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# IMMORTALITY.

Its Source and Law Considered.

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The question of a future life, or an inafter what we term death, has long been and still is, one of absorbing interest hold that such a life is the part and lot of every human being, or in oth-er words, to be more explicit, quite a ge majority of mankind hold that h individual is possessed of an imortal soul which will survive the death the body, a part of these, Spiritualists I some others being the exception, ding that at a certain fixed time in e future, called the judgment day, dy and soul will be reunited and coninspired book as a revelation from d to man, look to their respective red books for proof of this future exerce, and think they there find it, ile the large and increasing body of iritualists find their strongest reasons have been seen and communianalysis, founded upon known facts,

And the off region of the control of

Proceeding in our investigations we arrive at objects which unmistakably be-long to another kingdom. We have said that the mineral kingdom is a unit, possessing only volume or body. possessing only volume or body, which we have denominated "quantity." As we rise to a higher kingdom, which scientists have denominated the "vegetable," we find an advance upon the min-eral, for, while the vegetable kingdom retains the conditions of the first, namely, "quantity," it has an additional ele-ment, or "quality" constituting it a duality, composed first of quanti-ty and second of quality, its qual-ty being life.

Life, even as manifested in the vege-table kingdom, is in and of itself such an advance upon the simple "quantity" of the mineral that the mind of man is ing, fruitage, seed, reproduction, dis-ease, death, decay and many other phenomena, each of which, if analyzed,

would furnish material for a long contin-The advocates of a future life step, until we were lost in the wonders put forth many theories as to the of earth's simplest products. But red book as a revelation from referred to them in order to convey some

kingdom is a circulating fluid known as the sap. This is the blood of the vege-table. This blood is drawn from the kingdom which produces it by sending ith, which also, as they hold, is ally being done at the present its roots downward and backward, into Wishing to be satisfied upon this that from which it was evolved, and also above in the air, rain and sunshine. Unback to its mother earth, the mineral

Our arguments will be based upon the atural law of creation and development, easoning by the law of analogy from the higher orders of the vegetable,

formations and combinations, which go rank in organism, the richer the life to make up the physical, visible, ponderable parts; it is enough for our present is no room for the old stoical conception, purpose to know that in the third decade "Dynamics" absorb everything. able parts; it is enough for our present is no room for the old stoical conception, purpose to know that in the third decade of progressive nature a human being has been produced, wonderful in mechanism, mysterious in its life-sustaining forces and principles, and grand in its development of the vegetable and principles, and grand in its possibilities and conceptions; yet notwithstanding all the manifest skillfulness of its contribute on the vegetable in its turn, aided by the mineral, to gather up force to develop in all ages of the world a belief in the contribute of the mineral, and for the old stoical conception, "Dynamics" absorb everything.

We go further and say that while it is the office of the mineral to gather force and to sustain it in its play of life, and of the vegetable in its turn, aided by the mineral, to gather up force to develop in all ages of the world a belief in the contribute of the vegetable and to sustain it in its play of life, and of the vegetable and to sustain it in its play of life, and of the vegetable and to sustain it in its play of life, and of the vegetable and to sustain it in its play of life, and of the vegetable and to sustain it in its play of life, and of the vegetable and to sustain it in its play of life, and of the vegetable and to sustain it in its play of life, and of the vegetable and to sustain it in its possibility and to sustain it in its poss of the highest possible attainments were here reached, or if there were no hope that man in some visible or invisible way was not linked to a future life ceded it, to gather up force for the development, and that has pre-

casian race of men are planting themselves in every part of the globe, and wherever they get a footing they increase in numbers, and exterminate all lower grades. A marked illustration of this statement is furnished in the history of the British Islands and North America since their discovery. They are now advancing upon Africa and other parts of the inhabitable globe, and will continue to do so until they people the entire earth and destroy all inferior races. Here is the law of the survival of the fittest.

history of these developing types in their rough encounters with the inevitable in nails on our fingers are constantly wasttheir conditions of life, in their struggles | ing. grand thing in it all, a blind longing, a hair, the skin, in truth of every part of reaching out, as it were, of something after some higher and nobler condition of understood, the question rises, by what the whole creation groaneth and travail-eth in pain together until now, waiting principle of the animal organism.

contrivance and its inconceivable possibilities, it would seem a useless display of creative power if the ultimate of our Mother Nature's efforts in the direction producer of thought; so we contend, which will or should amount to a con-tinued existence.

We will now leave this subject at the point we have reached, and take up the

point we have reached, and take up the argument from the beginning, using some other important ideas, and see where it will lead us. If we look into the various forms of being which make up the creation, we find that they did not come into existence all together: but in a certain order, from the lower to the higher in which one type of being. or an end in itself alone; but each grade do exist and appear, arrive at correct contained in itself the elements of a conclusions concerning facts which do ligher development, and so manifest not appear. It is only necessary to con-

or became a prophecy of that which was to be developed, and furthermore, each Sex and the law of sex is recognized grade has prefigured and prepared the way for another; and, mark, never from the higher to the lower, but in a constantly ascending scale of organic cashorticulturist, and most other people pacity having appeared, bred through other generations and passing away, to be ever succeeded by higher forms. As an example, take the fact that the Caucasian race of men are planting them-

In the vegetable kingdom it is growth with but very little waste while there is there seems to have been, as the one being renewed. The same is true of the

being, and there also seems to have been process is this continual repair kept up? Passing from the lower to the higher orders of the vegetable kingdom we form the reasons for the faith find the same difficulty in determining the process of the vegetable kingdom we find the same difficulty in determining the process of the vegetable kingdom we find the same difficulty in determining the process of the vegetable kingdom we find the same difficulty in determining the process of the vegetable kingdom we find the same difficulty in determining the process of the vegetable kingdom we find the vege Now, place by the side of this the deep and demonstrably sexual in its nature the vegetable and the animal kingdoms saying of Paul, in which he seems to as is any known law, the blastema of have anticipated this disclosure, viz., of creation and development, and speaks with a double emphasis in the higher orders of the vegetable, the higher orders of the vegetable, appear, and are known and by all, to facts which may a third and still higher element or qual-

# THE RATIONALE

has held a high place in the estimation ant, tearful, heavenward-rising thank-Garden of Eden, we are so that the Gods. Can we wonder, therewith the Gods. Can we wonder, the Gods. Can w

strides that Spiritualism is making in the world, yet many are utterly ignor-ant concerning it; and, some will often inquire: "Do spirits really exist?" and

tst: and spirits do really communicate with mortals." It is, also, often asked: "Who are spirits?" and, "Where do spirits reside?" By the light of reason, as revealed to my mind, I will answe these questions: In the first place, ments in nature, viz., water, land and air. Each of these three great depart-ments constitutes, in itself, a world or in other words, I claim that the air is peopled, as well as land and water.

If we have the Marine World and its inhabitants; the Island or Continental World and its inhabitants, why not have the Aerial World and its inhabitants, or fence or partition divides these three worlds from one another; but the ele

## WHY GRUMBLE?

The World Has Advanced Spirit-

AND HUMANITY ARE GROWING BETTER.

In all ages of the world a belief in the existence of spirits or celestial beings has held a high place in the estimation

coarseness of language that would not now be permitted in a political harangue.

Some of Martin Luther's sermons could not be read in a modern school

addicted to the habit, and she said: ship. The work was begun, but be 'Our John swears awful, and we try to correct him for it; but,' she added, apoloand indelicate allusions, such as now no

## ROME HOWLS!

Women and Girls Faint!

A Scene Disgraceful to the Nineteenth Century.

master read the prayers and recited the beads, and a choir sang hymns.

On Monday the feasts of St. Peter at St. Paul, the dissentists met in the

the redemptorist, with uplifted crucifia

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SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1891.

### Spiritualism and the World's Fair

The importance of Spiritualism being adequatey represented at the World's Fair at Chicago need not be discussed. A representation that would show to all

representative takes a great responsibility, for, instead of the solid support of an organized body, he must rely on individuals, and all the diversity of their

unsolicited and unexpected, and there are many who are in every way more capable of carrying the enterprise to successful completion. I have remained that in the hope that some one would arise to take the lead, not that I had no interest in the cause. Numerous letters from friends urging me to express my views on the subject is my views of the fact that it is doing a much-needed work. The illustrations much-needed work. The illustrations much-needed work. The illustrations and fifteen miles to "preach the the National Builder Publishing Co., (enclosing 25 cents), Chicago, Ill., for a sample copy.

The Catholic Population.

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Spiritualists desire representation at the
Columbian Exposition, they cannot gain
their desire by the wishing. A fund
much larger than they have over yet
subscribed must be raised before any
further action can be safely taken.
Without the least desire to lead, or in any
way control the entered. among the assistants, I selling milk on Sunday to the officer, he being in citizen's clothes. The prisoner was discharged, and the stickler for sunday observance was repremanded. The representation should be made, and whom they provide the stickler should be considered. made, and whom they prefer as representative. This will be truly a democratic way of determining the last two points, and, if backed with the means, the act complained of was the work of the complained of was the work of the complained of the com Ill assure success. HUDSON TUTTLE. Berlin Heights, Ohio.

eral survey of what is going on, leaving out all preliminaries. Local meetings

Interest at Chicago Protogics as Pilclass matter that world-renowned philosopher, states-

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the labout the Lesson of the disposition of the various sects, and the chances of inhabitants; the Markets filled with Plenty; the People well favored and well clothed; the Fields well tilled; the Cat-

elothed; the Fields well threa; the cav-tle fat and strong; the Fonces, Houses and Windows all in repair; and no Old Terror anywhere in the country,—which would almost make one suspect that the Delty is not so angry at that offense as a New England Justice

The letter of Dr. Franklin, of which the above is a brief extract, is preserved in the New Haven Colony Historical So-

### A New Discovery.

A Rockford newspaper, of the 13th inst. and its switchback, to which the crowds utting off saloon receipts.

### Empty Pews.

"The church pews are empty on Sunthe world what it has accomplished, and day because Harlem Park is open," was what it promises—a presentation of its
highest and best—would do away with
day because Harlem Park is open," was sion of a relie which cannot be other than precious—to them. unjust prejudice, and place the move. a mass meeting of religionists at Rockof the age.

Many Spiritualists have recognized this supreme opportunity, and have come forward with suggestions. The Bonner of Light volced the thoughts of its constituency, and not only moved for representative takes a great that the said: "Christian people have a right to go to the authorities and say they should see to it that these things shall not be." There is an old adage: "You can't force him to drink." It is apprehended there is no law in Illinois prohibiting people from visiting Harlem Park, or any other popular resort they please, on Sunday, so they deport themselves in a quiet orderly manner. People have their choice to go to church, to the woods, the public parks, or remain and Harbinger of Light (Australia), etc., seconded the measure, I began to question myself as to the means at hand we recommend them to exercise their preference, whether pews are empty or liled.

The Ci ent in the front ranks as a factor in ford the other day. In the same breath

form and manner of the exhibit, and to secure the means to carry it forward. All will agree that unless the showing is all that it should be, it would not be desirable. A half-way showing would be more damaging than useful. It should be made commensurate with the grand philosophy it represents.

Of the many plans, there is agree-

tetters from friends urging me to express my views on the subject is my apology for writing this communication. Some one must take the initiative step and outline the work. The time will be constant tendency to exaggeration, it is believed to be equal, if not in expression of the must example to the constant tendency to exaggeration, it is believed to be equal, if not in expression of the numerous other attractions. Long

some unexpected accident for which fallible mortals cannot be held responsible. In a recent case the Supreme Court of Reports of meetings must be brief, the United States used words that seem Dire for the main facts, and give a gen- to imply that as time goes on this pleafor escape from responsibility is to be less gust 30 out all preliminaries. Local meetings everywhere are doing a local work—a crant one too—and are only of local interest, and a few lines only must do for them. We cannot give our space for long a counts of receptions. Obligation in the condensation must be condensation must be condensation must be the airm in all respects of meetings. We are risd to give a general survey of the cause, but our main object is to make our paper a magazine of advanced thought, hence the necessity of presenting the above hints.

Clinton Camp Meeting.

Everything looks decidedly promising for this favorite resort for the season of 1891. The grounds of Mount Pleasant Park were never loveller than now. Many tents and rooms are aircady rential, and a goodly number of campers are aircady rential, and a goodly number of campers are aircady on the ground, enjoying the heautiful surroundings, before the opening of the regular meeting. Aug. 25. You will miss a grand and profitable time if you fail to attend the annual samp meeting of the M. V. S. A. Everyholdy welcome. Will, C. Holder. Clinton, lored.

Sec'y. and less regarded. A train on the Virginia Midland Railroad had been de-

## A Mother Sacrifices Her Child.

says the saloon business in that town is don, Eng., a few days ago. Col. Olcott, eriously abridged in receipts because of whose name is so well known to all who Harlem Park and its switchback, to take any interest in this supposedly which the preachers take such violent modern science, which is of such ancient exceptions. One saloon-keeper reports origin, occupied the chair, and Mrs. a falling off in receipts for June to the Besant, who has practically renounced extent of \$300. If the thirty-four saloons her other work in order to devote herof the city are alike affected, the joint loss equals \$10,200 for a single month, because of that detestable Harlem Park daily resort, more largely on Sunday than any other day. It has been charged that there is a community of interests between saloon men and the clergy, the former serving the devil to lead men astray; the latter to restore them to good habits. But Harlam Park sooms to be an entered to be a subject to the society. Col. Olcott proposed that Madame Blavatsky's ashes should be divided into three equal portions and should be divided into three equal portions and should be divided into three equal portions are should be divided into three equal portions are should be sourced by the same as the habits. But Harlem Park seems to be an itins and should be severally intrusted intermediate, making empty pows, and to the care of the theosophical centers in Madras, New York and London. This resolution was adopted, so that the lew World will share with the land of the birth of theosophy, with the home of its high priestess in Europe, the posses-

> Mme. Scholander, a Swedish lady, and it need scarcely be added a theosophist, offered to provide an urn made of or by some one who is trying to in-green to provide an urn made of jure me. W. S. DAVIS.

Wood, the negro murderer of his felplace it upon the stand in the room in Individuals, and all the diversity of their opinions must come directly to him. The great difficulty is to decide on the form and manner of the exhibit, and to convert the means to carry it forward.

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The National Builder.

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the numerous other attractions. Long may be live, and when his noble life is ended, let us hope that he will leave behind him his own funeral sermon, to be published in THE PROGRESSIVE THINK-

## The Tendency.

Lyman C. Howe, the veteran worker writes:"I find THE PROGRESSIVE THINK-ER a great favorite everywhere

## Camp Meeting Calandar.

The Connecticut Spiritualist Camp Meeting Association at Niantic, Ct., July Lookout Mountain Camp Meeting, Fenn., July 5 to Aug. 2.

The National Religious and Spiritual Association's Camp Meeting at Mantua Station, Ohio, July 18, closing Aug. 10. The National Spiritual and Religious Association's Camp Meeting at Shoo-makers' Grove, Ashley Station, Ohlo,

Aug. 28 to Sept. 8. Cape Cod Camp Meeting, Harwich Port, Mass., July 12 to 26. Cassadaga Lake, N. V., July 24 to Au-

Clinton (Iowa) Camp Meeting, August to August 30. Haslott Park (Mich.) Camp Meeting,

July 29 to August 31. Liberal (Mo.), August 15 to September 15. Lako Pleasant, Mass., July 25 to Au-Lake Minnetonka, Minn., month of

Farkland, Pa., June 14 to September

16.
Onset Bay, Mass., July 12 to Aug. 30.
Queen City Park, Vt., August 2 to
September 6.
Sunapse, N. H., August 2 to August 30.
Summerland, Cal., Sept. 6 to Sept. 27.
The Indiana Camp Meeting at Anderson from July 16 to August 10.
Temple Hoights, Northport, Maine, opens August 9. Verona Park, Maine, the two last

wooks in August Vicksburg, Mich., August 6, continu-ing over three Sundays.

The Vibrations.

The vibrations from this office have struck the hearts of our subscribers, and they are sending in subscriptions at a lively rate. They want all to see "What Next?"

Prof. Silas W. Edmunds will visit the Lookout Camp Mosting. He is represented by the papers at Canton, Ohio, and doing some very efficient work there.

### The Banner and W. S. Davis.

scances, have placed me in a position so that I am a target for jealous and malicious persons to hurl their slanderous missives against. The reporter of a prominent New York paper called on me yesterday forenoon for the purpose

een spirit forms at one time by using convex mirrors, etc. I get the letter away from the man, and sent it to President Bogert. I have never pretended

to be able to float in the air, nor can I produce eighteen spirit forms by mirrors or by any other way, and all this bosh is manufactured by some person

who either thinks he is a practical joker,

The Circuit of Seventy-Three

Days. Various Places and People.

Home again! April 30 l took my leave of gurden, firt, ditches and all that makes home heavy or bright, leaving the light of three faces at the gate.

and taking their image in my memory. halted at Meadville, Pa., and spent a night with Bro. A. Gaston and family: thence to St. Louis, Mo., where I whipped the month of May with my

and appreciative audiences; got a few laps of la grippe and sneezed my way to Chicago, where I met Dr. C. I. Thacher

in the toast room where infants wall

falled to reach, and an evening at Belle Isle with H. W. Tibballs and wife and mother, drew the charm of twilight and the bloom of nature over all the dismal

nemories of my mental dwarfage, and

the sweet breezes smelled of a summer

to a select audience in the U. church and shared the restful hospitality of Brother and Sister Odell, and took the image of all into my mental camera, and

Ilt down at East Saginaw. There I found live souls and logical thinkers, generous

hearts and backbone, and I hung on for two Sundays; met Charles Andrus, who

New York.

Benjamin Franklin on Sunday.

The clergy at Rockford, III., and in other localities as well, would be profited by reading and pondering a letter from that world-renowned philosopher, states man and moralist, Benjamin Franklin for the legible in the world-renowned philosopher, states man and moralist, Benjamin Franklin for the legible in the latter from that world-renowned philosopher, states man and moralist, Benjamin Franklin for the legible in the latter from the latter f

ing Spiritualistic tricks. He had a letter written on my printed note paper (or a fac simile of my paper), with my name signed to it. In this letter 1 am made to say that I will expose my tricks of floating in the air and producing eighteen spirit forms at one time by using away from the convex mirrors, etc. 1

### WHAT NEXT?

A Comparison of the Moral Status of Ministers, Church Members and Spiritualists.

I tacks of ministers of the gospel and those whipped the month of May with my spiritual cooler and put my audiences to sleep; thence to Kansas City, en route to Colfax, lowa, where I found live souls and appreciative audiences; got a few laps of la grippe and sneezed my way to Chicago, where I met Dr. C. I. Thacher

lendship, fixed in the polarities of emory, and haunted The Progressive visited, owing to the splendid site on the fort.

ford by boat. In the evening, by special request, we spoke in the Temple. The subject in the morning was: "What has Spiritualism Done for the World?" In the evening: "What will it Do?" Many of the old camper say they were as fine as any ever given here. The last is always best, you know. Spiritual Science is having an airing here, at the hands of W. J. Colville. The people hereabout are anxious to hear from Olney Richmond through THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, They think he has something that they want. I formed his acquaintance in Grand Rapids, Mich., and only wish I might have time and means renew the religion of my childhood, when hot sulphur was not only a panaeca for the itch, but the divine suffector and gaush their gums forever, to pay the debt of sin which the blood of God THINKER. They think he has something that they want. I formed his acquaintance in Grand Rapids, Mich., and only wish I might have time and means to put myself under his instructions. It seems to me the world is ready to sustain a systematic method of teaching, open and above board, without any secret organization. He seems to think otherwise, and no doubt is the best judge, knowing just what kind of tools he has to handle. J. W. Kenyon.

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### Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond In Cleveland.

heals the sick and preaches the gospel as the ease requires. I ran down to Owasso and talked two nights; but no one left the earth in a spiritual balloon under the attrings of my inspiration, but likely many went to sleep. When I put my audiences to alcep I know my influence is good, and does not harrass their souls with ominous doubts or memory of sins they are trying to forget!

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W. II. Sage physician, of Troy, and the Lyman House, 151 Circular street, Saratoga Springs, commencing Sturday, the 18th inst., where he will also visit Lake Pleasant camp meeting, locating at the Seaman Excelsion Could be the regular weekly evening meeting, locating at the Seaman Excelsion Could be the season. A reception that evening was given to Mr. Ayer, and he was made the responded to the gift in a feeling manner. Among the celebritist

souls with ominous doubts or memory of sins they are trying to forget!

Back to Saginaw, and thence, via Destroit, and the Michigan Central, I brought up Thursday at Dr. Hubboll's, in Huffallo, where beauty, order, elegance and an atmosphere of intellectual vigor and moral independence buoy the weary pilgrim and broaden and frace the spirit. There I rested until Friday, and reached home about half-past three in the afternoon, to find Mrs. Howe and Maude feeble but full of grace, and the house from August 18 to September 10. He has engagements in Providence, R. L., New Bestford, Mass., and other places. Societies can address him at Omet, Mass., or 192 Friendship St., Providence, R. L.

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feeble but full of grace, and the house
expressed the effort it had cost them to
adjust all things for my coming in the
most attractive and restful order. In
the seventy three days I traveled between two and three thousand miles,
and delivered between thirty and forty
lectures, put my audiences to sleep and
myself into pulp; listened to some inimitable music in Kansas City; heard sweet
inspired music in Michigan; laughed
and expanded under the intural elequence and unique expressions of E. G.
Goddard; heard from the Magi and the
glacial periods, and journeys to the
moon and planets, and now I am chopping it all into hash for home digestion.
Fredomin, N. I. Lyman C. Howe. Mr. J. W. Fletcher will be absent Mr. J. W. Flotcher will be absent from New York City until Sopt. 1. The third Sunday in September he begins a long engagement at the Adelphi Hall, New York, and Conservatory Hall, Brooklyn. He can, however, accept a limited number of engagements elsewhere. Address him at 208 West 43d St., N. Y. City

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Fradmia, N. Lyman C. Howe.

Pleasant camp.

Glison Bortmess, spirit artist, will attend the Cassadaga camp. The Covered Phos. of San Francisco, Cal., speaks in high terms of him as a spirit artist.

Mrs. Mabel Aber, of Spring Hill, Kansas, writes: "I am so delighted that you have taken the cudgel in defense of our glorious cause. You are certainly guided and inspired by a noble host of loved ones gone before, who wish to see justice done and with you as their in-

The Lesson of a Dream.

It is said that John Woody was one treated in regard to the dispetal to all the special to the dispetal of the properties with the properties werk. The presentation of the properties of

exelaim, "What will the ladies do next?" and in their behalf I will say, it they meet with the success they deserve, another year will solve that question. I wish to inform the ladies of the Union that an informal meeting will be held Saturday evening, Aug. I, at 8 o'clock, at Liberty Cottage, to complete arrangements. Let every member on the grounds be present.

MRS. OLIVE A. BLODGETT, Secretary L. I. U.

ANNUAL MEETING.

In accordance with the constitution, the annual meeting of the Ladies' Independent Union for election of trustees and the transaction of business will be held Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1891, at Mount Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa.

MRS. OLIVE A. BLODGETT, Sec.

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WHAT NEXT? continue the good work. The officers of this active. Divine will: physical plan the Society are: Abel Davis, President:
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of his children should lay the Area controllers of his children should lay the Area controllers opened the meeting in a few remarks. Mr. A. F. Williams and Mr. Kitson followed; each spoke well.

Mrs. Cutter and Mrs. Summers gave tests. Mrs. Cora E. Wilson, of California, gave some remarkable tests in her psychological test roading. Mr. Jenifer, the President, announced that the meeting would run through the

The Econing Repository, of Canton, Ohio, peaks as follows of a lecture by Silas W. Falmonds, of Cleveland:

"Prof. Edmond's delivery is clear and forcible, and the whole lecture is one calculated to attract the closest attention.

esteulated to attract the closest attention. It treats of man as an aspiring boing, and constantly soaring in unexplored fields and never ceasing until success crowns his efforts. It reviews his achievements in the past, in unearthing buried cities, exploring new regions, and connecting the chain of life of prehistoric man. The coming man is pictured as coming through what are now mystories, and finally solving the predictoric man. The coming man is pictured as coming through what are now mysteries, and finally solving the problem of life and all nature. It asserts that in this fuller development the thoughts and acts of man can be reduced to a mathematical esteniation."

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laps of la grippe and sneezed my way to Chicago, where I met Dr. C. I. Thacher with his shroud of Christian Science covered with magnetic shields, to keep the truth from burning him too deeply when he was not on duty; ate good vietuals at his table—albeit victuals do not exist—exchanged the magnetism of friendship, fixed in the polarities of memory, and haunted The Processing to the splendid site on the fort."

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O. Reed, of Londonderry, Vt., writes:

Bishop A. Beals has been with us for five Sundays. He goes from here to side the sphere of Evolution. On the contrary, one of the most noticeable features of revelation is its progressive character.

Onset is the finest camp we have ever visited, owing to the splendid site on the fort."

clock. He responded to the gift in a feeling manner. Among the celebritim present besides the speaker and Ars. Lake were Dr. H. B. Storer, Mr. Edson. Mr. Wetherbee, Mrs. Potter and others. Sunday, June 28, Mrs. Lake's guides delivered the closing lecture for the series on. The subject was: "The Aspects of Spiritualism in General and the Work of the Spiritual Fraternity Society in Particular." The sharp and exhaustive replies of the speaker to the questions raricums. The sharp and exhaust replies of the speaker to the quanti handed up to the desk by the mudicum. and answered in connection with the subject of the discourse, were greeted with loud applause.

Mr. Dunham concludes his report to

## BOGUS PHILOSOPHY.

And Bogus Religion.

don, the world has lost the greatest and most brilliant literary impostor it has ever seen. Of large and rather gross physique, and powerful will, she dom-inated over all the credulous weaklings who came around her, but her most remarkable conquest in this way was that of Col. H. S. Olcott, who became her able adjutant and devoted friend, and may now be considered her successor. But Mr. Olcott does not, like Blavatsky. manufacture the marvelous. He simply propagates the fables which he accepts with blind credulity.

Olcott was a psychic marvel. With fine imagination, and a finished, forceful literary style, he was credulous as a child, or rather, like one of the mystics of the middle ages, devoted to alchemy, thaumaturgy, witchcraft, and the bogus miracles of Catholic priests. Nothing was too extravagant, absurd or ridiculous for him, and he accepted ev-erything from Blavatsky as a child listening to the fables of its nurse, and the stories of Santa Claus.

He had long been an admiring reader of my writings, and I supposed him a sound thinker until he fell in with Mme. Blavatsky. When I enjoyed their society in New York there was never in my presence the slightest display of any psychic or miraculous power by Mme. Blavatsky—but Col. Olcott assured me that she could walk out in a pouring rain without an umbrella and come in per feetly dry, not a raindrop having touched

The aberrations of this gifted and extraordinary pair began when they came together, by a singular affinity, nearly twenty years ago, and plunged into the marvels and mysteries of Spiritualism, not to philosophize, but to revel in the marvelous-one as the romancer and the other as the dupe. Together they visited the Eddy family at Chittenden, Vt., and the result was the publication of that extraordinary book by Col. Olcott, "People from the Other World," in which he and Mme. Blavatsky testify fully to all the most marvelous things ever heard of among Spiritualists. That the Eddy family were remarkable mediums is well known, but like many other materializing mediums they were skillful in the tricks of that profession, and not at all worthy of credence when their phenemena was not strictly tested But the effort of the three parties was to find something surpassingly marvelous Olcott states, among other wonders, that a spirit named George Dex announced to Mme. Blavatsky that he would bring her a buckle of a medal of honor worn by her father during life, and buried with his body in Russia. Mme. B. received the buckle in a dark circle, and testified that it was really her father's buckle, which had been interred with

Whether his testimony in this case is reliable, the reader may judge when he reads another of her stories which Col. Olcott relates, the statement of which is sufficient to show that in the way of roficult to find a match for Mme. Blavatsky

The story he tells is that an African uggler materialized at an Eddy seance,

two features of which were very conspictive features of which were very conspictive features of which were very conspictive from the features of coiffure that would make a sensation on Broadway. I could see an ornamented fillet or band, and on top of his head, four horns with bent tips, something like those of the chamois or some varie-



Mme. de Blavatsky did not recognize him at first, but he stepped forward a pace or two, and she then saw before her the chief of a party of African jugglers whom she encountered once in upper Egypt at a celebration of the feast of 'The Ramazon.' The magical perform-ances of his party upon that occasion make one of the most incredible stories such a book of weird experiences as this. twelve or eighteen inches wide.

the roll about his head several times, and then flung it straight up into the air. converted. When he returned home he grew to be a mere speck, and finally passed out of sight. The juggler drove the pointed end of the stick into the personality of the unfortunate seemed ground, and then beckoned the boy to so blended with the minister that he used ing was held and more good thoughts were called forth from Mrs. Banks, Pres.

into the clouds and disappear.

"The juggler waited five or ten minutes, and then, pretending to be impatient, shouted up to his assistant, as if to order him down. No answer was heard, and no boy appeared, so, finally, as if carried away with rage, the juggler thrust a naked sword into his breechclout (the only garment upon his person), and climbed after the boy. Up and up, and up, hand over hand, and step by step, he ascended, until the training eyes of the multitude saw him training eyes of the multitude saw him the minister to the subject, and became a the controlling influence of the subject's mind content of the causes of obsession, that by careful study of the actions of those who are obsessed we may better understand the subject and how to control it. The question that presents itself is this: Did the personality or influence that dominated the subject's mind come from the causes of obsession, that by careful study of the actions of those who are obsessed we may better understand the subject and how to control it. The question that presents itself is this: Did the personality or influence that dominated the subject's mind come from the causes of obsession, that by careful study of the actions of those who are obsessed we may better understand the subject and how to control it. The question that presents itself is this: Did the personality or influence of the subject's mind content of the causes of obsession, that by careful study of the actions of those who are obsessed we may better understand the subject and how to control it. The function of the causes of obsession, that by careful study of the actions of those who are obsessed we may better understand the subject and how to control it. The function of the causes of obsession, that by careful study of the actions of those who are obsessed we may better understand the subject and how to control it. The function of the causes of obsession, that by careful study of the actions of the causes of obsession, that by careful study of the actions of the cause

and then a wild shriek came down from the sky, and a bleeding arm, as if freshly cut from the boy's body, fell with a hor-rid thud upon the ground. Then came another, then the two legs, one after the other, then the dismorphised trusk and other, then the dismembered trunk, and AS VIEWED FROM THE STANDPOINT OF last of all, the ghastly head, every part PROF. J. R. BUCHANAN, IN AMERI- streaming with gore and covering the

In the recent death of Madame Blavatsky, the Russian adventuress, at London, the world his lost the greatest and most brilliant like the greatest and process the greatest and process the greatest and dirty cloth over them and retired.

"A second lad now stepped forward, and gathering the mutilated fragments of his comrade into a heap, threw a dirty cloth over them and retired.

The tolls and the trials that load and oppress; But they all will be gone as the dews of the night. When the radiant sky bears the sun on its Presently the juggler was to be seen descending as slowly and cautiously as he had ascended. He reached the ground at last, with his naked sword all dripping with blood. Paying no attention to the remains of his supposed victim, he went to rewinding his tape upon his stick, his audience meanwhile break-ing out into cries of impatience and execration. When the tape was all rewound, he wiped his sword, and then deliberately stepping to the bloody heap, lifted off the ragged quilt, and up rose the little tape-climber as hearty as ever, and bowed and smiled upon the amazed throng as though dismemberment were an after-breakfast pastime to which he had been accustomed from infancy.

"I have seen it stated in the papers that the late William H. Seward, ex-Secretary of State, witnessed a similar feat in India, while on his tour around the world. He saw a man climb a bare pole sixty feet high, standing in open air, and when he reached the top he mysteriously disappeared. After awhile his feet reappeared, then his legs and body, and then he came down. It is a great pity that some of our enterprising publishers could not induce Madame de Blavatsky to write out her memoirs, for they abound in such marvels as these. And, be it remembered, the great negro whom I saw at Chittenden was the chief of the very party who performed the And now 'tis dead, and all its hopes are gone

of the very party who performed the marvel of diablerie in Egypt."

The mendacity that could originate and the credulity that could accept and endorse such fictions as these, even with no better foundation than a newspaper paragraph, or reporter's hoax, are the source of that enormous mass of fiction which has been labeled Theosophy or which has been labeled Theosophy or Divine Wisdom, and by means of that false label has gained its dupes among the credulous.

It would require an extensive essay to give the reader any idea of this singular Munchausenism-a resurrection of the silliest and most preposterous myths of India, with a large addition of wild and monstrous fabrications by Mme. Blavatsky. Col. Olcott says in his lectures that the ancient people of India were surpassingly wise and scientific,—that they had flying machines which were so numerous that their warriors sailed up in the sky, and fought battles in the ouds as they flew. When his "People from the Other

World " was published, I saw this story of the negro magician, and begged him, for the credit of his book, and his own respectability, to strike out that story and other similar parts, but could make no impression upon him. I found it useless to reason with the Colonel or Mme. Blavatsky, and when she personally assured me that the vast payment made by T France to Germany after her armies had been defeated, was not furnished by the wealth of France, but was raised by the power of occult magic, I saw that she was setting out on an unlimited scheme

of imposture.

Before her "Isis Unveiled" appeared, mancing on the one hand, and passive credulity on the other, it would be difand as we were on good terms (for she says in that huge book that posterity should erect a statue in my honor for the discovery of psychometry), I tried to act as a friend and restrain her eccen-"He was a tall, spare negro, black as ink, and dressed in a curious costume; tricity, requesting her to show me the manuscript before publication, but she is a curious costume; refused as the known I would not be the manuscript before publication, but she is the known I would not be the manuscript before publication but she is the known I would not be the manuscript before publication but she is the known I would not be the manuscript before publication but she is the known I would not be the manuscript before publication but she is the manuscript before refused, as she knew I would not ap- ada (new member

were Spiritualists of the most extreme and credulous type, and in her publica-tion she spoke of herself as one of the spiritual fraternity. At that time she E. like those of the chamois or some varie-ties of African antelope, such as the fictions with which she since became James Boyd, River identified. But she found that Spiritu- (new member) .. alism was a matter of scientific observation, in which abler thinkers than herself would rule, and in which her ambition could not be indulged.

In fact, the firm of Blavatsky and Olcott was at a low ebb when the Madame determined to plunge into Oriental mysticism, repudiate all that she had main

had not skill enough to impose on any critical observer in his performance, though he readily appealed to the credulity of the Madame and Col. Olcott.

To sustain the tremendous draft of were possessed by the adepts of Oriental wisdom. In this she was fairly caught and exposed by Mr. Hodgeson, the agent of the British Psychical Research Society, after which it became necessary for er to leave India, and open her mission in London, where her life ended on the 8th of May.

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## WHAT WAS IT?

Was It Obsession or Hypnotism?

TO THE EDITOR:-Whence comes ob- medium. make one of the most incredible stories session? has been a question that has in the history of either magic or Spirituagitated the thoughtful mind for several alism, and one feat deserves place in years. As a general thing it makes its Petitt, of Creston, Iowa, Vice-President; appearance among new converts after or Madame says that in full sight of a mul-titude, comprising several hundred Eu-question that arises in the thoughtful ropeans, and many thousand Egyptians and Africans, the juggler came out on a bare space of ground, leading a small boy, stark naked, by the hand, and carrying a huge roll of tape that might be will submit a case of obsession that After certain ceremonies he whirled few years ago. A large revival meeting specific approach. Pointing upward, and talking the same words and made the same expressions when in conversation with his dering the little fellow to ascend the friends that the minister used in his friends that the minister used in his last on heredity. higher, until he, too, seemed to pass that passed from the controlling mind of the clouds and disappear.

There's a band of the love'l ones just "over there,"
Waiting for us till our work is done!
Till we lay down our many burdening cares,
As we must, by and by, every one.

TO A FRIEND

For we may not bear into the Kingdom of Light The toils and the trials that load and op-

And "the why" of earth's troubles shall well comprehend;
Shall rejoice to have passed through "flower-wreathed door,"
And have faithfully done earth-life's work to the end.

The loved ones whose garments have slipped through our hands,
Whom we thought by close clinging to longer delay,
They are waiting for us in the beautiful land
Where the Light of all Life makes all fade-

less its day. There the soul-sick and weary are strength-

ened and healed,
There the wicked reformed, through the magic of love;
For there is God as a Father revealed,
As he governs the earth and the kingdom above.

MRS. B. C. SOULE.

YESTERDAY, TO-DAY, TO-MORROW.

How full of bitter pain is Yesterday; How full of hope and cheer To-morrow's morn.
To-day, the only day that can be ours,
Too off its opportunities we scorn.

Yesterday! Alas, we soon forget
How once we hailed with joy its coming
dawn.

Yesterday is past; to-day is here. To-morrow—ah! we may not see its sun.
Then let us do to-day what we should do,
So yesterday's achievements be well done.

But he who for to-morrow builds his hopes On deeds that in the present he has done, Goes forth to-day to fight life's bitter fight, And yesterday will find it fought and won.

Let yesterday, then, tell of noole decay.
We did so well when it was but to-day,
And bright will be to-morrow's hopes for us,
If we but try and do without delay.
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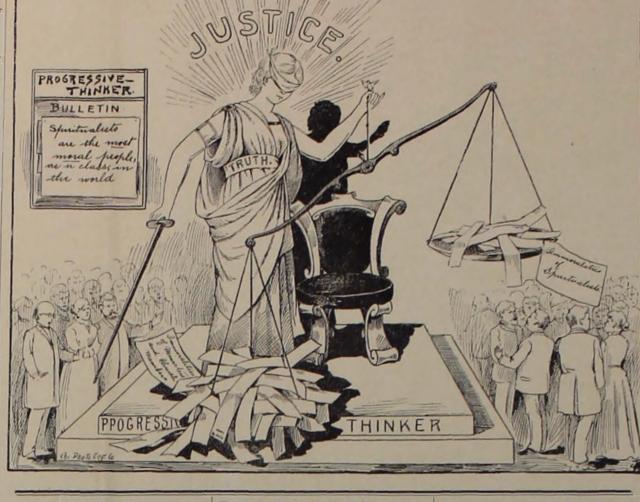
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ists, they will be more than astonished when they gaze at Justice weighing and tained, and set up as the transcendental oracle of the nineteenth century.

The first attempt of these alleged occultists in the marvelous line was a coultists in the marvelous line was a constant.

We have engaged the following talcomparing the immoralities of ministers of the gospel and church-members with those of Spiritualists, and see the unexinvestigation effective and potent for his commandments. W. W. Aber, materializing, spirit good, is to extend our circulation. No hotographer and psychometrist; Mrs. Spiritualist whose soul vibrates with "Yes, I try to do so." love for the cause he has espoused, will Mme. Blavatsky on human credulity, it A. Goodman, occult telegraphy, inde-refuse to lend his aid to the extent of commandments?" received in the grand intellectual feast that will be presented to him each week. Mrs. M. A. Swain, clairvoyant, test and physical medium; A. Willis, full-form grand work will render him richer, "I materializing, independent slate writing spiritually and intellectually, and broaden his mind, and make him better |

> one to come. titled to, must be shown up.

side are the immoralities of Spiritual-ists, exceedingly few in number. The other side is loaded down with the im-Saturday, July 5, our camp opened with our first speaker, Mrs. Clara Banks, of Haydenville, Mass. She is a fine speaker, and this is the third year she speaker, and this is the third year she speaker, and this is the third year she speaker.

dering the little fellow to ascend the minister discums that the minis a perfect whole, and so it ever seems to me. Mrs. N. H. Fogg.

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Now, I believe, under God, that this compare notes and reflect."

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'Is Christ our Savior? "He surely is

Are we already saved?" "Not unless we accept him as our

"I do not see why I should not be SATURDAY NIGHT. Mine. Blavatsky on human credumly, it became necessary to show some of the marvelous powers which she claimed in tongues; Mrs. M. M. Bristow, clairwhich he will get more than value from the fact that I am a professing Christophia. tian, and also a teacher of those divine

'Well, elder, do you love your ene 'I try to do so."

"Have you a more bitter or relentless enemy than the Devil?" "I do not know that I have, as he is, adapted to live in this world and the to my mind, the personification of all years.

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I does not define the morrow, as to be v He resides in Washington, D. C., and never tires in the good work in which he is engaged. He purchased 3,000 copies of Mr. Chiniquy's version of the solid support up in mid-air. The boy based compliance and began climbing, recovery, which took place some three using his hands and feet as little 'All-base when climbing Satsuma's balance-pole. The boy went higher and higher, until he, too, seemed to pass into the clouds and disappear.

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Christ and his commandments. Will you be kind enough to inform me how many of his commandments you obey? Do you regard any of his commandments, or do you live closer to them than I do?
Do you not obey the teachings of Paul,
who was raised a pharisee, and ignore the
lngs of Christ entirely?"

"Well, Judge, you have asked me some
hard questions, and I am free to admit, or do you live closer to them than I do? Do you not obey the teachings of Paul,

as an honest man, that I never had the She is Weighing Immoralities.

Reflections Worthy of Consideration.

The above illustration presents a most startling result. Justice, ever blind to sects, creeds, dogmas or individuals, weighs with scrupulous exactness the acts of each individual, and determines results which can not be concealed or successfully disputed. When the various ministers of the gospel and churchmembers who have maligned Spiritualism and represented it as the sum of all

you keep his commandments?"

Yes, I try to do so."

Yes, I try to do so."

Are you willing to be judged by these

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The last that the present day, does not always mean a follower of Christ in a practical life. And with these reflections the cut off from their people."

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M. P. ROSENCRANS.

Passed to Spirit Life.

scales in the hands of Justice. On one lar to give him for doing so? If a man our brother. SILAS W. EDMUNDS.

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LIGHT AND AMUSING. Some of Talmage's Views for Light Reading.

For The Progressive Thinker.

TO THE EDITOR:-As a Spiritualist I am frank to say that the arraignment of Spiritualism by Rev. T. DeWitt Tal-mage has done me a world of good, inasmuch as it is very amusing and laughable, although it is false through-The fact that his sermon is a tissue of slanderous lies against Spiritualism doesn't detract from its amusing side Read the following, an extract from one of his sermons, and it will greatly amuse you, as it did me:

I bring against this delusion a more fearful indictment—it ruins the soul immortal. First, it makes a man a quarter of an infidel; then it makes him half an infidel; then it makes him whole infidel. The whole system, as I conceive it, is founded on the insufficiency of the word of God as a revelation. God says the Bible is enough for you to know about the future world. You say it is not enough, and there is where you and the Lord differ. You clear the table, you shove aside the Bible, you put your hand on the table, and say: "Now let spirits of the future world come and tell me something the Bible has not told me." And although the Scriptures say: "Add thou not unto His words, lest He an infidel; then it makes him whole infi-"Add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar," you risk it and say: "Come back, spirit of my departed father; come back, spirit of my departed mother, of my companions, of my little child, and tell me some things I don't know about you and about the unseen world." If God is ever slapped square in the face, it is when a spiritual medium puts down her hand on the table, invoking spirits of the departed to make a revelation. God has told you all you ought to know, and how dare you be prying into that which is none as an honest man, that I never had the matter presented to me in that manner Bible in one hand and Spiritualism in

members who have maligned Spiritualism and represented it as the sum of all villainies, have gazed upon the general result of our investigation, they will manner wound the feelings of the most hide their heads in shame, and undoubtedly come to the conclusion that they have enough to do to purify their own ranks, instead of denouncing the grandest truth in the world, Spiritualism.

The kicking-back process will have a most wholesome effect. It will not do in this battle of life to settle down wholly into the method adopted by one section.

One day, a Christian minister—a good this, how small your thinking powers appear to men and women who have active brains. Let me the flustrate this in a simple manner, leaving off the holy tone. We will suppose a father of a family consisting of a number of bad boys and one real good one, and whenever the bad boys disobeyed him and pretended they were sorry for what this introduction, an incident comes up for expression.

One day, a Christian minister—a good and well-meaning man, came into my office Said he: "Judge, I came to have a serious conversation with you in regard to the better nature of my to better the conclusion that they have any off the most worship, for, as you do this, how small your thinking powers appear to men and women who have active brains. Let me the hill suppose a father of a family consisting of a number of bad boys and one real good one, and whenever the bad boys disobeyed him and pretended they were sorry for what they had done, he would tell them to thrash the good boy and all would be well—he would forgive them and take them into his favor again. Whenever quent ablutions of water. What is our quent ablutions of water. What is our non-resistance—and allow the slime of putrid mouths to be poured upon an absolute truth without uttering a most vigorous protest. A falsehood is imbuded with life, with a wonderful potency, but with the slime of putrid mouths to be poured upon an absolute truth without uttering a most vigorous protest. A falsehood is imbuded with life, with a wonderful potency, but well—ne would lorgive them and take well—ne would lorgive them and take them into his favor again. Whenever they did a mean thing, the good boy should be beaten and held accountable for soul's final destiny. You are now growshould be beaten and held accountable for the same—all they had to do was to make him bear the burden of their meanness.

Such Elder is the orthodox plan of sales are long to the present the sour baptism? Answer: Frequent ablutions of water. What is our inspiration? Plenty of fresh air and soul's final destiny. You are now growshould be beaten and held accountable for the same—all they had to do was to make him bear the burden of their meanness. and its effects are sometimes disastrous unless resisted with all the influence one can command.

preparation for eternity, and I have left like calling your attention to the requirements of the gospel, as laid down and can command.

In the burden of their meanness. Such, Elder, is the orthodox plan of salvation, and not an educated priest has for our guidance by Christ, the great teacher and Savior of our men. Judge, despisable it is; how disgraceful to a God.

Then he shook my hand kindly and left me. As I sit and think of this conversation, I can't help but realize that were there more such kind and dispassions. I believe, under God, that this sermon will save many from disease, insanity and perdition. I believe these are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some when he said: "In the latter time some such when he said: "In the latter time some when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some are the days of which the apostle spake when he said: "In the latter time some a of the gospel and church-members with those of Spiritualists, and see the unexpected result; and all accomplished by fictions of a less skillful pretender, a Mr. Fellger, who proposed to raise some perculiar vapors, and make mysterious forms or ghosts appear in the vapor. Fellger wanted a little money, but he had not skill enough to impress on any ow must we go to work to accept hinself. I have written these lines in all sincerity and candor, hoping that they may be is commandments."

I have written these lines in all sincerity and consulter of familiar spirits, or ity and candor, hoping that they may be read by others and their attention be called to the fact that the name "Christian are an abomination unto the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the Lord," and "The soul that the lines in the

> But I invite you this morning to a Christian scance. This congregation is only one great family. Here is the church table. Come around the church table, take your seats for this great Mr. James Mee, of Canton, Stark Co., Ohio, after an illness of three months, and finally terminating in typhoid fever. and finally terminating in typhoid fever, passed on to the higher life on Friday evening, June 26, 1891, at the age of 48 years. He had, for several years, been a strong advocate of the Harmonial Philadelia, and then listen and hear if there are any voices coming from the eternal world. I think there are, Listen! "Secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but things that are revealed belong unto us, and to our children." Surely delegraphy, materializing and test; Mrs.
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> Mary Lindsay, psychometric and trance;
> F. N. Foster, spirit photographer, will be with us for September; John Disler, musical and dark circle medium; Dr. M.
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> O. Knowles, platform test and healing
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> "Do you resist evil, or do you oversion the possible for them to receive sport or in dead earnest. Have you sport or in dead Teach your children there are no ghosts Passed to the higher life, on the evening of the 1st ult., from his residence those which walk on two feet or four, in Palmetto, Fla., J. W. Hendrix, in his ing of the 1st ult., from his residence in Palmetto, Fla., J. W. Hendrix, in his 80th year. He had been for many years a stanch Spiritualist and an earnest worker for the cause he loved so well. He held the presidential chair of our society ever since its organization.
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> Last Monday he called his wife, and told her he would not see the three days out and, true to his word, he expired on you can. I will tell your fortune: "All Last Monday he called his wife, and told her he would not see the three days out, and, true to his word, he expired on the evening of the third day, at 5 o'clock. Mr. Houghton officiated at the funeral, making an able discourse on the subject, "If a man die, shall he live again?" After this, Maj. A. J. Adams spoke at length and read a poem, our Society intermediately singing appropriate songs, and then Mr. Houghton read a very appropriate poem entitled "Death."
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> We expect father Hendrix (as we called him) to come to our seances, and to enjoy his presence as of yore. H. K.
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> Comparing Notes.
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> P. C. Howard, of Littleton, Col., writes:
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> "I am pleased to learn that you are going to compare notes with the criminal clergy and their dupes, who raise their hands in holy horror to the God of heaven and thank him they are not like other men. Beautiful examplifiers of the content of the con

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lets on the table beside him and kept fast hold of the slates. Mr. Keeler sat down opposite him. Presently Mr their meeting. The inherent royalty of Keeler pointed with his pencil to the paper containing the picture, and said:

"That is the important pellet and the one that is to be answered." Immediately the writing or the noise of the pencil was heard meaning the pencil took a great interest in her husband; took a great interest in her husband;

prevented his seeing the slight hold on his sympathy possessed of right by the walf in the water? Then what drew his brother at Elberon into a surf of whose brother at Elberon into a surf of whose dangers he had been constantly instructed, that an absolute stranger might be saved? The world rejoices in the progress of civilization that leads to a better appreciation of man and his nature than that held by those who gave to the ignorant no higher attribute than allowed the kine, and reserved for intellegence and culture and a blind faith the

work done by the race, field. Four different languages we spoken during the evening: English, French, Plute Indian, and the "Society Landry Espert, Lock Box 1656, Norwich, Conn. "I landry language. Mr. Hills lived on the Islands from 1838 to 1850, and he married a native. His spirit wife came out, took a chair in each hand, set them down in the middle of the room, then down in the middle of the room, then and got her husband. They sat by improve method of clair opan sight. Free of spectacies 1.16, Address, H. F. Post, Citaton, lowe, if facing us, and talked about five minutes in her native tongue, so that all could plainly hear. Over fifty forms came out on this evening, and on the 21st, by actual count, ninety-one came out, often two at once, and so, in rapid succession they come and go as soon as recognized.

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