oscar A

Now, let us turn to another page in the room, in a palatial building in the Western Hemisphere. Electric lights illumine the richly frescoed ceilings; the walls are adorned with great mirrors; the furniture is It Will be Inaugurated by Mrs. of the finest and most polished wood; the table, covered with the whitest linen, glist-ens under the load of glass and silverware;

bles, and here is the feast which was prepared for them to enjoy much, and this was what cents. Mrs. Richmond's lectures will fill toasts and sample der. In the course of the speech-making the archbishop was presented with a handsome picture, framed most elegantly, the design being a picture of the Archbishop in the ants, the archepiscopal council of the din-cese of Chicago. The picture is the work of Max Friederang, and is a fitting present from his friends on this great epoch in the Archbishop's life. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop's life. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din-time. Archbishop is the archepiscopal council of the din

OUR WINTER CAMPAIGN.

Cora L. V. Richmond.

subject was "Mediums and Mediumship," We are happy to announce to our readers an array of colored slaves, dressed in the that we have secured the services of Mrs. highest style of modern art, are prepared Cora L. V. Richmond, one of the finest to wait upon the coming guests. A feast mediums in the world for the transmission cultivation of the brain faculties. Miss for the high dignitaries of the church of Christ is at hand; an Archbishop is about to have a day of jubilee, on which he is to Sunday afternoon as usual. A liberal collection was made and pledges handed in by be congratulated for his accession to his reported especially for THE PROORESSIVE those wishing to sustain the meetings during high office, and here they come, arrayed in THINKER. These addresses will be from the winter. purple and fine linen: Cardinals Archbish- leading denizens in the Summer-land, who ops, Bishops, Priests and other titled fol-lowers and representatives of the "Man of some of their varied experiences in the expresses his opinion: "I think THE PRO-some of their varied experiences in the some of the some of their varied experiences in the some of Sorrow." They are not the pallid, careworn men of Jerusalem; nor the fishermen or car-celestial regions. These productions will GRESSIVE THINKER the best Spiritualist penters of Judea who gathered about the prove of great value to our readers and will paper in the field.' great Teacher and Master, but pompous, appear monthly. Just think for a moment sleek, well fed priests of the nineteenth of the feast of good things in store for our century! They are seated at the great ta- readers, and that, too, at the cost of only

of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER: "It is the best American newspaper in the world.' they did. After the more substantial evi- an important niche in the Spiritualistic dences of the occasion had been removed, literature with which our paper will be toasts and addresses were declared the or-der. In the course of the speech-making the archbishop was presented with a handsome the ''Spiritual Experiences'' of Wm. Ellery

who are controlled by King Theology.' E. A. Houghton, of Londonderry, Vt.

writes: "It is not often we are favored with liberal teachings in this creed-bound place, but a few progressive minds secured the services of a fine inspirational speaker, Lucius Colburn, of Manchester, Vt., who has just closed a six weeks' engagement. Mr. Colburn is an illiterate man, with scarcely a common school education, and yet under control he treats any subject given by the audience in a manner seldom equaled in our pulpits by the most eminent divines! His discourses are delivered in a pleasing manner, from a scientific standpoint, noted for logical reasoning and plain common sense. The interest is increasing during his stay here. Societies in need of a speaker

would do well to engage him. He is also

quite a good test medium." J. T. Haughey, of Paola, Kan., writes: "I am so glad you published the letter Hill, Ka. She is permanently located there, and her many friends are rallying to her support. She, as well as her husband, have been tried as by fire, and have proved themselves true as steel in every trial. The invited to come and find the living facts and the lecturer spoke of the necessity of a copy of a slate message, given me in Mrs. greater individuality among mediums, the A.'s circle, under test conditions. I was at that time promised a picture representing Nickerson will lecture in Kimball Hall next Sunday, afternoon as usual A liberal col circle with eight other investigators, the promise was fulfilled. I held the slates in my hands. The picture was made on the under side of the slate. Our circle is duly organized, with proper officers, and we have and I have the honor to be President.'

> Henry K. Ogden, of Peoria, Ill., writes: · Every body here thinks well of your grand paper.

Col. T. F. Spear, clairvoyant and trance John L. Hill, of Boston, speaks as follows medium is now located at East St. Louis III.

per will be will appear d last week in connection with Geo. W. Swan, of Rich, Va., speaks in the highest terms of the mediumship of

appeared last week in connection with in the lightst terms of the inclusion of the parlor lectures on the North side, on "The Ancient Wisdom," should have been W. P. Phelon, M. D. The Doctor resides at 619 the Memorial Church, Clyde, Ohio, on

finger of the departed a rich ring mounted with a ruby of great value and large size, to be given to his heirs. Hardly had the valet taken the dead miser's hand when the eves of the dead man opened, and the body arose and uttered in the greatest anger: You rascal! it is not enough that you robbed me during my life, but you must think and to speak upon these questions, despoil my dead body.' And with vigorous movement returned to his couch, and remained rigid and dead. The valet was so frightened that he fled from the chamber, with the other attendants, also greatly terrified by this startling manifestation. Monsieur A. Mongin, in La Revue Spirite (Paris) gives the following: Having learned that M. Baissac, an eminent officer cause the sentiment of love to rise radiantly attached to the ministry of war, had received remarkable communications from the Spirit-world, I made him a visit, and unions. requested him to recount the facts and allow them to be published in the La Revue Spirite, and his consent was given. M.

Baissac's account was that on the 7th of May 1890, a circle was held at his house at of our medium, Mrs. Mabel Aber, of Spring half past eight o'clock in the evening. The members of the circle, consisting of his wife, a son and cousin, two lady friends and himself, were arranged around a large workman's table. After the hands were placed on the table a little less than five minutes, the investigating public from far and near are table commenced to move, then raps were heard, and the table raised up on one leg. upon which is based our beautiful phi- My son put several questions, and the answers were made by letters spelled out correctly. Then the raps were heard, and answers given by the usual "yes or no" system. The following communication was then obtained through the table:

"Louis Constant, originally of the department of Charante, not far from Limoges, a soldier of the Guarde Mobile, killed in battle at the age of twenty-seven years, in the first part of December 1890." This communication was verified three times. As I was employed at the office of the Minister of War, my children asked me to search the records of the soldiers killed in 1870, and see if I could find this name. In about a week after, I requested an attache of the bureau, having the records of soldiers, to investigrate them and see if partment of Charante, not far from Limoges, a soldier of the Guarde Mobile, killed in battle at the age of twenty-seven years, in the first part of December 1890."

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or even his name. At a subsequent circle the communication came: "I am happy, very happy."

S. K. Skinner, of Colona, Mich., writes: "We take your paper, and we think it the best paper of the kind published."

Passed to Spirit Life.

At the home of her parents, near Lyle, Minn., Ana-youngest daughter of W. L. and F. J. Barnum, and 29 years, 3 months, and 7 days. From earliest child hood, she had been familiar with the teachings of pictualism and she met death without fear. She leaves a father, mother, sister, and harge cfèle of friends to mourn her loss. The deceased had been an invalid for the last eight years and two years ago she was given up by all the doctors in the vicinity except Dr. LeBaron, a spiritual healer. He said he could not cure her but could help her, and the Indian co-trol said during a treatment, "Sometime you will come where I am, but not now." The "sometime" and October 13th at S P. M., and she went to just the friends who had gone before. The funeral services were conducted by Kev. A. A. Thayer, a Universitä minister. He took his text from the 12th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, where Peter is delivered four prison by an angel, proving by that and num-ous other passages of scripture, the return of spirms

soldiers, to investigate them and see if a record of Constant could be found, and the following record was brought to me. "Constant, Louis, born at Saint Contant Canton de Champagne, Mouton, department de la Charante, the 3rd of Aug., 1843. En-listed in November 1870, in the 51st regiment of foot, killed Dec. 8, 1870, in the battle of Joshes." None of us had ever heard of Constant, or even his name. At a subsequent circle the communication came: "I am happy,

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THE VOICES.

They Come With no Uncertain Sound.

selves think that the post office could with Mrs. Mary. E. Carr, of Vineland, N. J., writes: "I pred not praise The PROGRESSIVE THENKER! It speaks for first for its advanced thought." Mrs. Jalia Paul, of Waverly, Iowa, writes: "I like for PROGRESSIVE THENKER the best of any liberal ager published."

Margie A. Perkins, of David City, Neb., writes: "like your paper very much; it is just the paper is investigators as well as more advanced minds, senething for all."

MantA Hül, of Jackson, Mich., writes: "I love The Progressive THINKER and would not be with-cetif. I have read the Better Way, the Olice Branch and intelligently in matters rela life and purely worldly affairs. I have chosen to say little or the legal aspects of this question

Allea R. Morris, of Mt. Union, Ohio, writes: "I or ought to be crystallized reason or com-me rour paper very much; those lectures which are published in it, are worth the subscription." or ought to be crystallized reason or com-mon sense. The United States government is provided in it, are worth the subscription."

J. Benett Lewis, of Alexander, N. Y., writes: "I schools, or that the Westminster Catechism mpleased to know that Chicago has at last a repre-sentative splittual paper, and I really hope that the Splittualists and progressive thinkers of the country will lead you a helping hand to continue the good work so nobly prosecuted thus far under discouraging conditions."

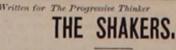
Mrs. F. L. Davis, of Missouri Valley, Iowa, writes: "Mr. and Mrs. Cook tell me they both like THE PRO-CARESURE THINKER SO MUCH that they do not wish to like a single number."

Limis F. Baker, of Baker's Corner, Ind., writes: "We like your paper very much indeed." Mrs. Gowland, of Philipsburg, Pa., writes: "I am delighted with THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. It has been a great comfort to me in my sad hours of be-parement."

Mrs. & M. Chilson, of Pokagan, Mich., writes: "I like the paper very much. Think it is rightly named as it seems to be progressive, and although only a few monthsold will take its place in the front ranks of spiritual literature

John S. Taylor, of Glostenbery, Vt., writes: "I like the paper so well I cannot do without it."

principle that will cause an eternal progression. With me, it just fills the bill."



THE BIBLE,

Continued from first page

shop as in the public schools; and we our

SPIRIT MANIFESTATIONS AMONG THEM.

A Sketch of their History.

P. B. Southwick, of Berlin, Mass., writes: "I think rery much of the paper, and am trying to interest satisfield." P. B. Southwick, of Berlin, Mass., writes: "I think rery much of the paper, and am trying to interest satisfield." Ing of the Diole, in promisedous selections, teaches neither morality nor religion; it amounts to nothing; it is a "sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal;" and this is satisfield." In some degree, and operating in some manner, spirit manifestations have ever been the inheritance of the Christian Church: stypu." J. S. Crafts, of Hackberry, Ariz., writes: "Turk main yand I want it all the time." W. H. Jeakins, of Dowagiac, Mich., writes: "Wee main yand I want it all the time." W. H. Jeakins, of Dowagiac, Mich., writes: "Turk main yand I want it all the time." W. H. Jeakins, of Dowagiac, Mich., writes: "Turk main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main yand I want it all the time." W. H. Jeakins, of Dowagiac, Mich., writes: "Turk main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main yand I want it all the time." W. H. Jeakins, of Dowagiac, Mich., writes: "Turk main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main yand I want it all the time." W. H. Jeakins, of Dowagiac, Mich., writes: "Turk main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main yand I want it all the time." W. H. Jeakins, of Dowagiac, Mich., writes: "Turk main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main processory Turk Ker and in this we voice main processory Turk Ker and in the same was inaugurated fifty years pay for them out of their own pockets, and do not ask the State to furnish the money. D. G. Richards, of Endora Ken, writes: "Turk M. The days of visita-The world of Spiritureliam to dev knows years the first phases of the prophet the first phases of spirits, and the Spirit M. The days of visita-The world of Spiritureliam to dev knows years the first phases of the prophet the first phases of spirits, and the Spirit M. The days of visita-The world of Spiritureliam to dev knows years the first phases of the prophet the first phases of spirits, and the Spiritureliam to dev knows years the first phases of the prophet the first phase of spirits, and the Spirit the first phase of the pro 0.6. Richards, of Eudora, Kan., writes: "I like do not ask the State to furnish the money, fested in visions of spirits, and the Spirit-0.6. Richards, of Eudora, Kan., writes: "Tlike purper first class; cannot get along without it." Mrs. F. E. Dickinson, of Turner Falls, Mass, "Tite: "I like The Phoonessive THINKER Very meth" Wrs. Elina S. Dolge, of Rochester, Minn., writes: "Las yer much interested in your paper, more, and other work of the same thing. But then, is it right to collect taxes from Catho-Class yer much interested in your paper, more, and other work of the same thing. But then, is it right to collect taxes from Catho-Class yer much interested in your paper, more and other work of the same thing. But then, is it right to collect taxes from Catho-Class yer much interested in your paper, more and other work of the same thing. But then is it right to collect taxes from Catho-Class yer much interested in your paper. The same thing is the paper of the same thing is the paper of the same the sam "Im very much interested in your paper, more so is any other spiritual work." Magic A. Perkins, of David City, Neb., writes: "Ilke your paper very much; it is just the paper

pure morality. Let the sects provide schools In the autumn of the year 1837 these A B. Severance, the psychometrist, of Milwaukee, Ws. writes: "Your paper is doing a good work, and is well spoken of by every one." B. F. Hayden, of Colfax, Ind., writes: "Every immetrigets more and more interesting. I hope and the state provide secular schools to teach secular things only, with secular morality as part of the curriculum, and thus make good citizens, to serve the State faithfully were visited by mes-sengers from the land of souls, who appeared to them in vision, as persons in the physical form, who gave their names and manifested to them personal characteristics, which, and intelligently in matters relating to this when related by these visionists to persons who had lived in their society, when they

I have chosen to say little or nothing of were denizens of earth, were readily recogthe legal aspects of this question. Law is, nized by them, but to the visionists, they

These spirit messengers ofttimes took L.M. Tarbell, of Ludlow, Vt., writes: "I should tell was out of something should I miss even one may ret be spared many, many wears, to publish your farless progressive articles, and do all the good you em as the lamented S. S. Jones tried to in his life ume." -which would be absurd if they were al- journeys in the Spirit-world, the scenes and ready there. Several State courts have incidents of which they, while entranced, PROGRESSIVE THINKER, -even Christianity itself, decided that sectarianism cannot be taught in the field of man's development, as no paper is do in the field of man's development, as no paper is do in the field of man's development, as no paper is do in the field of man's development, as no paper is do in our public schools, and that no religious exercises should be held, and that the read-ing of the Bible is a religious exercise, and that even "without note or commen," the Bible is a sectarian hook. The danger is Bible is a sectarian book. The danger is tion was, that both of those youth were ex-Dr. Fanle C. D. Miller, of B. Falls, Vt., writes: The redict of my friends who take your paper is, beads will be introduced into our State while entranced, separated from each other

cry against Godless schools, and go on or- visionists met multitudes of spirits, and ganizing parochial or church schools, and often conversed with some of them as with ultimately demand a per capita division of mortals, relative to the cities and places the State school funds, and thus cripple, if visited, the condition of the inhabitants, the not entirely destroy, our common school enchanting beauty of the scenery, etc., etc. system. This is the main point we should All this they would vocally express to the consider; and we have no time to lose. The witnessing bystanders. The character of question is now upon us, and the promise these manifestations was so alluring, it won

W. S. Gray, of Lenora, Kan, writes: "I wish to bal, that I have in former days read a good many different spiritual papers, and good ones too, and I cantulfully say that The PROGRESSIVE THINKER amendment of the Federal Constitution, so as to make a division of money raised by taxation for educational purposes in the several States impossible: and also to make sages from spirit anides of these orthogonal points. several States impossible; and also to make direct or indirect appropriations of public direct or indirect appropriations of public money for institutions that have the smell of vidual members of the society. The charsectarianism about them equally impossible. acter of these messages was adapted to the people, would mostly cease for a season "Why then do you cling to any last linger- and is known now to those who are near For this purpose, several organizations have state and condition of the individual, ac- and would go outside the Shaker Order ing cord that binds you backward to the him, is one of the greatest moral heroes of been formed, and in this we shall have cording to real needs and circumstances, the and extend to all nations and peoples, and juggernaut car of superstition?" I have humanity, and simply calling himself an Let the paper so well I cannot do without it." 0. J. Willard, of Mayville, N. Y., writes: "I must are tay four paper, I think it rightly named too,— hep right on thinking and progressing." C. D. Shearer, of Lawrence, Mich., writes: "I have alken The Progenessive THINKER two terms of six-there weeks each. I find in it something which is well alcalated to lead the soul from darkness to light and from the power of ignorance to that eternal life principle that will cause an eternal progression. abundant help from persons calling them- ministering spirits acting the part of disto become good citizens. The moral educa- administered unto, and very appropriate, tion of public school children is the object meeting absolute conditions of individual

Mrs. Weather, of Nerada, Iowa., writes: "I will have the have The PROGRESSIVE THISKER longer for my soul is starving for spiritual food."

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of the earth inhabitant, propel the ministra-

tutors and guardians, to reach the sufferer hatred" (to truth!)-Hosea 9: 7. and find acceptance.

true.

during which period the avenues of comof spirits were widely opened; messages from spirits in the land of souls, through media, were frequently, sometimes of a character uplifting, consoling, sometimes didactic, at times prophetic; at other times admonitory.

Through instruments or media the people were visited by spirits manifesting the characteristics of every class of nationality, and every grade of development of human society, from highest to lowest; those belong-Creation; The Kingdom of Christ in the sec- in the paradise of God. ond appearing through the female, came as teachers. Many others, both high and low, from all nations, manifested themselves as inquirers and learners, while others manifested themselves in a gross sensual state, as not being yet awakened to even a desire to better their condition, manifesting that as death left them, so eternity found them, and OUR RELATIONS TO THE they had not yet been touched by the wand of judgment, to be rewarded according to

their works. During those seven years experience of constant ministrations from the Spirit-world, long time previous to the spirit knockings the Shaker families, the people in our rephetically informed that we should yet know what this sign meant; so, when the spirit

society.

in some degree determined by the character they are not in the truest, purest sense of The hatred of mankind for all celestial and willed purposes of the earthly inhabit- the word Spiritualists; for it is the true things, forbidding all communication, is not ant. These guardians sometimes minister Christian faith that every true follower of yet overcome, even in this free country, and directly; at other times through persons in the Christ mission is and must be, a gen- though there are said to be millions of Spirthe mortal frame more nearly essimilating uine Spiritualist; a disciple of him who itualists here, we do not always protect the with their purposes, than their word, at the said: "My kingdom is not of this world." agents or mediums of the Spirit-world from me, possesses. The lesson is that kindred spirits attract Spirit-world, and all its subjects must be-Spiritualists as Jesus, Socrates and Joan of each other, and the will forces and desires come a spiritual people.

tions from the spirit spheres. The divine the fact that people who call themselves burned alive, because they were believed to law that the influences of malignant spirits Christians have become so darkened and have something to do with the Spirit-world. life, when a soul is made to see and feel Hosea, who declared, "The days of visita-them, becomes, eventually a spiritual emetic tion are come; the days of recompense are little indeed of the higher spheres of spiritand purgative which promotes desire for re-form, and this condition clears the way for the access of good spirits, as commissioned multitude of thine iniquity and the great reverently and lovingly approach those who

To the pure in heart and life, the minis-trations from the Spirit-world will eminate by the counsel of Paul thus: "Follow after these blessings can come-come to the docile mind ever ready to learn, and eager for the from the sainted throng who dwell in the Cor., 14.) The Shaker also feels toward life of deathless love and harmony. mansions of God's truth and love; and the mankind as Paul felt to the churches at Neither the wise and glorious ones of the inspirations from these are heaven born and Rome: "I long to see you, that I may im- higher world are welcomed by mankind, nor

The foregoing described phase of spirit ye may be established" (on the true and philanthropists, who express a few of toundation Christ has laid.—Rom. 1: 11. the truths that are to redeem mankind, wel-And again would we heal the sin-wounded comed with courtesy or justice by the pulmunication between mortals and the world soul, who is cowardly-minded and lost to a pit, the college and the press. When truth sense of spiritual and heavenly things and in mortal form has a just reception, then it conditions, as said Paul to the Galatians: is possible the immortals too may be heard, Brethren, if a man be overtaken with a and may have some beneficent influence on fault, ye who are spiritual, restore such an human destiny.

thyself, lest thou also be tempted."-Gal., against the writings of any author would im-

The work of the Christ Gospel is a work ing his readers, and needed a superior wisof spiritual resurrection of the soul from the dom to teach him his errors. But the great dearth and death of sin, to an abundant and error which disturbs Mr. Jackson so much heavenly growth of all heavenly flowers and is simply this, that in cultivating science ing to the Resurrection Order of the New fruits, the graces and soul-food of angels, unknown before my discoveries, I have

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Written for The Progressive Thinker. THE HIGHER WORLD. SAME.

A Response to J. G. Jackson.

As the four columns of J. G. Jackson's essay purport to be addressed to Dr. Buat the home of the Fox family, in some of chanan, courtesy requires from me a re- ages of ignorance, and when Mr. Jackson is sponse. But as nine-tenths of his language engaged in that, he is doing a good work; ligious meetings were often called upon to express ideas in which we are substantially kneel and knock on the floor, and were pro- agreed, no comments are necessary except horizon by trying to obscure the lustre of upon disagreements.

rappings commenced in the Fox family it phraseology which (I suppose unconscious- darkness, is not commendable. The telewas well understood and comprehended. Iv continually places me in a false position. scope of psychometric science reveals the they had been presented among them as a standing is not apparent when Mr. J. says: superstition. Jesus, as he was known then be manifest to all classes of society, the en- made it plain enough to any unprejudiced elder brother, is doing all that a loving lightened, the simply civilized, the semi- mind, that I have nothing to do with old brother can do. As such he is known to civilized and the barbarian, just as it has been manifested during the past forty years; but eventually the ministrations from the Spirit-world would return to the Shakers in more exalted form, and extended manner, indicate, any leaning toward superstition. John-a heroic and wise teacher, who has adapted to the then needs and conditions of That great reformer rose as far as possible no analogue in the pulpit to-day. When above the atmosphere of superstition in his the voices of these great men are heard

This withdrawal has been and still is ex- day, and is to-day in most decided antago- through the earth, civilization will glow as

ment of the Federal Constitution, to secure from spirits in the soul world, which were manner and degree from the heavenly world used by that terrible combination of priest- but it is a very unwholesome fear. There

Arc could not escape murder, and historians It is a matter of deep surprise to witness speak of millions hanged, drowned and

are worthy of reverence and love. It is The true Christian Shaker life is guided only in the spirit of reverence and love that

part unto you some spiritual gift, to the end are the authors or reformers, discoverers

one, in the spirit of meekness, considering Four columns of earnest remonstrance ply that he was greatly misleading or deceivlearned some truths in reference to the Spirit-world which are not generally known, and have mentioned them on my own responsibility to those who profess to be Spiritualists, yet instead of being enlightened by Spiritualism and psychometry, which are the, royal avenues to all wisdom, are still groping in the dim and deceptive lights of ancient history, as if they were the only source of knowledge, and discussing such subjects with no higher wisdom than belongs to the stagnant scholars who have

shunned the light of the psychic sciences. Ioconoclasm is a glorious thing when it demolishes the falsehood inherited from but that kind of iconoclasm which dims the the great and good of past ages, sufficiently I object very decidedly to the drift of his obscured already by the clouds of historic

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for the next 10 weeks." J. M. Abels, of Esserville, Mich., writes: "While on a visiting tour since the first of August, a few numbers of your paper has fallen into my hands. Now, after returning home, I am beginning to realize its value, and wish for another 'peep' at its instruct-be neared?

Repages." S. D. Edwards, of Oxford, Me., writes: "I have etamined specimen copies of THE PROGRESSIVE THISKER, and am much pleased with your paper." Mrs. Mary Phillips, of Perry Centre, N. Y., writes: "I again send for THE PROGRESSIVE THISKER, one of the best papers ever printed." W.S. Lobrage of Chleaser, UL writes: "Put me

W. S. Johnson, of Chicago, Ill., writes: "Put me down for 16 weeks more for your paper. I can't do without it. May it wave triumphantly."

without it. May it wave triumphantly."
J. P. Straub, of Granite, Colo., writes: "I consid-et may of your single articles worth the money, and Im likely to take your paper continuously."
A. B. Alden, of Lowell, Mich., writes: "THE PRO-SUESIVE THINKER is truly and rightly named. It is the best paper I ever had at the price, and after 30 years in the field of Spiritualism it gives me strength is my old age to continue in the work wishing to be worthy of a place in the Home Circle."
Edmod Peterson, of Savre, Pa., writes: "I find

Edmond Peterson, of Sayre, Pa., writes: "I find The PROGRESSIVE THINKER more than could be ex-peted. Surely, it is food for the hungry soul that sets after truth and light."

seeks after truth and light." Grandma Hathaway, of Kenyon, Minn., writes: "I harelived ten years of my life in a Catholle com-munity and had to have Catholle help for more than 50 years, I see the need of spreading the light, and making it shine, too—no foolishness in it either." Mrs. P. P. Rouse, of Winona City, Minn., writes: "Long may you live to give to the hungry ones of earth, such soul food that maketh the soul rich."

Moses W. Leach, of St. Paul, Minn., writes: "All speak in the highest praise of your paper." J. B. Rodgers, of Little Rock, Ark., writes: "Your paperis well worth the money you ask for it, and you may consider me a life time subscriber."

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Dr. J. C. Hennessey, of Butte City, Mont., writes: "Mr. Oscar Stenberg, has received his paper and says it is the finest paper that he has ever saw." G. H. Warden, of Kennedy, Tex., writes: "Al-though I am an atheist-I like some of your corre-mendents writings."

B.F. Hooper, of Silver Springs, Fla., writes: "I an a subscriber to several spiritual papers, but a faiure in receipt of a single copy of Tute PROGRESS-THE PROGRESS." TRINKER creates a vacuum difficult to fill from the comparison of the several spiritual several s

W. H. Smith, of Boston, Mass., writes: "I love "our paper. I thank you for your determined stand. I believe you will be greatly blessed."

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A Jane Williams, of Boise City, Idaho: writes; "Wellke the paper very much." Dr. C. D. Henry, of Narris, Mo., writes: "Wellke Tar Paccarssive THINKER very much; think it the set spiritual paper we have ever read." J. C. Herbert, of Blue Springs, Neb., writes: "I The your paper better than I do the Journal."

after a while, become subscribers." Mrs. Jane Patterson, of Lowell., Mich., writes: "I ma reader of The Processive Thinken, and I have just ready our baby story. I liked it, and your lapper so well, that I want a friend of mine to read it for the next 16 weeks." Ment of the Federal Constitution, to secure the public money, raised by taxation, for educational purposes, intact from sectarian division or appropriation. Ment of the Federal Constitution, to secure the public money, raised by taxation, for educational purposes, intact from sectarian division or appropriation. Ment of the Federal Constitution, to secure the public money, raised by taxation, for educational purposes, intact from sectarian tinued, the inspiring baptism was thence

FROM A SPIRIT FRIEND TO S. A.

BY MRS, F. E. ROGERS.

When all life's busy cares, Its burdens and its strife, Shall pass away and leave you free In the realms of the higher life, A vast array of gens you'll find In this fair land of ours, Wrought by the labor of your hands, While led by unseen powers.

We've noted all your generous deeds Of charity and love— Such white winged messengers soon reach Our better life above; For every good and generous deed Is counted o'er and o'er, Among the richest treasures sent To deck our sun-lit shore.

And while you've toiled unceasingly, And while you've toiled unceasingly, In the cause of human good, Your grandest efforts will be known And rightly understood. A mission grand is thine to fill, In life's great harvest field. For unseen powers have marked your course Their strength will be your shield.

Your earth life will not be in vain; Though clouds were over all, They may reveal the Father's love, Who notes" the sparrows fall." The sphere of earth can never hold The wealth in store for thee, If true to the Divine behest Of angel ministry.

We look beyond the shadows dim, That 'round your pathway lle, And only wait the sun of truth To leave a cloudless sky. We see a bright and shining path Your weary feet will tread, And the sweet roses there will form A pillow for your head.

Then buckle on the armor bright, While we your hopes renew, And gain the rich reward that comes From being just and true.

Thus, we have come at your request, To bring you words of cheer. You know that loving angels bright, Are ever lingering near. And in the sunlight of their love May you in safety rest. Assured that when earth's toils are o'er, Your home, is with the blest.

E. D. Blackman, of Three Rivers, Mich.

babies in your beautiful, fat, rosy-cheeked baby paper, which you have been pleased to PROGRESSIVE THINKER I actually thought Mrs. 6. Fox, of Le Moore, Cal., writes: "Have four new names to add to the list for your valuable babies; the youngest one of which you have work whereby God will bring every soul unto judgment, with all the deeds of life, of der, in which we are so much interested." James C. Cooper, of Troy, N. Y., writes: "Please great reason to be very proud (i. e.,) your and me ten copies of Tur PROGRESSIVE THINKE No. list of subscribers, growing so fast, and

and are not thus left.

tinued, the inspiring baptism was thence transmitted to many persons in and throughout all the societies of the Shaker Order, and such baptized soul became message bearers of communications from souls in the Spirit-world, to persons in the body physical. These inspired persons were called instruments or media. Some of them were exercised as public speakers; others, writers of messages, others the recipients and dispensers to their brethren and sisters of improvised, inspired new songs, sometimes as same medium. These were of great worth hood by laying aside the earthly casket. to society, serving to mould the feelings and wills of members of society to a Divine Order of life and conduct, on the principle in which a writer once remarked; "Let me make the songs of a nation, and I care not who makes its laws."

Persons thus baptized of the spirit as media, were very frequently much exercised inhabiting the mortal frame. hereing, while under the ministrations of spirits; these exercises often consisted of bowing, kneeling, turning exceedingly rapid, and ofttimes, of very mortifying gesticula-tions. These media very mortifying gesticula-tions and of the admonition of the admonition of the apostle tions and of the admonition of the apostle tions and of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle the wisdom of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the admonition of the apostle tions and the prime of the admonition of the admo tions. These media were often directed by the spirits to practice much fasting, both from material food and from social conversation! Sometimes media could not speak because many false prophets are gone out a word in their native tongue, except to into the world. Thereby know ye the spirit their Elders; for weeks consecutively they of God. Every spirit that confesses that were required by the spirits to give their en-tire strength of mind and spirit, and often tal body,] is of God. And every spirit that ture. of bodily powers, to attain unto soul life and confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in culture, and to spirit inspirations.

To media thus exercised the Spirit-world 2, 3.) was often manifest as an ever open book, or a wide field of intelligence; and though not vested into the Christ Order of the present meeting each other at all, they would know advent of the Christ spirit, therefore multieach other's gifts and communications be-fore they were voiced, and tell the gist of derstand as truths, but ministrations that the same to some confiding witness who belong to the earthly, worldly sphere only. would maintain entire secrecy and reticence until the message was voiced by some other be said: Jewish spirits would minister Jew-

writes: "When I began to read about read and disclose the state of souls, and re- timents of the Mussulman; Catholic spirits properly christen by the name of THE one word, spoken or written, thus produc-ing faith and conviction of the existence of life, until those varied classes of spirits be-in the affairs of men, or plunge into battle cling to humanity as hereditary infirmities, that that was to be the real baby to be no-ticed ere you closed the pleasant article; all that the work of the Christ baptism is a

portant lessons were learned by the Shaksame condition in which it was in the earthly tenement, and as it left the shores of time, so it enters the vestibules of eternity. 2. Therefore as all are not good souls while inhabiting the earthly tenement, so

3. That when the avenues of communication between the chores of time and the Spirit-world were opened as they have wonderfully been during the last fifty years, all classes of spirits in the land of souls are enabled to avail themselves of the opportuni-

4. Therefore it is frequently the case that

the flesh, is not of God." (1st John, 4: 1, 5. Not even all honest spirits are yet har-

6. Therefore, to illustrate this fact, it may inspired medium. Media would sometimes ish theology; Mahommedan spirits the sen-

7. To receive only truthful and pure

lievers in Christ's kingdom of the truths political parties under the pretense of being to imitate their examples. proclaimed by the apostle John, that death of the mortal frame doth not alter the state of the soul; but it enters the soul land in the The crimes of the political church have not

healing, prophesying and speaking the lan- and still be as legible as ever. guage of the angels. And I can the more ties of correspondence with kindred spirits their only information of those days is de- perfect life, that has ever been presented.

> ticity of those biblical records, and there is the difficulty of realizing it or even having no excuse for connecting my name even re. it understood by society. But when hope motely with them. And as for the Old Tes- dies away into unconsciousness, it is revived tament, I have endeavored to show that it is a disgrace to civilization to have such a book Jesus, have lived the life of heroic love to presented as a portion of the word of God, or even recognized as commendable litera-ble. The lives of Jesus and John, of or even recognized as commendable litera-

> My time is too busily occupied with urgent the knowledge of the noble elements withduties, to enter upon a discussion of the his- in us, which we, too, may develop and torical, theological and spiritual questions to which may-yes I venture to say will be which brother Jackson alludes. It would developed in mankind in the coming age of require a volume to do justice to these sub. evolution.

jects, and perhaps I may live to write it, for it is embraced in the grand scope of the true life, and millions in very humble

very incorrect ideas of the relation of no comprehensive exposition of ethics, and the Spirit-world to mankind when he at-that which has claimed to be ethics or retempts to hold the founders of Christianity ligion, has invariably embodied and does read and disclose the state of souls, and re-veal the thoughts and deeds of persons with whom they met, but had not corresponded one word, spoken or written, thus produc a Spirit-world, and its real life, light and come gathered into the true and highest and give victory to the right. It is surpris- with all the power of pre-natal impression,

unto judgment, with all the deeds of life, communications from the Spirit-world, souls generally were fully aware of the vast dis- and in heaven. whether secret or public, good or evil, and must live truthful and pure lives, as media; tance between the spheres of angelic love reward every soul according as his works and to receive communications of the high- and purity, and the barbarous passions of sented in 1854, I hope to present before the wal me ten copies of Tur Pacongessive Turners No. Mis addition to my regular one. I am a constant manifesting real unmistakable signs of good mainfesting real unmistakable signs of good the propagation of the truths of immortality as de-measurable by the return of the so-called dead. May is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring solat to put it away." have been. At the inauguration of this phase of the propagation of the spirit world, of which we have been is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is bring light and hope into the lives of many whose is the deart. Is the live line deart and live line dimensions is the good and true will find the landmarks the peculiar character of communications is the corrid's Re-the character of these spirits is is the deart. Is the live line deart and lives of many whose is the live live deart. is the live live deart and live live deart and live live deart and live deart. Is the live live deart and live live deart and live deart and live live deart and live live deart and live deart and live deart and live live deart and li

craft and statecraft which has so long domi- is no better influence on society than the During those spirit manifestations im- nated over the civilized world. When men reverence and love which are awarded to the commit crimes in the name of God, their great and good. The reverence for Washingers concerning communications from the crimes do not render that name odious to ton and Jefferson has been a conservative Spirit-world, confirming and reassuring be- the rational thinker; nor do the crimes of power in our republic, leading the young

inspired me with any aversion to the noble own manhood or enslave my mind. On the men, the founders of Christianity, in the contrary, I refer with delight to him, as I proper sense of that word, which was a re- do to all others who have recognized, underigious Spiritualism; yet I can excuse the stood and practiced the supreme laws of antipathy of those who in realizing the histor- life. Those laws are stamped on the face of many as twenty in one day, through the same medium. These were of great worth the virtues of the Pentecostal days when men were ruled by a noble Spiritualism— could be erased from history, or had never existed, these laws would still be the same

The science of Anthropology reveals all readily excuse their antipathies even when intemperately expressed, when I reflect that ception of true religion, which means the rived from biblical records in which there But when I speak of the perfect science of is with much good, also much that is repul- man and his duties, the scheme is so

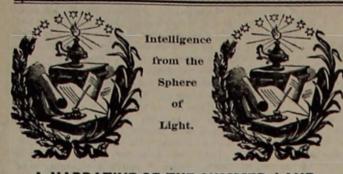
Socrates and Joan of Arc, refresh us with

Though heroic individuals have acted spheres have approached it very near, es-

psychometry. Mr. Jackson shows what I must say are pecially millions of mothers, there has been is the noble task of the science, which com-I supposed that intelligent Spiritualists prehends man in all his relations on earth

That ANTHROPOLOGY imperfectly pre-

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.



A NARRATIVE OF THE SUMMER-LAND.

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CHAPTER XIII.

THE SOCIETY AGAIN VISITS EARTH.

"Do the angels rest in heaven! Aye, in eternal activity which is rest."

It was such a morning as is alone beheld in the spheres, when our group of spirits again passed from their bright homes to survey the inharmonious conditions of earth. We find them resting over a large city, in which were concentrated all the abominations of the world. Fashion here held her baneful sway, and on her altars of eternal- those reasons. Can you expect health without knowing how it ly consuming fire sacrificed her untold victims. Toil, God's first com- may be preserved? Sickness is the result of ignorance and consemand to man. was either excessive or utterly neglected. Classes, grades, and other conventional distinctions, held potent sway; and are like one walking in darkness over yawning precipices, every error (sin) sat brooding all over, from the beggar in his rags to the moment liable to slip and precipitate himself on the rocks below. ruler on his golden throne. Commerce sat in her deceitful form

on the quays, or housed herself in high-towering walls of brick and stone. ' Falsehood, as a commodity, was bought and sold. Deception, fraud and hypocrisy, were everywhere prevalent. Man had has decreed?" contracted his God-like soul into the compass of a copper cent,

above by corrupted man, who, with God-like powers, walked the of life!' pavement amid the mass of corrupted elements, unconscious of

their presence, pursuing his puerile ends as eagerly as a boy chases the bubble or the gaudy butterfly.

the activity of animal life, bidding the flowers to expand their petals and shake off the dews of heaven. No gorgeous sunset behind unprepared for the unseen realities before you." the western forests, commanding life to be for the time dormant. shut out the extended view; pavements concealed God's ground; could go back!' night was changed to day by the glare of poisonous gas; stimulating foods and drinks were spread at every street corner, tempting life, and must submit to its conditions." the overtasked body to plunge into the gulf of infamy deeperstill deeper. The overfed gourmand jostled the beggar he had robbed of bread, from his path, with a sneer. Monopoly towered in six-storied structures, and crowded God's children from the soil rightly their own.

Oh, misery, crime, ignorance, and degradation, can you be tion, and to them I direct you.' surpassed in the mythic hell? Angels, weep! weep, for your brothers on earth!

Over this scene of misgovernment, error and death the group scene stretched out in all the rank deformities of perverted nature. and had played at the high-handed game of trade in a manner su- position in a transport of joy, exclaiming: perior to the shrewdest. When he saw hell-sent speculation grind down the poor and oppress the miserable; when his extended per- thing! so delicate, pale and unwell! She has troubled me ever since have been outgrown. ception saw the results of the actions of those who followed his she was born. I expected her to die, but while on earth I dreaded footsteps, and knew that ha had caused equal suffering, crime and the event which now gives me so much joy. woe, he called upon the rocks and mountains to fall upon him and conceal him from the sight of those who saw him in the light in ment of organic laws and the sacred principles of life. She is a which he saw himself. He covered his face with his hands, and fitting emblem of the ignorance of earth. Delicate and unwell, inwept as though the bursting tempest would rend every fibre of his deed! How could it be otherwise where the laws of hereditary ling no longer. Infinite possibilities dawned frame

now outgrow the conditions and influences of your earthly life, but and distort your reason. sick as you are, you never can be better until you labor. " I won't work!"

"You will be obliged to recall that foolish declaration. Are punishment upon yourself, for you will have ou not ashamed to remain idle while all surrounding nature is at vork? You are a consumer. You must eat, drink and wear raiment, while for the last thirty years you have produced nothing. You are to live through all future time; but according to your present determination, you never will produce anything. On earththat great bedlam beneath-pursuant to established conventional rules, you could use the earings of a hundred brothers and sisters, giving in return no equivalent, and causing their families to live in wretchedness and woe. There the poor can be made slaves, toiling night and day for the support of idle masters and mistresses. There, those who toil most receive least, eking out a life of want: while those who toil least receive most, sleep on down, sup from silver dishes, consuming an endless number of useless luxuries, while thousands are living in destitution, and are obliged to expose themselves to the winter's blast. You have entered a new sphere of existence. Here the laws of right are observed No one here can live on the sustenance of another. When a person refuses be your field of labor. You said you would be greatly missed in New York, and her his share of honest toil, we let him suffer the consequences of vio- not labor. You must toil here, or your name will adorn the historic page of the lated law, which soon makes him tractable, and ready to listen to child will pass ages in the sphere where you spiritual movement without a shadow of the words of nature.'

"But I can't work; I never learned to do anything."

"Have you not learned something useful?"

"Oh yes; I can embroider, can play on the piano, can sing, paint and draw.

"Nothing more?" asked the Sage in a tone of pity

" I know a little of French and Italian, and can dance." "Know you nothing of the laws of life, and of your being?"

"Laws of my being! Why God takes care of that. He giveth and taketh away. Can 1 know his reasons?' "Verily, it rests in your hands, and you should understand

quent physical violation. If you understand not this subject, you dear Bell.

tages, would it not set at naught the mysterious ways of Provi- earth." dence, and be a sacrilege in the sight of God, by changing what he

" As for the providence of which you speak, it exists only in and found an infinite universe in which to roam within its narrow the diseased fancies of the abnormal brain; and as for sacrilege, rim. No low animal passions were suppressed; these held supreme what we can discover of nature and render available, is our privicontrol-and what fearful control! All underneath was corrup-lege to investigate-not trembling at every step for fear of God's tion, which filled the sewers, drains, and cesspools, sending up its wrath, but boldly and manfully doing all that we can to discover poisonous exhalations to mingle with the moral effluvia generated truth. This is our privilege. You understand not the science I feel that it is my duty now to make atone- mortal gain, we bow our heads and weep.

"No; all I know is to live, asking no questions."

"That is as much as the blind devotees of the world know. They understand nothing of manhood; they are in their infancy. There was nothing natural-no God-none of his works-all Thus you have wasted years in the accumulation of useless-worse artificial, bowing to arbitrary and conventional rules. No clear than useless-knowledge. Man studies to elevate himself for a few blue sky, as seen when rambling over the verdant mead; no bound-less prospect, such as exalts and exhilarates the mind when on the eternal life. The *spirit* is neglected and crushed to earth. They shores of a tameless ocean; no bright sunshine awakening cheerily send their children to the primary school to prepare for the college Strange that the future is not provided for! You are totally, totally

I know I am. Let me go back! Ah, I must go back to There was nothing pure, lovely and truly beautiful. Brick walls earth. I can't stay here. What shall I do? Ah, how I wish I learned something useful while a mortal.

"You are wishing for an impossibility; you have entered a new

" If I stay here I will be obliged to labor, and you know that do not know how.

'There is an eternity before you in which to learn.'

"But there is no one to teach me."

"There is a circle of those like yourself, striving for eleva-

"A circle!-all strangers! and I becoming a pupil in a work

shop! I won't do it! I'll go back! I won't work!

"At this moment, an infant spirit, conducted by one long in in silence rested. Within their wide-extended gaze the whole vast the spheres, arose above the smoke and dust of the city. With asked in great anxiety. almost a scream of delight, the lady spirit flew toward them and Marvin, who was with them, had been a speculator-a monopolist, clasped the infant in her arms. She then came back to her former

"I don't want to go back now. My child is with me. Poor

"Yes, she is a delicate thing-an offspring of your infringe-

"Wretch! wretch!" he exclaimed in anguish. "Oh, er? Whatever thoughts are excited or depressed in the mother, only to be led by loving hands, and do the that I had never been born! I now see myself in the mirror of my own heart. Annihilation, or the torments of the fabled hell, are learn that the development of their offspring depends upon them-(To be continued). nothing to this. Plunge me, O God, if thou art merciful, into selves, and that it is as possible to rear philosophers, the bottomless pit of destruction, burning with fires unquencha- statesmen, and poets-minds having the capabilities to arouse a ble, and blot from memory's tablet the knowledge of the past! world-as such mental dwarfs-such poor, imperfectly formed How the Roman Physicians Explained Hope, that once spread her balmy wings around my heart, thou, beings! " You are another fitting emblem of 'earth's errors. Fashion too, hast forsaken me, and the future is an awful scene of woe and has distorted your form, changed your manners and your whole despair! being. God made you for health; you have striven to disobey his The Sage, taking him by the hand, raised him up, saying: Self-accusing child, why blame yourself thus? Blame no one laws, and have bent before the silly force of prejudice and conservatism. Look at yourself, and compare yourself with Hero. Beau- cline and Fall " of the empire, a young man for their follies, but the circumstances in which you were placed. They were bad; popular opinion, before which you bent, was bad. tiful as your form was thought to be, how ugly and homely when All tended to make you what you were. You have a germ of na- compared with one who has obeyed Nature's laws!'

Rememberest thou the noble ancient who gave his eye to save his sons? Seek not to take this all you can bear without more.

"Can I not retrive the errors by which I have brought this misery on her? "You know there is a law of progress

that will relieve you.' "And is it possible for little Bell to become healthy as other children?"

great effort." "If it is possible, I am happy;" and a

"Can I not do something to aid her recov. and loved by all who knew her well, she erv?

now behold it.' "If I can do anything to elevate my child,

I will work night and day continually." "I said you must work. You are now willing to do so. If you had expended one- an intimate friend and admirer of the popuhalf the labor on earth that you will be obliged to exert here, your child would be T. Brigham, who is expected to officiate at

"I am willing-willing to labor to eradicate the evils I have entailed upon my dear,

tervene before you have accomplished what invalid and he of all will miss her the "To understand this subject, and avail oneself of its advan- you might have done in a few years on most. But he will realize her continued

> This announcement chilled her courage, and she was very much pained, but it was beautiful and divine appointment in the for a moment only. Her woman's nature, crushed as it was, arose above selfishness, and she exclaimed:

"No sacrifice is too great for my child. I ment by instructing her.'

yourself?'

happiness, but it has faded away-gone for. sympathies found their medium of translaever!

thou when it is snatched from thy embrace? There is solace in tears. There is spiritual Canst thou feel her heart's pangs? Then expansion in the quickened emotions thou knowest how agonized was the mother touched by the finger of death when the

"Sister," said Hero, soothingly-"sis. of consciousness with the breath of a new ter, it is not as dark as it seemeth. There and immortal revelation. Sorrowful meditais hope. If you can not instruct your child, tions have a normal place in the healthful

the circle to which I will conduct you will activities of every life. The under tones rejoice to assist you.'

"Can I be with my child?"

be her guide, and procure such assistance with tearful tenderness, bear high testimony as you desire I will conduct you to that to the spirituality unfolding within. Such circle, and there leave you."

"But shall I find friends there?" she

They passed away and arrived at the mentioned circle. Hero introduced her to them, and the affectionate band pressed around her, each striving to manifest the warmest friendship. The worldly lady was a worlddescent prevail and mould the child after the thoughts of the moth- on her awakened consciousness and she had

LEAH FOX-UNDERHILL.

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> treachery or a blot of shame to dim its immortal lustre.

She was one of the Trustees of the First Association of Spiritualists of this city, and while to do so. If you will be half the labor on earth that you will be bligged to exert here, your child would be very much superior to its present state. You thus perceive Nature is a grand scheme of compensations, and all, sooner or later, must perform the tasks assigned them." modern Spiritualism will have passed out of mortal sight and extended the primitive work in broader fields and higher relations.

"Speak not rashly, for centuries must in. Mr. Underhill remains with us, though an nearness and loveful interest, until he joins her with the heavenly host. Death is a order of eternal life; but so deeply touches the secret fountains of the unrealized, and so wonderfully transposes the relations of sense and thrills us through a veil of myshave caused her to enter existence as she is; tery that, despite our knowledge of the im-The change, though natural, is great, and "Can you instruct her when ignorant our bounded visions gaze into the vacuous

silence, and we halt before the gulf of mys-"No, I had not thought of that. My tery and look sadly into the cold face of God, have mercy! I had a bright vision of the deserted shrine where all our earthly tion; and reverently listen for the echo of Mother, with thy loved babe, how feelest prophetic memory from the hidden shore. in the spheres, regretting that she had not shock of pain unlocks the sealed fountains of the heart and sweeps the trembling keys

and minor strains, the solemn echoes in the halls of memory, the unanalyzed sentiments

"Yes, sister, you will do all you can to that play softly through the aisles of subinstruct it while learning yourself. You will dued emotion and fringe the horizon of love experiences intensify and exalt all the joys

and blessedness of the soul's ripe fruition. Fair friend and honored representative of "Spirits in this plane are all friends. We the most blessed truth that ever dawned

know no hate or revenge. If they formed a upon the world, accept our tearful tokens of part of our minds on earth or were reflected love and reach thy helping hand to us while during the earlier years in this life, they we wait in the valley and grope. Adieu. have been outgrown. LYMAN C. HOWE.

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tive goodness in your being, or you would not thus accuse yourself. Arise! weep no more! The future is bright. You can retrive your misdeeds, but must lose the time wasted since a child."

" Is that all? Am 1 forgiven?"

"Not forgiven; so much is lost. Study as intensely as you lost. The scar of wrong will never hide itself in growth.'

rama. Spirit after spirit ascended as freed from earth-some ing. Between these extremes were all degrees of brightness and purity

A female figure arose from among the brick walls, and beholding the dazzling light of the Society, she came toward them. She was a la mode, with life powers cramped by a slender waist, one half the size of that which nature would have given her, and her mind diseased by stimulants and poison. She was bewildered by the new state of things, and wished an explanation of their mys. Strange! teries. She approached, and with a fashionable greeting, cold and formal, enquired where she was.

" In heaven!" was the response.

" In heaven! why this does not agree with my belief!" was the surprised response.

"This is heaven, let your belief be as it may!" replied the is the greatest circumstance. Let him strive to change himself; solazione. There the physicians immediate-Sage.

"Heaven is a place of enjoyment; but how do you enjoy your. color in the setting sun. He should not sit down complaining of tism, and after various remedies had been

"Traveling is very pleasant," interrupted Hero; "I take great pleasure in roaming through the groves and among the flowers.

"That may be true for you, but it is not for me. When you ing, behold the result." wish to become otherwise than as you now are, what do you do?" "Is she to bear my "Work.

"Work! I never worked, and I never will. Why vulgar people labor; the refined do not. I won't work-never!"

"It is with yourself to choose," calmly replied the Sage; "you cannot be happy in indolence, while around you are those as intellectual, as good, and as refined as yourself, performing the tasks It is unjust!" assigned them. You cannot be contented, or advance. Recall

this rash sentence, and supply its place with a will." "Never, never! I declare I won't work; indeed, it would soil my hands, brown my complexion and injure my beauty."

"That may be true; but your hands are no better than those

"That may be true; but your hands are no better than those of the millions who labor, and if your complexion were browned, if your beauty would be improved by health." "Health!" exclaimed she; "health! indeed that is none of mine, unless it be wretched health. Such misery as I endure makes life a burden—such terrible pains, piercing me like needles. Don't talk to me of health, diseased and dying as I am."

You have already passed the change called death and will yourself under new violations. Your feelings are overwrought, independent of miracles, etc.

Don't laugh at me," said she, piteously.

"Don't laugh at me," said she, piteously. "Laugh at you!—never! I pity you, and your child I pity still more. She is a copy of all of your defects and of none of This is the required to more of the altar of S. Francis of Assisi and remained in rapt attention before the picyour virtues. This is the result of your violation of marriage ture of the saint. More than an hour laws: the offspring of those who are uncongenially joined take the elapsed, and he was still seen standing, perwill-learn until you become a god in wisdom-still, so much is bad qualities of both parents in their aggravated state. In true feetly motionless, his eyes fixed on the wellmarriage it is the reverse. Ah, men and women of earth! a tre- known painting. At last the custode, as it Marvin made no reply, but sat wrapped in melancholy reflec-tions. The others engaged in conversation on the passing pano. The destinies of the future generations are in your hands. Send he must withdraw. The stranger seemed not into the world such miserable organizations, with but half the not to hear, and moved neither a foot nor a black as night, others bright as a sunbeam in a cloudless morn- life they should possess, diseased and suffering from the effects of muscle, still gazing as if in ecstasy your continual violations. Think of these things well before you at the picture. The custode shook him and

take the responsibility of ushering an immortal being into the urged him to go, but in vain, till at length world! Look at your child there! its death written in vivid hues the municipal guard were called in and the on its countenance, imbecility of intellect in its vacant eye, an in- young man was lifted bodily from the pavestability of purpose and a deficient morality in the contour of its ment and taken first to the station house head! Strange you should become so nervous on account of her and then to the Ospedale della Consolazione. illness, when you took so little care in her embryonic development! The guard had tried to bring him to conciousness by dashing water in his face and

"Not strange. How could I do better, considering my ignor- shaking him, but finding these measures in ance and the evils with which I was surrounded?" asked she, in a effectual-the man remaining with his eyes palliating tone.

"Because man is surrounded by evil circumstances, he should not cease to strive to overcome those circumstances. He himself him to the medical waiting-room of the con-

then will all conditions put on a new aspect, as clouds change their ly pronounced the case to be one of hypno-

salves in this airy region?" "By traveling and working." "By working!" said she in the utmost scorn; "working in heaven! I never did work, and as for traveling, it was always too bad circumstances, but take hold manfully, and work his way up-ward out of them into the light. Does the mariner, on the wide in bringing him to consciousness by hypo-

lercer the blast the more intense his exertions. Thus should man varian, and one of the attaches of the Gerstrive on the sea of human life-strive ever to overcome and con- man Embassy who had been summoned Well do I know your condition was anything else but envia- identified him as a young, recently graduatquer.

ble, for the best situated are bad enough. Here, in this little be- ed physician of Munich who had been sub-"Is she to bear my sins?" asked the mother. in agitation.

"Not your sins, but the results of those sins; and the punish-

ment recoils back upon yourself." "This is injustice," said the agitated lady. "My poor Isabel to suffer for my crimes! I can not bear the thought of it. I had

rather suffer a thousand-fold than have her suffer for a single hour. two or three centuries ago, the same phenomenon would have been regarded as treas-

"Not so; it is but the extension of the great principles of equity which lie concealed in the depths of nature. It is neces-sarily the result of infringed law. Without this punishment the laws would be useless. Pain is the police and safety-guard set along the way to drive us back to the right path. If not for its influence we might go off on some tangent and never return. So we are compelled to do right at last. We oscillate within given limits. Thus you perceive infinite justice in punishment."

IN A HYPNOTIC FIT.

a Young Man's Peculiar Actions.

ject to hypnotic fits for some time past.

returned to his hotel. The Roman press

In Rome the other day in the church of the Ara Cœli where Gibson, as he himself tells us, conceived his "History of the Deof foreign appearance, about 5 in the evening, was seen to be making the round of the

Ohi my angel one, my guardian, May I hope to know you there! Is it you I hear in whispers When I breathe your name in prayer? Then I'll wait and cease all murmurings Watching e'er that spangled dome; You're my loving, guardian angel, Sent of God to guide me home.

Diet and Mediumship.

Certain articles of food assist developnent; and other articles retard development. The use of meat two or three times a day will prevent many people from attaining a high state of development. When a disembodied spirit enters the organism of a human being, the disembodied spirit passes between the material and spiritual body of the medium. If the space between the earthly and spiritual body of the medium is the medium. If the space between the earthly and spiritual body of the medium is limited, the chances are against the spirit entering the organism of the medium. Meat coagulates the blood, or congeals the fluids fixed on some invisible object above and not a muscle of his body stirring-they brought of the body, causing the spiritual and mate-rial particles of the body to move closer together, consequently meat-eaters are harder to develop than vegetarians. An exclusive diet of vegetables is desirable when mediumship is to be attained. The absolute use of milk is to be preferred, but few people will be satisfied with an exclusive milk diet. Many persons wonder why they cannot develop for some phase of mediumship, and at the same time they eat meat two or three times a day; thereby preventing the spirit control utilizing their medial powers. Thanking all the officials-medical, munici-Those desiring to become mediums should pal, and diplomatic-for the care and kindtry to diet themselves during the time they are being developed. J. W. Cuars. ness he had experienced at their hands, he are being developed. commenting on the occurrence, remarks that

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