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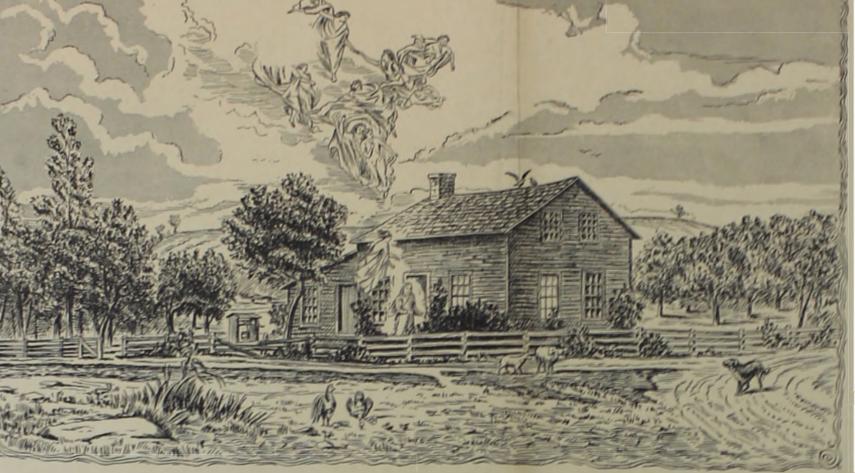
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SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1891.

BAD BOOKS.

Pointed Out.

exerted by Mr. Anthony Comstock, makes rules for the choosing of vestry- ual preference regarding balges. armed with the inquisitorial power conferred by Congress. We are quite as opposed to bad literature as Talmage, but we do not believe in subverting the liberty of the press in order to repress it. In order to sell had books there must exist a foul, vitiated taste and desire, which will be gratified in some manner. The preacher gave an extreme example the ruin wrought by foul literature. John Angel James, than whom England never had a holler minister, stood in his ulpit at Birmingham and said: "Tweniy five years ago a had loaned me an their success would be lated of the inter the second provide the hands of the Catholies. The State must be

"An Excellent Bill!" THE NEW LEAFLET. That is what a solf-styled Spiritual

That is what a self-styled Spiritual paper in Chicago, edited by an agnostic, calls the infamous bill now before the illinois Legislature. It is a copy of a bill written by "Judge" Dalloy, as die-tated by "Col." John C. Bundy after the stinging failure they made in the Wells prosecution, and which was covered by a garbled report. Through the assist-ance of chosen henchmen, the same bill has been presented before the legis-latures of four or flye States. Oxtena[b]y sending in requests for it in quantity, but strangers who catch stray glimps Ringle copy the strangers who catch stray glimps to be seen to get drafts cached best banks so den i for the purpose of suppressing fraud. Users to get drafts cached best banks so den i is a resisted for impersonaling a spirit, who is to judge if he is genuine of false? There is established precedence in such the super stray or attraction of the set of the set

There is established pressdence in such cases, it having been decided that the Board of Directors, and e-pecially claim of mediumship is prime face evidence and the Executive Committee, upon whom dence of fraud, and the evidence ends the burden of the management falls. We the subscriptions will be an with number survey ben subscriptions are received, unless tack numbers in the subscription of subscription, if not renewed, he paper is discontinued. No bills will be sent for a materializing sentnee is a criminal under the proposed law, which makes it a crime punishable by a fine of \$200, and from threads and their desire to uphold the pub-ile school system. But we do not wish to claim all the creditor for a materializing sentnee is a criminal and their desire to uphold the pub-ile school system. But we do not wish to claim all the creditor for a material subscription of the management fails. We are interesting the public as never be-the fine of the management fails. We are interesting the public as never be-the discontinued. No bills will be sent for a crime punishable by a fine of \$200, and from threes to six month's imprison-tive for the result of this elecular for The never fail to give year present address, plainly written and from three to six month's imprison-ment. Such is the law demanded for ment. Such is the purpose on such a sound scientific basis as shall command universal sceeptance of the cause. W. S. Andres: and although we have, of necessity, de-mether being it in the hands of such men as Savage. Thomas, Heber Newton, etc Synticalism must be kidgloved, or noth-ing. The movement has a counterpart in the ministerial Psychical Associa-tion, which proposes to investigate. "once for all time." and scenter of new mether with the form whether a the sound the first suggestion is duc; and whatever patriotism is expressed there-in, was original with him. Let us re-ioce that we have in our ranks this helpful and faithful worker for the cause.

The Spiritualists of this country are not as idictic as some of their would-be leaders think them to be, and are able to see the source of this persistent venom-tune of purifying the cause. When these leaders are it useful to the the the to be and are able to the see the source of this persistent venom-tune of purifying the cause. When these leaders are to be a to be a to be a to be wild be there of purifying the cause. When these tense of purifying the cause. When these The sentence of purifying the cause. When these the sentence is that small interesting the sentence of purifying the cause. When these the sentence of the sentence of purifying the cause. When these the sentence of purifying the cause of the sentence of purifying the cause. When these the sentence of the sentence of purifying the cause. When the sentence of the se be a crime; a crime to investigate Spirit- to buy them have these Leaflets at thirualism if not a member of the "Psychical Association," and——a disgrace to be a Spiritualist. The money paid by Jesuits into the hands of their compliant tools will then have proven well placed. We reproduce fraud and despise pretense as much as any one; but we ought to hold fast to the injunction of Christ in the parable of seed-sowing, which is as true now as it ever was: "Nay! Lest while ye gather up the tares ye root up also the other hand, we feel that the added attractiveness of this Leaflet more than balances the extra outlay. People who

are overwhelmed with the usual run of circulars will take a second look at this The careful observer cannot fail to one, before throwing it into the waste-see the persistent aggression, all along the line, of the church power. Catholic Their Pernicious Influence the line, of the church power. Catholic while," at any rate. It is too pretty a thing to be consigned to the waste-basbefore the New York Legislature which the World calls "extraordinary." It is triot has a regard for his flag, which The Bible as an Obscene Book. kept in the background, and public at-institution has not been called to its arout. tention has not been called to its provis-tured banner on the first page; while

Talmage preached a sermon lately on "Bad Books," and the holy influence the box influence in the box individual to the box in the box individual to the box in the box individual to the box individua men, wardens, trustees, etc.; for meet-Now, we want to see these Leaflets ings, appointments and disinfesals of still more freely circulated. And we pastors, etc. In other words, it makes a think it necessary that we make the part of the canons of the Episcopal price as given above-five cents each, or forty cents per dozen. But, as we want church the law of the State. That such law would be unconstitutional is certain.

to be perfectly fair to those who may be The State has no right to interfere with planning to purchase some at the old the government of any church, or be called on to enforce church rules, as the price within the next week or two, we will the action of the sector of th proposed law requires. The State al-ready is too much the tool of the church. The Protestant schemers who are agitating for such laws, should know that their success would be fatal to them, for

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gate, compare, and decide for your-self. "Spiritualism holds the charts of two worlds, natural and spiritual; the un-real and ever-changing, the real and ever-enducing. Spiritualists have evi-dence that is satisfactory to them that each of these worlds is inhabited by hu-man beings, whose affections, memories and interests are interblended by the natural ties of the law of love. One of man beings, whose affections, incluores and handled the question in a pleasing, specenes were superior to any i the and interests are interblended by the carnest and masterly manner. natural ties of the law of love. One of these worlds is realized through the and recited a poem of Theodore Tilton's answered questions for half an hour. Intelligent beings; the other is indea-intelligent were longen through inintelligent beings; the other is indica-ted and equally well known through in-tuition by millions of persons, and in thousands of exceptional instances is as real and tangible by the actual presence and commission of the solution of the

read from many authorities to prove the us another short address, which was place. contrary, citing quotations from the simply immense (to use such a phrase), writings of President Morgan, George Sexton, Prof. A. R. Wallace, C. F. Var-J. E. CROSSFIELD. ley, and many other scientific men, give ing their testimony in favor of Spiritualism. He also took occasion to roast the Rev.G.L. Morrill, whom he denominated a "fresh young man," for his unwar-ranted attacks on Spiritualism, and refusal to meet him and discuss the subject publicly. A Mr. Martin, of Farmington, poured

hot shot into all creeds, to the satisfaction of those present.

Miss Abble Judson reading a poem en-titled, "One Hundred Years to Come." which she said was especially appropriate to the occasion. The Rev. Moses Hull was then introduced, and chose for

minimum and sald. "I strate product same the same of the same the same product same backs took. He would loan it only free minimum sate the rest of five semis appects revers alows. The same marking of the same will have an entering wedge for what-ever phase of Liberalism you desire to present to him, and you will find him fain immortality, it began to attack one vorably disposed to listen to your words. The Flag and Pansy Leatlets, in short. after another the church dogmas, and one by one these dogmas have been fully, but most firmly protest against the passage of this bill, because it is an unought to be freely purchased and elreu-lated by Freethinkers; and we hope that we shall continue to receive orders find one who believes in orthodoxy as it lieve, a most pernicious encroachment from you for these in quantity, at the new rate of five cents each, or forty cents "There are now more than 15,000,000 people who believe in Spiritualism, from the few who existed in 1843. These Spiritualists are not all fools, by any means, although I grant we have our share, but we are not all of that stamp. Some of the greatest minds of the stamp. Cor. Sec'y A. S. U. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AMERICAN SECULAR UNION, DURING Some of the greatest minds of the ag-are Spiritualists. I ask the churche \$ 1.00 and those who are laboring under this impression to measure brains with us. The Spiritualists are to have a camp 2.00 1.00 The optimization are to have a camp of the city in July, to has the entire month. If you think us fools or fanatics, come to that the tild Anniversary of molern bink us fools or fanatics, come to that the use of the city our brothers and send glad greeting to our brothers and sisters everywhere. We cave your interest, and that of the solurable.
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 5.00 Solurable. ¹⁰ Spiritualism has come to make the truth here in the South.
 ¹⁰ world happler, and it is doing it. Ask yourself which would make yourself the pleted this year, and as far as I know, it is the first one to be built in the South.
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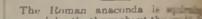
THE ANNIVERSARY. The Anniversary at Muncie, Ind. The Anniversary at Golden City. Mo.

ive in mortal form, as any other expe-dence." Prof. Aspinwall, who followed, said it tion was given to anyone who wished to He will answer calls to lecture in South had often been stated that Spiritualists any anything, but no one responded ern Missouri, Northern Arkansas and were weak-minded and foolish. He Finally Bro. Mendenhall arose and gave Eastern Kansas. His address is at this The Roman Anaconda Squirmar JAMES WHITTEMORE President First Society of Spiritualists.

PHILADELPHIA. It Takes an Active Part.

First Society of Spiritualists of Akron, the Athen and generations, the function of the satisfies and to the exclusion of the satisfies and to the satisfies the satisfies and to the satisfi

more violently throughout the Montreal, Quebec, it is in awful metre tions. An important pastoral the Catholic Archbishops of Laster Montreal, Ottawa and Leonatella, and number of bishops, has been Legislation Against Their And Celebrates the 43d Anniver- dealing with the Manitoba School Lar sarv. which the government will shortly a At a regular public meeting of the First Society of Spiritualists of Akron, ner on Sunday, March 20, at the hall of should be disallowed, the pasterior







The 43d Anniversity

The Spiritualists of Milwards

Suppresser, one with it? Would any sum or foulness with it? Would any sum or money hire Mr. Taimage to stand up before his congregation and read certain before his congregation and read certain New York, is writing her Biography, and experience in Washington, in "32 and experience in Washington, in "32 before his congregation and read certain passages? Poor George Francis Train thought the Bible might be published by any one, and the trial of a single chapter sent him six months to the Tombs. If fifteen minutes with a book Tombs. If fifteen minutes with a book and the receptions and gave several scances at his request. While Mrs. Maynard has a vast fund of information wrought such disaster to Hey. James Maynard has a vast fund of information what ought we to expect when the Bible upon this subject, she is desirous of reis made the daily study of a whole peo-80,000 preachers making it an inallible text-book, do they not in their to residents of Washington, from '63 to Initible text-book, do they not in their lives illustrate the influence of a bad book? There are narratives which the blush. There are songs which even the venders of vile literature would not dare offer for sale. In the Sunday-school. bluch. There are songs which even the venders of vile literature would not dare offer for sale. In the Sunday-school, sections are omitted which the children are more on to resul! The Bible sup-ports polygamy, slavery, and the degradation and serfhood of woman. Its representative men are accessing dedegradation and serfhood of woman. Its representative men are assassing, de-bauchees and falsifiers. Its God com-mands his chosen people to be theft. He commands them to kill all their ene-mics except the virgins; and these to keep for themselves. The examples of lochery are too numerous to mention. The corruption attending the last days

recking. If buil broks must go, and surely they ought, the Hible must go first. Its influ-ence is shown in the lives of the eighty thousand preachers who carry it in their conductor account of the second statistics they fur. If the basil broks must go first. Its influ-ence is shown in the lives of the eighty thousand preachers who carry it in their conductor account of the second statistics they fur. pockets; according to statistics they fur-nish more criminals than any other pro-in this country and in Europe."

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ceiving through her publisher such facts and statements as may be known a dozen.

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 Ifighland, III, Becular Union Charter Fee, through R. Patot, Prosident; also 50c, for Fing and Panery Leaflets, E. A. Stevens, Chicago, baued more paper than all the Spirit-ual journals combined. I would think it Philadelphia, March 1th, 1801

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many converts to the cause, and won not Clamps Hands over Death's Chasm.

A STRONG PROTEST.

Akron Spiritualists Object to

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on the plainest rights of American citl-

M. J. PAYNE, Secretary.

of Prof. J. R. Buchanan's book on SAR- earth revolves on its axis every twenty

 The diameter of the source of t fair to be quite a manufacturing town. We will soon have three railroads. It is the seat of a Methodist college, and thus this will be a good point for the truth to disseminate from. Our winters are very mild here. Pourbes traines and thoma are in full. 41 12. Se

audience. The second freedom in using the evidences of his belief; therefore, *Resolved*, That we, the First Society of Spiritualists of Akron, Ohio, do respect-fully, but most firmly protest against the passage of this bill, because it is an un-emperated with the second of the solution of the second of the solution of the the rostrum.

IN CHICAGO.

brated.

Notes from Stuttgart, Ark the 20th. It was a decided success in talent as well as in numbers. The hall

7. Remarks and tests by Dr. W. O. Knowles and Dr. Magoon. 8. Song by quartette, Prof. Tolman. Chas. Klenck, Will Lasoure Guggen-hinsor, Miss Alice Jenifer, Mrs. R. W.

ELLIOTT RAWSON. field, Anderson, Ind., will make appli-ments for Mr. and Mrs. Kates through out the State.

Silas W. Edmonds, inspirational The 43d Anniversary is Cele- speaker, will answer calls to lecture He can be addressed at 19 Putt Court. Cleveland, Ohio.

B. Blodgett, of Holyoke, Mass., car The People's Spiritual Society cele-brated the 43d anniversary at their hall, 93 Peorla St., at 2 P. M. and 7:30 P. M., one is a trickster, we, of course, drop is a trickster, we, of course, his advertisement at once.

Pernie has done a most excellent more

E. G. Brooks is engaged for the First 1. Army Bugle Calls, Prof. Leroy Society of Spiritualists in Denver, Cold gress, as taught by Spiritualism, or cleaning friends here in the sense subscribed by the cleaning friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the friends here. The lots were given us by the set of the clean the friends here. The lots were given us by the set of the clean the set of the set of the friends here. The lots were given us by the set of the clean the set of the set of the clean the set of the set of the clean the set of the set of the clean t

by the audience, remarks by Mias Thomas, Dr. Ferris and Dr. Carmenter, 4 Resitation by Mrs. Dr. Martin, 5. Tests by Mrs. Andrews, of Joliet, H

Mrs. R. A. DeLaseau, M. D., protesta in a communication to us, most vigorously against the passage of the Thomas bill discriminating against Spiritualists.

H. G. Hogendobler, of Villa Ridge, Ill H. G. Hogendobler, of Villa Ridge, Ill., gives cogent reasons why the Thomas hill now before the Illinois Legislature should never become a law. He says: "I for one will stand by the mediuma-I sincerely hope every Spiritualist and every liberal mind will give this matter their thoughts, and be ready for action in defending our rights."

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Song by the audience, followed by an address by Dr. Forria.
Song by quartette.
Remarks and tests by Mrs. Cutter.
Duet, Mr. Williams and Mrs. SimDr. M. Carl, of Albany, N. Y., under detect March. 23, writes:

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THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.

NEW YORK CITY. It Joyfully Celebrates. ADDRESSES AND WORDS OF CHEER.

Stirring Words by President Newton and Others.

The First Society of Spiritualists of New York City celebrated the 43d Anniversary of the advent of Modern Spirit malism at Adelphi Hall, on Sunday after-noon, the 29th of March, Henry J. New-ton, President of the Society, in the chair. The exercises began with violin and piano duo, excellently played by Prof. J. Jay Watson and his daughter Miss Anna A. Wetson. ersary of the advent of Modern Spirit

and all in the short space of forty-three years. If such a thing had happened in regard to any of the so-called orthodox religions it would be hailed and heralded

Dr. Henry Slade was sent to Russia by the Theosophical Society of New York City, at the request of some of the most distinguished Russians. This, so far as L know is the only instance where a Dr. Henry Slade was sent to Russia by I know, is the only instance where a passed away, through the mediumship medium has been sent to a foreign coun- of Miss Gaule. No such comfort and con-

Spiritualist. This organization, to my mind, marks an important epoch. Here-tofore, as a rule, the investigation of this

playing her own accompaniment. The feature of the celebration came next in

Miss Maggie Gaule's platform tests. Speaking rapidly, she gave at least half a hundred tests of her chairvoyant and a hundred tests of clairaudient powers, describing the form that shows such equabilities in a spirit friends of various persons in the inusical way, for one thing, as has the audience, giving their names and re-peating messages which, in nearly overy

In the course of a spirited and effective

speech, Mrs. Williams said: The question is often asked what can Spiritualism do and what has it done? the world has over seen. The organization of a number of dis-tinguished elergymen and others for a most careful and thorough investigation of the phenomena of Spiritualism, within the last year, is an event of more signifi-cance and importance than is usually attributed to it: and when we, as Spirit-ualists, are convinced that they or any one clese is determined to investigate this subject, and is thoroughly honest in this purpose, and proposes to conduct this

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any rate immensely simplifies the meth-od by which we can, without scarcely a peradventure, determine the truth of the statement of any individual intelli-gence, or at least its human character. Mrs. Gage then sang under control a Mrs. Gage then sang under control a any rate immensely simplifies the meth- come when they can, to help and bless phenomena, it does not follow that the

REMARKS OF MR. J. CLEGG WRIGHT. Mr. Wright spoke in his usual stirring style, saying among other things: Man is the highest manifestation of the same conditions under which they vere produced. The result of an experiment in chemistry is sure to follow conditions of a previous experiment are followed. It is the same in the realms over one hundred members now stand followed. It is the same faith, the work-of mind. Whatever our faith, the work-ings of the laws of nature are fixed and unchangeable as the unaiterable consti-tation of the universe. There were always prophets of old Ohio. There were always prophets of old Who arose and wisely foretold The advent of the world. The manuer, the where and the ready to help carry on the future work.

manded steh general ittention: and re-ceived the same degree of respect and consideration as the year now coming to an end. The progressive Spiritualism has no parallel in history. Without any organized effort or without a missionary (with one single exception), it has spread and all in the short space of forty-three years. If such a thing had happened in
manded steh general ittention: And re-served the same degree of respect and consideration as the year now coming to an end. The progressive Spiritualism ore broadly and perfectly unfolded, we shall differ widely in our opinions. This is making for progress. Contro-tory sweeps out the chambers of igno-rance. We are in a state of unformulated we full the theory and have made its first payment, and the glorious cause of progressive Spiritualism fore broadly and perfectly unfolded, M. C. EDSON, you will find the short space of forty-three years. If such a thing had happened in

 He also recited interesting personal spiritualistic experiences, as did Prof.
 Watson, who also gave as violin solos
 Mozart's "Enchanted Flute" and Nordaak's "Norwegian Romance."
 The exercises closed with further platform tests by Miss Gaule, which aroused deep and general interest.
 LOCKPORT, N. Y.
 The Anniversary is Duly Celebrated.
 Being much interested in the uppresson
 Being much interested in the uppresson
 Mozart's mechanic extended for the state of the culture of music, lessons in psychic sci-Being much interested in the progress of the Spiritual philosophy, and noting with pleasure the advance of liberal thought. I am glad to be able to report

So much for one of the theological super-stitions. Christianity blocks the way of progress. It clogs the dovelopment of the human mind. It dwarfs the highest capabilities of the human soul. It met the needs of the men who made it

THE ANNIVERSARY. A FLAT DENIAL.

The National Spiritual and Re- It Was Celebrated at Kanligious Camp Association.

to the Spiritualists and Co-workers of Northern Ohio: Your attention is called to the following statement, as the result of our efforts last season in

behalf of the Camp movement

CAMP NOTES.

delivered at our Anniversary. The Spiritual Literary Society voted unan-imously to have the same printed in your paper. With many kind regards, I remain yours fraternally, DR. WM. M. HAMMOND. At the session held at Mantua Station O., from July 20 to August 4, an organi-zation was formed, officers elected, and

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ANNIVERBARY POEM, BY MRS. S. M.

<text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text> There was a strange something that knocked On the walls—things trembled and rocked. All over the country strangers flocked To witness these demonstrations. There were old and young, rich and poor, Who sought this unpretentious door

There was quick response to every call. Then noiscless she waved her little hand;

Are in our midst—a viewless host. They throng our streets beneath the skies, They scan us with their piercing eyes; They smile with us when we are glad; They sight with us when we are sail. They sight with us when we are sail. They walk beside us through the day, And seek to guide us in the way Of truth and beauty. They live to learn, and learn to live; To us return, and freely give To each and all who will receive Lessons in life and duty.

Lessons in life and duty. The shining stars that first foretold The rising of the full-orbed sun Still in the sky we plainly descry In a far away halo of goid.

It Is Made Emphatically.

BELOIT, WIS., April 6th, 1891. TO THE EDITOR:-I am requested to forward this poem, by Mrs. S. M. Baker, was forwarded to the Editor of the Kan-

In the name of the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Association, and agreea-blo to their instructions at the semiannual meeting, held at New Boston, March 27, 28 and 29, I wish to enter pro-test against the article published in your paper in regard to the Association purchasing a cave or any other property for the purpose of preserving the bodies of their so-called dead. It would be difficult for any person to make more gross statements than the writer of that gross statements than the writer of that article, and had he possessed a knowl-edge of even the rudiments of the Spir-itual philosophy, he would not be led into such an egregious blunder. Spirit-ualists, of all people, would be the last to place any special value upon the worn-out physical body, and instead of Catacombs in which to preserve them, we believe that the outsker the old we believe that the quicker the old body becomes disintegrated the better for all concerned: and especially is this desirable on the part of the spirit, in order to assimilate all that properly belongs to it of the earthly tenement. The more advanced among Spiritualists ad-vocate cremation as the best method of disposing of the dead, and we hope you will have the fairness to publish this

IN OHIO.

What the Legislature Is Doing.

I see in the legislative reports that a Mr. Holliday has presented a bill in the House of Representatives of Ohio, to punish "fortune-tellers and spiritual mediams." If I am not mistaken, the same thing was done eight or ten years ago, but was soon afterward repudiated by the people and repeated by the Legis-lature. Such legislation is in direct and flagrant violation of the constitution of the United States, and a direct insult to the intelligence of the people. Such legislation is not only a fatal mistake, but it is folly in the extreme. In Prus-sia, the priests have forbidden their people to believe in Spiritualism. The time was when the church punished men for believing that the world was round and revolved around the sun.

Legislation to suppress or retard the spread of Spiritualism, or any other faith or belief, will stimulate inquiry, for the agitation of thought is the beginning of wisdom. It will alarm the peo-ple who know what government inter-ference with religious faith, and the free expression of religious belief, has done for other nations. To such legislation, the people, especially of Ohio, where freedom and the rights of man are ever held sacred, will never submit. It in-vites revolution and encourages anarchy

Such legislation may destroy a politi-cal party, but it can never suppress or destroy the truth, nor prevent investi-gation: because that is what leads to truth. The church, the party, or the person who opposes it, thus admits that he or it fears investigation: that his or its doctrine, creed or faith cannot bear it, and that is the position of the ene-mies of Spiritualism to-day. Many of the greatest scientists of the age, in both hemispheres, have investigated Spiritu-alism thoroughly, and become convinced Such legislation may destroy a politialism thoroughly, and become convinced of its truth. In fact, no person ever did so sincerely and honestly, with a desire to learn the truth, but was convinced.

Let it be known, then, in Ohio, that

form that shows such capabilities in a young friend we have just listened to. A Lancashire poet once said: "A man who ne'er should dee," that is, a man who can fiddle well should never be doomed to die. (Laughter.) It seems extremely painful to contem-plate the ending, the consummation of the truth attempts to remultions of the human mind to the truth attempts to

prehensive as our own. Notwithstanding the theologies have been gone into, there stands upon the face of the world to-day the greatest intellectual culture

This mark is not by any means the progress. The belief that the blood of lesus Christ was spilled as an atonement is the greatest sin that has cursed hu-

He also recited interesting personal the c spiritualistic experiences, as did Prof.

highest that will be made. There still form tests by Miss Gaule, stands in the way much that will hinder deep and general interest.

anists, are convinced that they or any one else is determined to investigate this subject, and is thoroughly honest in this purpose, and proposes to conduct this purpose, and proposes to conduct this in possession of the truth, they should be encouraged and assisted by every Spiritualist. This organization, to my mind, marks an important onesh these subject. This organization, to my

by the unwise and wholly unnecessary utterances in the note or notice which they issued to invite or induce others to isin them. When unnecessary through malithey issued to invite or induce others to join them. Phenomena through medi-ums are either mental or physical. To my mind the investigation of the physi-cal is the most satisfactory, as many of the intricate problems involved in the study of mental science are avoided, and conclusions arrived at with less of the hypothetical necessarily in them. To traverse the phenomena through all fits phases is a long road. Different mediums of the same class individually present <text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

better, beautiful in itself, opened the door for the venomous priest to step in. "In another life there is a happier state, if you will only sustain us in our churches here." "Your manslons are in heaven;" but in England the monks built their abbeys in the richest and sweetest corners of the country. They acted on the old adage that "A bird in the hand is worth two in the hush." "O Grave, where is thy victory Y O

They told the people: "Obey your rulers and those set over you in authority; work when your master is not looking; be honest and pay your rent, or the devil will take you "

D. M. KING, State Lecturer and Organizer, Mantua Station, O. The Auniversary at Battle Creek, Michigan. Thinking the readers of your paper would be glad to hear how the Spiritu-aliast of Battle Creek are progressing, I send you the following : May we say of each, in the distant reach Of centuries yet to be, He sowed good seed in thought and deed That yielded abundantly? Always through the great forever We grow by our own endeavor. We climb by that which we overcome. We rise on mistakes, illusions outgrown; The wrong defeat, the right complete. Self-mastership, however slow, I send you the following :

Makes us strong. Justice to self is justice to our brother And rights his wrong.

the enemies of Spiritualism dare not meet us in open debate and discuss the merits of our belief and Christianity. anywhere; and they are endeavoring to suppress it, or prevent investigation, by law, and the people will soon be aroused. The cowards who have feared ridicule will become brave: the ignorant will investigate and learn truth: and the people will see to it that their religious rights are preserved. I would suggest to the author of the proposed law that he insert a clause to prohibit priests from receiving money for the "sale of indulgencies," or for the "forgiveness of sins." Why not? C. H. MATTHEWS.

New Philadelphia, Ohio.

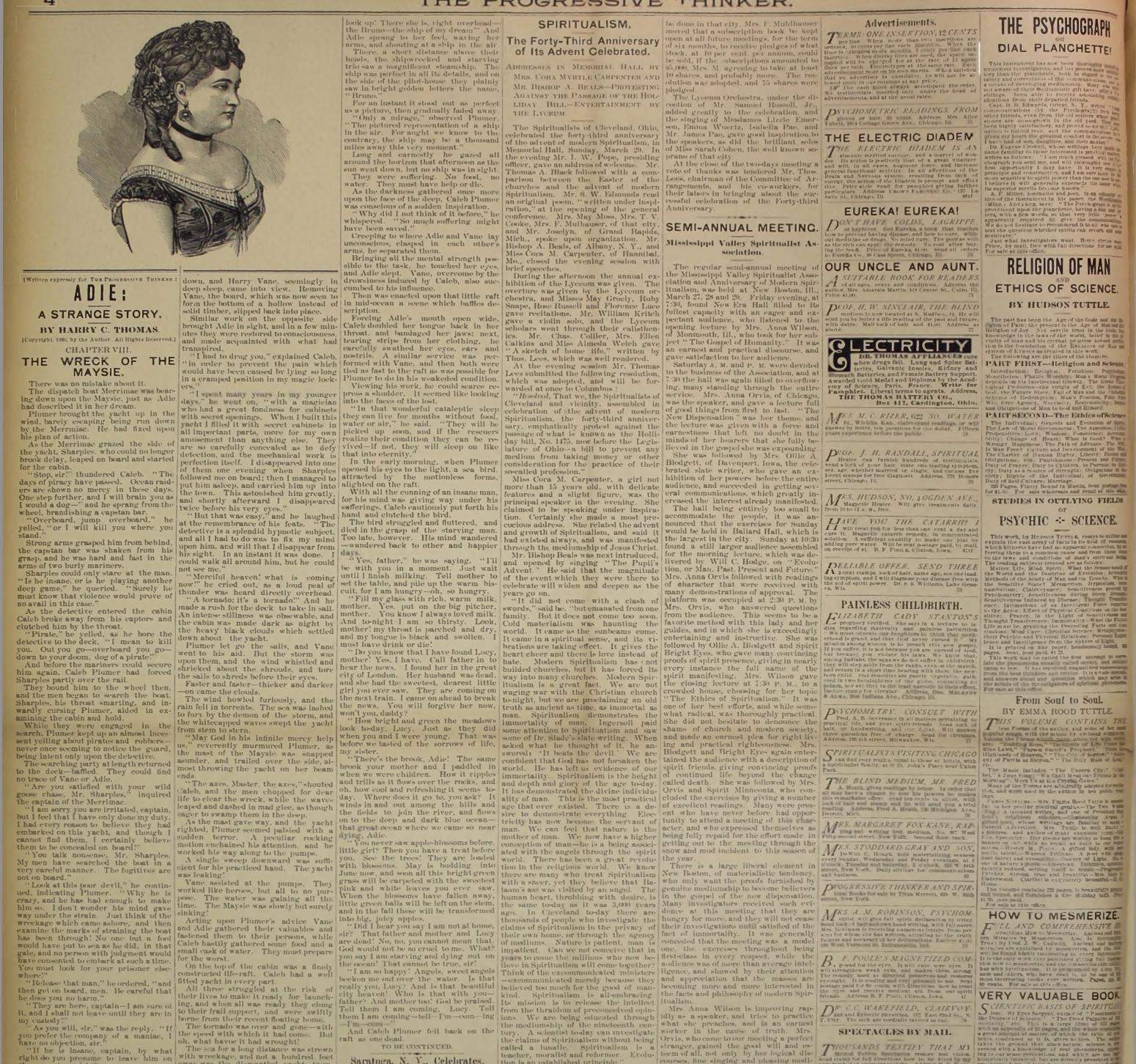
West Randolph, Vt,

The West Braintree Association promises to do good work the coming year. having elected the following officers: President, Mrs. S. N. Gould: Vice-President, Mrs. Geo. Tarbell: Secretary, S. R. Batchellor; Treasurer, Mrs. S. R. Batchellor: Board of Managers, S. R. Batchellor, S. N. Gould, Mrs. George Pratt: Auditor, Mrs. Battles.

On the 29th of March, this Society celebrated the Forty-third Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism with very appropriate exercises.

In the morning a very interesting con-ference was held, participated in by Dr. Gould, Mrs. Geo. Pratt, Daniel Tarbell, Mr. Batchellor, and others.

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER.





look up! There she is, right overhead the Bruno the ship of my dream!" And Adle sprang to her feet, waving her arms, and shouting at a ship in the air. There, a short distance above their heads, the shipwreeked and starving trio saw a magnificent steamship. The ship was perfect in all its details, and on

the side of the pflot-house they plainly saw in bright golden letters the name.

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city heaven! Who is that with your father? And mother too! God be praised. Its mission is to release the intellect from the thraidom of preconceived opin-them I am coming—tell—I'm—com—ing how. We are being educated through idly as a speaker, and tries to practice the mediumship of the nineteenth century. A scientist today can investigate the claims of Spiritualism without being called a lumatic. Spiritualism is a teacher, moralist and reformer. Evolution is an established principle."

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my custody?" "As you will, sir," was the reply. "If rou prefer the company of a maniae, I have no objection, sir." "If he is insane, captain, by what right do you presume to leave him on the ocean to perish?" The tornado was over and gone—with the speed with which it had come. But oh, what havoe it had wrought! The sea for a long distance was strewn with wreekage, and not a hundred feet nway was the dismantled yacht, trem-biling tike a human being in distances.

"They are here, captain—I am sure of it, and i shall not leave until they are in my custody."

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